

# *The Kearns Heritage*



**Ireland to Randolph County, NC**

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## *Dedication*



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My ancestry search of the Keeran/Kearns family began in 1963, as a quest to learn more about my family, and their origin. It wasn't long after beginning the search, that I became determined to trace the Kearns Randolph County family to their European origins, thought to be either Ireland, Scotland or Germany.

First, it was necessary to follow the family line beginning with my father, my grandfather, my great grandfather, and so on. That part was not as difficult as tracing the family from Randolph County to their arrival into the new English Colonies. It took more than thirty years, and many stumbling blocks to trace the family to Kinnett Square in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Thanks to the research of Edra Keeran, the internet, Quaker records, and Simon Hadley researchers, who traced their family from Kinnett Square to Ireland.

On the way to Kinnett Square, I became interested in the history of the times, and what the family members endured, such as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. I was interested in the family members who, fought, and died for the Confederacy. I was unable to determine a Keeran/Kearns in my line, who participated in the Revolutionary War.

The number of hours spent on this project cannot be accurately calculated, but it is sure to be in the hundreds. One thing is sure, there will be errors in this project. Hopefully they can be corrected, and added to by future generations.

The final product of this research is dedicated to my deceased father, Robert Milton Kearns, who made this project possible. I also wish to give credit to my loving wife, Peggy Anne Gaddy Kearns, who spent many hours of research in the North Carolina State Archives, and gave me encouragement to complete this research project.

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## *Kearns Genealogy - Ireland to Randolph County, NC*

### Introduction

The spelling of the Kearns name, as we know it today, has evolved over time. Major changes in the spelling of the name is related to communications between individuals. Only until the nineteenth century have most people become educated enough to recognize, and correctly spell their own name. In order to eliminate confusion in this report, the numerous past spellings will be limited to the current spelling of our Kearns name.

In our research it was determined that there are numerous small towns in Ireland with the Kearns sounding name, such as Kilkieran in County Galway, Killkerrin in County Roscommon, Ballykeeran in County West Meath, Drumkeeran in County Sligo, Killkeeran in County Mayo, LosKeiran in County Waterford, and Kilkieran in County Kilkenny. This is a good indication that the Kearns Clan was exceptionally visible in Ireland.

Centuries ago, even before the English, Irish and Scots settled in America, there was an ancient group of people in Iberia (Central Spain) called Celts. The Celts migrated to what is today called Ireland, and Scotland. The Celts spoke the Gaelic language, which did not contain the letter "K," therefore the Kearns spelling today does not resemble the Gaelic spelling. The Gaelic spelling of the Kearns name was O'Cieran and O'Ciarain, which was prominently found in the Irish Counties of Mayo, Cork, and Claire. In 1465, the English passed a law that each Irish male was required to anglicize his last name, thus eliminating the Gaelic spelling, and using the alphabet, as we know it today. The former Celtic spellings were anglicized to Kieran, Keeran, Kerin, Keron, and Kearns, and any other name that carried the sound of the name. The changes in spelling are primarily attributed to English law, lack of education, and human interpretation.

An example of how names have changed over time is reflected in our Kearns name. In 1700, our first Kearns family, Thomas and Sarah Keeran living in Pennsylvania had at least three known sons, John, Thomas, and William. The three sons pronounced, and spelled their last name as Keeran. The three sons married, and moved to different states. John's descendants who moved to North Carolina began spelling their last name from Keeran to Kearns in the early 1800's. Thomas's descendants, who moved to Virginia did not change the spelling of their name, and even today use the original spelling of Keeran. William's descendants, who moved to Maryland, eventually changed the spelling of their name from Keeran to Kerns.

In about 432 A.D., Saint Patrick arrived in Ireland. Shortly after his arrival, Saint Kieran, an Irish Saint and Catholic Priest, was recognized as a prominent figure. St. Kieran (Kearns) was known throughout Europe. He was born about 512 A.D. in Cape Clear, southwest Cork. He founded the Clonmacnoise Monastery, near Moate, and Athlone on River Shannon in 547 A.D. Our Kearns genealogy begins in the same general area of Moate, and Athlone. Legends attribute St. Kieran with remarkable miracles. St. Kieran died in 549 A.D. as a result of a plague of epidemic proportions.

There have been several other prominent individuals in Ireland with the Kearns family name. The tomb of Teige O'Kerin (1685) is still to be seen in Ennis Abbey in County Claire. Another prominent person was Catholic Father Moses Kearns, who was hung from a lamp post in Paris in 1788 by a revolutionary mob. Fortunately he survived when the pole he was hanging from

## *Descendants of Unknown (Kiernan) Kearns*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. **Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup> Kearns** was born Bet. 1675 - 1700 in probably Offaly or Dublin County, Ireland. He married **Jane Hadley** Abt. 1695, daughter of Simon Hadley and Catherine Talbot. She was born Abt. 1671 in Moate, West Meath County, Ireland.

Notes for Unknown (Kiernan) Kearns:

Irish Records do not reflect the first name of the first known Kearns ancestor, therefore he will be referred to as Mr. Kearns. Other family members of Mr. Unknown Kearns, and the Jane Hadley family have conducted research in Ireland, and concluded there is no evidence this family immigrated to America. The first recorded Kearns immigrating to America is Thomas Kearns, son of Mr. Kearns, and Jane Hadley, who is mentioned in the will of his uncle, Simon Hadley II, Delaware County, Delaware.

The Keerans have been traced to Kings County, Ireland, now Offaly County, Ireland. Mr. Keeran, and Jane, a Quaker, moved with the Hadleys to Moate, West Meath County, Ireland about 1700. It is recorded in Moate MM that Jane, and her mother Catherine, were members of the Quaker movement.

The earliest record of a Keeran family member is that of Jane (Hadley) Keeran. She was dismissed from the Moate MM in West Meath County, Ireland in 1702. The dismissal clearly states her husband, (Mr. Kearns) was not a Quaker.

Notes for Jane Hadley:

Jane Hadley's family should be recognized, because they are an important part of the Keeran / Kearns Genealogy. Jane's father, Simon Hadley I, descended from land proprietors of Hadleigh of Somerset, England. He was born about 1640, and migrated to northern Ireland when King James I sent English, Scottish settlers, and colonists to settle the plantations, which were seized by the Crown, when Britain declared the rebellious Celtic Chiefs guilty of treason. The Simon Hadley I family was reported to be of wealth. Jane became a Quaker, and moved to the Moate MM (Quaker) in West Meath County, Ireland about 1702. Jane married out of the Quaker faith, and her father, Simon I, was criticized by the Quakers, because he approved of the marriage. Jane married Mr. Keeran, who was believed to be Catholic. Jane's grandparents were James Hadley and Jane Roswell.

Simon I married Catherine Talbot about 1659. The first records of Simon I, and his wife Catherine are in 1672, Dublin, Ireland. She was the first in the family to become a member of the Society of Friends (Quaker Religion). She attended the appearance of William Penn when he visited the "Ulster" to spread the Friends word.

In 1680, Simon I owned land of Manor of Chantarte, and this is believed to be in the Dublin area. It is mentioned by one historian this is on a river. The records of the Office of Arms, Dublin Castle states Simon I petitioned Parliament about 1680, for protection against possible confiscation of his property, should the area be forfeited to the Crown, as was threatened.

A family historian states Simon I owned iron works in Kings County, Ireland, and a Fishery in Dublin. It is thought he spent his last years at Ballinakill, just north of Kilkenny in Queens County, now Laois County, or near Tullamore in Kings County, now Offaly County, between Tullamore and Dublin. Since Jane and Simon II married into the Kearns family, it is believed the Kearns lived in the same area.

Children named in Simon's will were John, Elizabeth Miller, and Jane Kiernan (Keeran). Simon II. was not named in the will, and it is assumed he had already received his patrimony, before departure to America.

Known children of Simon I and Catherine Hadley:

- 1 John, born about 1671 probably Dublin, and married Margaret Rigley of Kings County, Ireland.
- 2 Solomon, born 15 May 1672.

- 3 Simon II, born 1675 and married Ruth Miller Keran.
- 4 Elizabeth married \_\_\_\_\_ Miller.
- 5 Jane married unknown Keran.

Evidence indicates Jane Hadley Kearns to be the sister of Simon Hadley II, a member of the Friends Church, and resided in or on the border of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and Delaware County, Delaware. I have not been able to attach Ruth to the Keran family, however I surmise Ruth married into the Kearns family. Jane's brother, Simon II and his wife Ruth Miller Keran, were seen in America about 1710. Between the years 1709-1715 there was a large number of Irish "Friends" known as Quakers who immigrated to this country.

Moate MM records state Catherine Hadley, wife of Simon Hadley I, died 20 April 1710. She was seventy at death, making her birth about 1640. Simon died 6 June 1711 at the age of seventy, making his birth about 1641. Jane was listed in the will of her father, dated 1711.

Simon was reprimanded for his military activities, and later disowned for marrying out of unity to his second wife, Elizabeth, after Catherine's death. Moate MM records reflect that Simon I apologized for his conduct.

The following notes from Lyle Hadley book, page 5:

"In 1710, Simon Hadley, the elder, came to dwell in our neighborhood after the wars, by too much indulging his children, and his carelessness in religious matters, it appeared he had little more than a shew of religion which he was admonished, and instead of receiving exhortation, and practicing the same, he desired to be left alone, and in about three weeks after the death of his wife, who was a woman of good repute in the area, he being about seventy years of age, and was married."

The following article was published in The Pennsylvania Gazette 24 November 1757:

"All Persons indebted to the Estate of Simon Hadley, Esq.; late of Mill Creek Hundred in the County of New Castle deceased, by Bond, Bill, Book Debt, or otherwise, are hereby desired to make speedy payment of their respective Debts, otherwise they may expect to be dealt with as the Law directs, without further Notice: And those who have any Demands against the said Estate, to bring in their Accounts immediately, that they may be settled and paid by James Thompson, and John Hadley, Executors"

Simon II was born about 1675/6, probably Dublin (also mentioned, Moate, Westmeath, Ireland)), and died after 3 November 1755, probably New Castle, Delaware. He came to America about 1712, and settled in New Castle, Delaware. He married Ruth (Miller) Keran after 6 September 1697, and they were disowned by Moate MM on 8 April 1698, for marriage to a woman for whom another man had offered marriage. This took place in West Meath, Ireland. The letter of dismissal was received in America before 4 June 1716. Ruth Miller Keran was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Brathwaite) Miller. It appears Ruth may have been first married to a Keran, and later married Simon Hadley II. This may have been the reason Simon II was disowned by Moate MM.

Simon II purchased land in New Castle County (now Delaware) about 1717, and built a large stone house, barn and outbuildings as a farmer. Part of the house on the Delaware property was still standing in the 1970's. "The old house is on a slight eminence nearly a quarter of a mile back from the road, and the nearest railway station, Southwood, is on what was once a part of the place. The house is a two and one half story stucco covered stone structure. The pointed windows under the gables give a quaint appearance to the building and along the front extends a long porch. Underneath the window in the front, a white stone slab is sunk in the wall and on it is carved "S and R.H. 1717" which indicates the initials of Simon and his wife Ruth Hadley.

\*Quaker records.

Ruth Keran was born December 1677, in West Meath County, Ireland, and died 18 December 1750/1, New Castle, Delaware, and buried New Garden Friends Cemetery, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Simon II was married a second time to Phebe (Grubb) Buffington, widow of Richard Buffington of Chester County, Pa.

Simon Hadley II and Ruth Miller Keran children were:

- 1 Joseph, born West Meath County, Ireland 25 August 1698, married Amy Gregg in Center Meeting Center 25 August 1721.
- 2 Deborah, born West Meath County, Ireland 25 February 1701, married Benjamin Fredd In New Garden MM, Chester County, Pa. 20 April 1721. Benjamin, born 5 September 1687, died 1752, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

3 Joshua, born 6 March 1703, died about 1760 Hillsborough, Orange County, NC, married Mary Rowland born about 1704.

4 Simon III, born Moate MM, West Meath County, Ireland 23 December 1705, died 4 November 1730/31. He was buried New Garden MM, Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is said Simon III was murdered by a servant on his farm, for the gold, he was known to carry.

5 Hannah, born 16 November 1709, West Meath County, Ireland, died 31 May 1783, and was buried Cane Creek Cemetery, Orange County, NC. She was a founding member of Cane Creek MM and her Manor House at Hillsborough was confiscated by General Lord Cornwallis, and used as his headquarters during the Battle of Guilford Court House, NC, during the Revolutionary War. She was instrumental in organizing the Cane Creek Meeting House on her farm, as a center to support the American Cause during the war, and offering passive resistance to the Tories. She married Thomas Dixon, born about 1705. He died about 1734, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married second John Stanfield, born about 1715 from County Armagh, Ireland, and he died about August 1755, Orange County, NC. \*New Castle, Delaware, notes from Quaker Collection: Hadley Line. Cane Creek Cemetery is located near a stream of the same name in Orange County, NC, and was established 7 October 1751. The Friends Meeting House is active at the original Cane Creek site, located in Alamance County, NC, near Snow Camp, about 15 miles south of Graham, NC.

6 Ruth, born between 6 December 1711/12, married 21 November 1731, New Garden, Pennsylvania. She married Thomas Lindley - born 25 February 1705/06, Cadlow, Ireland, died 15 March 1780, Hillsborough, Orange County, NC. They are reported to be buried at Spring MM Cemetery, Alamance County, NC.

7 Catherine, born 25 May 1715, Chester County, Pennsylvania., married Robert Johnson Jr., born about 1700 County Wicklow, Ireland.

8 Anne, born 7 December 1717/8 Chester County, Pennsylvania, died 18 December 1750. She married Richard Gregg - born about 1714, New Castle County, Delaware.

Simon II's will is recorded 1756, in Wilmington, Delaware (reported to be the longest will in Delaware). He disposed of \$15,000.00, and had 60 bequests.

Child of Unknown Kearns and Jane Hadley is:

+ 2 i. Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup> Kearns I, born Abt. 1712 in West Meath, Ireland; died 07 February 1796.

#### *Generation No. 2*

2. **Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup> Kearns I** (Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1712 in West Meath, Ireland, and died 07 February 1796. He married **Sarah Laeton/Layton** November 1736 in Chester County, PA. She died 27 September 1789 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Thomas (Keeran) Kearns I:

It is believed Thomas migrated to Chester County, Pennsylvania about 1730 from Ireland. Since his mother, Jane Hadley Keerans, was Quaker, he became Quaker by birthright. Shortly after arriving in Chester County, Thomas signed the wedding register of the Quaker Wedding of Ann Hadley, daughter of Simon Hadley of Newcastle County, to Richard Gregg in 12 December 1735 at New Garden MM, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Ann Hadley's marriage record is listed in the Swathmore, Quaker Library in unpublished materials. \*Information from Charlotte Walters Scottish Bible records, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

A report was made by Kennett MM, Chester County, Pennsylvania 3 March 1740: "Whereas complaint was made to our monthly meeting against Thomas Keeran for offering abuse to a woman which friends brought into consideration appointed some friends to inquire into the nature of the charge, and upon the whole do think him not capable to clear himself to their satisfaction which that he may come to is our sincere desire-- Given forth from our monthly meeting of Newark held at Center on 5th day of November 1740."

Thomas Keeran received ten pounds as a "nephew" in the will of Simon Hadley II. Simon lived in New Castle County, Delaware, where the will was probated in 1755.

He appeared as a witness on a mortgage written in 1762 in New London Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which did not require him to be a resident of the county.

The William Wade Hinshaw Index records to Pennsylvania Quaker Meeting Records of Kennett Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania reflects Thomas Keeran was disciplined by being disowned for disunity on the 3rd March 1740. He was disowned again by the Quaker Church 15 October 1767.

The Chester County Archives, and Records Services of West Chester, Pennsylvania reflected Thomas never appeared in Chester County taxes for the indexed years 1730-1740-1750-1765-1768-1775-1785, and 1799. There are not any deeds of purchase or sale of real estate in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Many of the Kearns children, along with their allied families were married at The Holy Trinity (Old Swedes Church) which was built in 1698 - 1699. It is presently located at 606 Church Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The area of the church was first settled when the Swedes settled the area in 1638, and used the burial ground as the site for the new church. As the foundation was being dug, and graves discovered, the foundation was shaped so as not to disturb the graves. There are over 15,000 graves in the church yard, and still active at present. The church was placed under the jurisdiction of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1791. Old Swedes was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark 29 March 1963. Presently, it is the nation's oldest church building still standing as originally built, and still has regular worship.

THE KEERAN STORY, by Edra Keeran, did extensive research on the Kearns family, and bases much of her information from a Bible found in the home of Mrs. Bess Roberts, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, present location unknown. She believed this is the only Thomas that has been located in a logical geographic place at the proper time. She also noted John and Hannah Miller Keerans, son and daughter in law of Thomas, were believed to have gone to the Carolina's with their children Silas, and Isaac.

Notes for Sarah Laeton/Layton:

"Sarah Laeton/Layton, now Keran, married out of Friends by a priest before 6th of 4th mo, 1737, acknowledged 7th of 9th mo 1737." EARLY CHURCH RECORDS of Delaware CO., Pennsylvania. She appeared before the meeting 5 July 1737, and acknowledged her wrong doing, and was approved, and received back into membership 4 December 1737. \*CONCORD MONTHLY MEETING ADDENDUM page 226.

Sarah may be the granddaughter of William Laeton, who in 1704 transacted land deeds in Goshen Twsp, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Children of Thomas Kearns and Sarah Laeton/Layton are:

- + 3 i. John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>1</sup> Kearns, born Abt. 1732 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania; died Abt. 01 March 1794 in Randolph County, NC.
- 4 ii. Jane Kearns, born Abt. 1738 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married Adam Richardson 28 December 1756 in Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

Notes for Jane Kearns:

Jane was disciplined 3rd September 1757 by the Quaker Church for marrying out of unity (mou). It was reported Jane replied negatively to return to the Quaker services with an apology for marrying out of unity. \*Marriage records - Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

- + 5 iii. Thomas (Keeran) Kearns II, born Abt. 1742 in Chester County, Pennsylvania; died 03 March 1799 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County (Formerly Dunmore County), Virginia.
- + 6 iv. William Kearns, born 24 February 1744/45 in Chester County, Pennsylvania; died 06 June 1823 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- + 7 v. Sarah Kearns, born 19 July 1745 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania; died 06 March 1812 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- + 8 vi. Simon Kearns, born 05 July 1747 in Chester County, Pennsylvania; died Abt. 1830.

#### Generation No. 3

3. John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>1</sup> Kearns (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1732 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died Abt. 01 March 1794 in Randolph County, NC. He married Hannah Miller 31 July 1763 in Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware, daughter of James Miller

and Ann Cane. She was born 20 February 1736/37 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for John Thomas (Keeran) Kearns:

The 6th of December 1762, a mortgage was issued to Joseph Cook of New London, yeoman to William Miller of New Garden, Chester County, Pennsylvania. It was delivered in the presence of John Curle, John Keeran, and T. Woodward, and recorded 10 Dec 1762 (M12:490) ABSTRACTS OF CHESTER CO. LAND RECORDS

John is listed as a Quaker in 1764. He was disciplined the 16th February 1764 for marrying contrary to discipline (Med). Again, on 12 April 1764, he was disciplined for marrying contrary to discipline (Med). Hannah, also a member of the Quaker Church, was disowned by the church, after her marriage. It appears they were living in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

After 1768, it is believed John and family left Chester County, Pennsylvania for North Carolina. A fellow researcher mentions that John and Hannah had three children: Isaac, Silas, and Sarah.

The Quakers were not looked at favorably due to their position on slavery, and other personal positions they held. The 1700s led many Quakers migrating through Virginia, Kentucky, and the Northwest Territory.

James Miller listed John and Hannah in his will 13 June 1774, and Hannah was willed 20 pounds.

North Carolina documents reflect that Kearns, Kern, Keerans, Carns, and Kams appear in the state, beginning in 1750. The Kearns were found in seven areas of the state: Surry, Rowan, Mecklenburg, Orange, Montgomery, Johnston, and Randolph County.

John is first seen in Randolph County, NC in 1779. John Kearns listed as "Carns" in the Randolph County tax list of 1779, had a land value of 230 shillings. This is the year Randolph became a county from land taken from Guilford County. John departed Chester County, Pennsylvania about 1768, and his whereabouts are unknown from 1768 to 1779. Guilford County was established from Orange, and Rowan County in 1771, therefore John may have been listed in Orange or Rowan. In 1780, he was appointed to work on the road from his house to McKuleroys, and the Montgomery County line.

During 1781, John witnessed a deed from Walter, and Clara Ashmore to George Wilson on Fork Creek, Richland Creek, and Deep River, Randolph County.

During 1782, he paid tax as a Quaker for being over 50 years old (probably to avoid military service), and being over 50 years of age, he was liable to pay only a two fold tax.

John appears on the 1785 Randolph County Tax List as CEARNS, and pays tax on 200 acres. He received a land grant of 465 acres from the state of North Carolina. Records reflect a Cearn listed with the preceding transaction. However, there is not enough evidence to support this is our John Kearns. He also signed a petition in 1785, to relocate the court house near the center of the county. John, Isaac and, Silas signed in a 1-2-3 sequence. He is shown in an court affidavit as a witness to a cabin burning incident 5 September 1785.

The 1790 census shows his name as John Kain, household # 728, himself, 3 males over 16, 1 male under 16, and 4 females including wife. Listed next door to John at household 727 is Silas Kean, with one listing (himself).

The September 13th, 1793 Term of Court orders John Kearns, among others, "view and lay off a road from Jesse Henleys Mill to the Montgomery line the nearest and best near Andrew Muckleroy's."

Probate Records dated 11 March 1794, reflects the death of John, listing 200 pounds. On the same day, in sequence Silas, Isaac and, Hannah Kearns record cattle brands at the court house. Ann Kearns, Isaac Kearns, William Hill, and Jonathan Philips were listed and, were held and bound as the administrators of his estate.

More About John Thomas (Keeran) Kearns:

Burial: Old Friends Cemetery (abandoned), Lassiter Mill Road, Randolph County, NC

Notes for Hannah Miller:

John Miller (Hannah's grandfather) was born about 1693 and died \_\_\_\_\_. He married Mary \_\_\_\_\_ about

1722 and they had 9 children. The oldest son was James, who inherited much of his father's property received from his will of 1774. He bequeathed to his daughter Hannah, wife of John Kearns, 20 pounds. James father, John, left Charlemont, Armagh County, Ireland for Moate, West Meath County, Ireland and later to America about 1709, with the Hadley family and others. The Miller family was of strong Quaker faith.

James, son of John and Ann, was born about 1700, in Bellybogan MM, County Armagh, Ireland, and died 3 December 1774, in New Garden, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Cain / Kearns 24 March 1721/22, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Ann was born in Charlemont, Armagh County, Ireland and later to America about 1709, with the Hadley family and others. The Miller family was of strong Quaker faith. His siblings were born in Moate, Ballynalinch, and Glín, West Meath County, Ireland.

James will provided for his wife Ann, and son James, the plantation he lived on, and all other lands and stock paying the following legacies. To daughter Mary 4 pounds, to daughter Ann 20 pounds, to daughter Sarah 4 pounds, to daughter Hannah 20 pounds, to son Joseph Miller's children 20 pounds each as they come of age. To son William 30 pounds, to grandsons William and Isaac Barnes 5 pounds each. To daughter in law Ann Miller, and her children 180 pounds. To son in law Edward Dougherty 1 shilling, and to daughter in law, son Joseph's widow 1 shilling sterling. Executor: Son James of Chester County, James will was probated 13 June 1774, New Garden, Delaware. Pennsylvania Wills 1713-1825 Date 3 Dec 1772.

Ann Cane Miller, widow of James Miller, New Garden died 14 March 1783. She left each of her children 1 shilling each. To children of son John, deceased 1 shilling. To children of Ann, deceased, 1 shilling. To children of son Joseph, deceased 1 shilling. The 3 children of son William, Alice, Israel and Jacob 30 pounds, to be divided at age 21. To granddaughter Elizabeth Dougherty, case of drawers, to granddaughter Mary Dougherty 4 pounds at age 21. To niece of Ann, wife of John Dougherty, bedding. To granddaughter Hannah, wife of Robert Boothe, furniture. To granddaughter Deborah, wife of William Barnes, brass kettle, to great grandsons John, son of grandson William Barnes, 5 pounds. To great grandsons John, and Isaac, sons of grandson William Barnes, all remainder of estate. Executor - Grandson William Barnes. Proven date 23 April 1785

Family events in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and Delaware County, Delaware, are documented in the New Garden MM (Quaker) Records.

The children of James Miller and Ann Cane/ Cain:

Mary Miller, born 17 March 1724 married Inmanuel Barnes b 1724

Ann Miller, born 3 January 1726 married Joshua Spikeman b 1726

Sarah Miller, born 10 October 1727 married Thomas Barnet

John Miller, born 20 February 1730 married Ann Thompson

Joseph Miller, born 17 March 1732 married Margaret Unknown

Susannah Miller, born 11 January 1734 /35 d 1780, married Edward Dougherty

Hannah Miller, born 20 February 1737 Kinnett Square, Chester Co. Pennsylvania, d Randolph County, NC

William Miller, born 10 October 1739 d Sarah Hall

James Miller II, born 28 May 1745 Kinnett Square, Chester Co. Pennsylvania d 1809 married Jane Elliott

The New Garden MM records record Hannah's birth, and marriage to John Keeran. Hannah was brought up in a Friends Church, and they were married by a priest, contrary to Quaker beliefs, and as a result, both were disowned by Kennett Meeting in 1764. They lived in Kennett for a time, and were later granted a Certificate of Transfer to the Wilmington Meeting.

More About Hannah Miller:

Burial: Old Friends Cemetery (abandoned), Lassiter Mill Road, Randolph, County, NC

Children of John Kearns and Hannah Miller are:

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i. Ann (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns.

Notes for Ann (Keeran) Kearns:

Randolph County Court Records reflect Ann, and Isaac as Administrators of John's estate record, 11 March 1794. It is known Isaac, twenty-eight years of age, was John's son, and is presumed Ann was a daughter. Apparently Ann was not married as of this date.

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ii. Unknown Kearns.

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iii. Sarah Kearns, born Abt. 1766.

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iv. Isaac (Keeran) Kearns, Sr., born 22 October 1766; died 30 October 1844 in Randolph County, NC.

- + 13 v. Silas G. (Keeran) Kearns, Sr., born 10 July 1767; died 28 May 1842 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 14 vi. Thomas (Keeran) Kearns, born 19 January 1776; died 12 December 1847 in Randolph County, NC.

5. **Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup> Kearns II** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1742 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died 03 March 1799 in Woodstock, Shenandoah County (Formerly Dunmore County), Virginia. He married **Sarah Gillis** 30 May 1769. She was born 1751, and died 17 September 1804 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Notes for Thomas (Keeran) Kearns II:

In 1767, "Thomas was charged by a young woman of being the father of her bastard child, and he not clearing himself of the charge to friends satisfaction altho he hath been urged there to, and waited from time to time we therefore account him no member of our religious society until he shall clear himself of said charge or give forth a testimony against his misconduct to friends satisfaction which that he may is our desire." \*Information from Quaker records.

He moved from Chester County to the northern end of Dunmore County, Virginia, now Shenandoah County, Virginia. It is believed Toms' Brook ran through the land where he lived. Toms' Brook is about 8 or 9 miles southwest, near where Interstate I-66 intersects with I-81, due west of Washington DC. The actual farm has not been located, but believed to be west of the Interstate.

Thomas will, Volume E, Pages 352, 353 and 354, is listed in the will book of Shenandoah County, Virginia, which is located in Woodstock, Virginia Court House. His estate entered into probate in Shenandoah County, Virginia 30 April 1799 and finalized 10 March 1800.

It is mentioned, but not qualified, that Thomas wife, Sarah, maintained contact with the Society of Friends in Hopewell, Virginia.

The Kearns lived initially in Frederick County, Virginia, which later was named Shenandoah, Virginia. A family Bible reflects Thomas died 3 March 1799 at age 57, making his birth 1742. \*Information may be found in a book by Wilmer L. Kerns "FREDERICK COUNTY"

\*It has been noted there was a Thomas who served in the Revolutionary War in the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Company of the Pennsylvania militia and was transferred to various units during the war. However, it has not been determined if this is the Thomas Kearns, born 1742, belongs to this family.

Children of Thomas Kearns and Sarah Gillis are:

- + 15 i. Levi (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns, born 27 May 1770 in Frederick County, Virginia; died 21 March 1844 in Licking County, Ohio.
- + 16 ii. Hannah (Keeran) Kearns, born 05 November 1771 in Virginia; died 12 March 1841 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- + 17 iii. Reuben Benjamin (Keeran) Kearns, born 17 October 1773 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died Abt. 1857 in Hancock County, Ohio.
- + 18 iv. Rachel (Keeran) Kearns, born 31 October 1775 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died Abt. 1850.
- 19 v. Eli (Keeran) Kearns, born 13 December 1777 in Virginia; died 06 September 1805 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 20 vi. Thomas (Keeran) Kearns, born 30 November 1779 in Virginia; died Abt. 1850 in Richmond, Virginia. He married Sarah Unknown Abt. 1817 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died in Henrico County, Virginia.

Notes for Thomas (Keeran) Kearns:

Thomas was apparently married a second time. His marriage bond was signed by Thomas Keeran, and Thomas Swift, to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Baker, a widow, who died after 1840 and before 1850.

- 21 vii. Sarah (Keeran) Kearns, born 10 November 1781 in Virginia; died Abt. 1829 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She married Isaac Dunavan Abt. 1800 in Frederick County, Virginia; died Abt. 1847.

Notes for Sarah (Keeran) Kearns:

Eli Keeran, and Isaac Dunavan signed marriage bond for \$150.00. Isaac married for the third time after Sarah's death.

- + 22 viii. Samuel (Keeran) Kearns, born 13 October 1783 in Shendoah County, Virginia; died 03 June 1838 in

- Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 23 ix. Mary (Keeran) Kearns, born 30 July 1785 in Virginia; died 09 November 1809.
  - + 24 x. John (Keeran) Kearns, born 17 September 1787; died 27 May 1837 in Guernsey County, Ohio.
  - + 25 xi. Benjamin (Keeran) Kearns, born 19 June 1789 in Virginia; died 1865 in Schuyler County, Illinois.
  - + 26 xii. Joseph (Keeran) Kearns, born 19 June 1789 in Virginia; died 28 August 1867 in Poplar Plains, Fleming County, Kentucky.
  - 27 xiii. Rebecca (Keeran) Kearns, born 06 June 1794 in Virginia. She married John Stoneburner August 1817 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

6. **William<sup>3</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 February 1744/45 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died 06 June 1823 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married **Rebecca Orin** 05 October 1771 in Holy Trinity Church (Old Swedes), Wilmington, DE, daughter of Benjamin Orin and Elizabeth Sharp. She was born 22 December 1752, and died 04 September 1839 in London Grove Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for William Kearns:

William also lived in both East and West Marlborough township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

William was disciplined 12 December 1771, and 16 January 16 1772, for marrying out of unity.

The Kennett Meeting records reflect William was disowned by the Quakers when he was 22 years old, since his marriage to Rebecca did not conform to Quaker standards. He remained outside of the Quaker religion for almost 20 years, and was reinstated in 1791, and transferred to New Garden Meeting, where most of his family members later joined him.

He is listed in his father in laws' will, Benjamin Orin who died 14 Jan 1789. The will was listed in York County, Pennsylvania, and proved 30 March 1792 (Monaghan Twp).

The Chester County, Pennsylvania post office advertised the 12th August 1795 letters were being held for William Keeran.

The 29th of January 1823 THE CHESTER VILLAGE RECORD published the following notice. "Died on the 6th, William Kerns, a respectable citizen of East Marlborough, aged 78 years 11 months and 12 days. The deceased has born the name of an honest man, and that with propriety."

Children of William Kearns and Rebecca Orin are:

- 28 i. Rebecca<sup>4</sup> Kearns.
- 29 ii. Benjamin Kearns, born 06 April 1773; died 30 October 1843 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Dixon.
- 30 iii. John Kearns, born 06 April 1775; died 31 January 1871. He married Esther Williamson.
- 31 iv. Elizabeth Kearns, born 08 April 1777. She married John Hayworth.
- + 32 v. Levi Kearns, born 04 June 1779; died 25 January 1857.
- 33 vi. Thomas Kearns, born 31 October 1784. He married Elizabeth Miller.

Notes for Thomas Kearns:

Thomas and his wife Elizabeth did not follow the strict Quaker regulations, and were disowned by the church.

- + 34 vii. William Kearns, Jr., born 31 October 1786; died 07 February 1854. He married Margaret Roller.
- + 35 viii. Eli Kearns, born 08 April 1789; died 02 July 1848.
- 36 ix. Simon Kearns, born 16 July 1791; died 29 September 1846. He married Elizabeth Ochtree.

Notes for Simon Kearns:

Simon was disowned by Wilmington MM 12 March 1819 because of his marriage with a member of another religious society. He was received into membership to Wilmington MM from Radnor MM 11 April 1819.

Simon was an apprentice to Jarred Chestnut, a cabinetmaker.

- 37 x. Sarah Kearns, born 07 January 1794; died 06 November 1865.

xi. Richard Kearns, born 22 June 1797; died 22 September 1843. He married Maria Aston.

7. **Sarah<sup>3</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 July 1745 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died 06 March 1812 in Kinnett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married **Andrew Shivery, Sr.** He died February 1820 in Kennett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Sarah Kearns:

Kennett MM (Quaker) abstracts, dated 1737-12-4, reflects Sara being expelled from Kennett MM. Kennett lists Sarah, Thomas, John, Jane, and William Keeran as members with discipline. Abstract dated 13 April 1769.

Sarah was also disciplined for marrying out of unity the 13th April 1769.

Children of Sarah Kearns and Andrew Shivery are:

- 39 i. George<sup>4</sup> Shivery, died 18 June 1819.
- 40 ii. Martha Shivery. She married John Barnett.
- 41 iii. Rachel Shivery. She married John Barrett.
- 42 iv. Sidney Shivery. She married William Duey.
- 43 v. Susannah Shivery. She married Elijah Beal.

8. **Simon<sup>3</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 05 July 1747 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died Abt. 1830. He married **Mary Morgan** 21 February 1765 in Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

Notes for Simon Kearns:

Simon lived in East Bradford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was a shoemaker.

He served in the Revolutionary War, and was a member of the 4th Company, 7th Battalion, Chester County Militia.

THE Quaker records reflect the following: 17 May 1764, Simon was admonished "Whereas Simon Keeran had a birthright amongst us the people called Quakers but for want of giving heed to the dictates of truth in his heart as he ought hath given away of a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit so far as to spread a false report that a certain man owed him money and demanded it of his trustee in his absence for being guilty of fighting, and being charged by a single woman of being the father of her bastard child, and hath since absconded himself, therforth for the clearing of truth we disown the said Simon Keeran from being a member of our religious society until repenting, and amendments of life he comes to made \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction for the same which is our sincere desire."

Children of Simon Kearns and Mary Morgan are:

- 44 i. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Kearns, died 1843.
- 45 ii. Hannah Kearns, died Aft. 1840. She married Benjamin Reese.

Notes for Hannah Kearns:

Hannah and her sisters were Quakers.

- 46 iii. Rachel Kearns.
- 47 iv. Thomas Kearns.

Notes for Thomas Kearns:

Thomas died at a hotel he kept for Philadelphia marketers.

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12. **Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns, Sr.** (John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 October 1766, and died 30 October 1844 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Charlotte Rebecca Webb**. She was born 27 May 1769, and died 27 May 1835 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Isaac (Keeran) Kearns, Sr.:

During the August 1764 Court of Pleas and Quarters at Childsburg, Isaac Kirnes along with others was ordered to "lay off a road from the county line between Rowan and Orange, crossing Sandy Creek, about 2 miles above Guess's Mill, thence leading into the best, and most convenient Road leading to Cape Fare." page 220 Orange County Quarter Session Records 1752-1766, NC. (It has not been determined how or if this Isaac fits into the family.)

Isaac signed a petition in 1785 to have the county court relocated to the center of Randolph County.

Isaac, was paid fifteen shillings in a court session for killing two wolves, March 1788. He was 22 years old when this occurred. During the same session, a young attorney by the name of Andrew Johnson was practicing law in Asheboro, Randolph County. \*REMINISCENCES OF RANDOLPH COUNTY by J. A. Blair - 1890 publication.

Isaac is listed as Isaac Kain in the 1790, age 24, US Census, household #531, with two individuals (Isaac and Rebecca). It is reported Isaac paid a tax for his father. It is believed Isaac, and his father John, were the last Kearns to practice the Quaker faith.

Isaac, and his sister Ann Kearns, along with William Hill, and Jonathan Phillips signed the estate administrative bond 11 March 1794.

An indenture was made February 1797, between Isaac and Zebedee Wood. Zebedee was chairman of the Randolph County Court. Moses Williams was to be an apprentice to Isaac, and was to be taught to read, write, and the art of farming. The date of the court order was November 1796.

Isaac purchased 103 acres from William Brookshire in 1797, and John Hill in 1803.

Isaac is listed in the 1799 Randolph County Tax List as paying tax on 1 White Poll Tax, 220 Acres, and 1 Stud Horse.

The 1800 census list 4 white males, and 3 white females, and no slaves.

Isaac purchased land in 1809, and 1813 from Sterling Hill.

The 1810 census list 6 white males, and 4 white females, and no slaves.

Randolph County 1815 Tax List reflects Isaac, Sen., listed 320, acres on Toms Creek valued at \$850.

Randolph County 1820 Tax List reflects Isaac listed 370 acres on Second Creek valued at \$850.

The 1830 census list 1 white male, age 60-70; 1 white female age 60-70, and 1 white male age 50-60.

The 1840 census list Isaac as between 70, and 80 years old, and 9 slaves.

Isaac had twelve (12) slaves when he died. The administrators of his estate were his sons: Isaac, Allen, and Jessie, and was probated in 1844.

"The Court of Pleas and Quarter Session, November term 1844, Randolph County, NC

To the County Court of said County:

The petition of James Hall, and wife Hannah, John Keerans, William Jackson, and wife Charlotte Allen Kearns, Jesse Keerans, Isaac Keerans, and Frederick Goss, and wife Mary represents to your worship that in the month of October last Isaac Keerans Senior departed this life intestate, leaving your petitioners his children, and next of kin -- that at the present term of this court, your worships leave grants letters of administration on the estate of the said Isaac Keerans Senior deceased to your petitioner Isaac-- that the intestate did possess of twelve slaves, to wit, Lucy, Clark, Turner, Sarah, Jarrett, Hill, and Chesley of which your petitioners are tenants in converage, and your petitioners being desirous to leave a division of the same, pray your worships to appoint three freeholders, unconnected with the parties by court anquinity of affinity to divide said slaves at nearly equally as possible, and allot to each of your petitioners his or her share in severalty. and to report to the next term of this Court their proceedings herein

And your petitioners, as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. Worth Atto. for petitioners"

The Old Uwharrie Friends Cemetery is located 5 miles south of Science Hill Friends, on the same side of the road, in woods on state road 1107, Randolph County.

More About Isaac (Keeran) Kearns, Sr.:

Burial: Uwharrie Friends Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Notes for Charlotte Rebecca Webb:

It is reported Rebecca's family moved from Virginia to Granville County, NC and were originally from Motcombe Co., Corset, England.

More About Charlotte Rebecca Webb:

Burial: Uwharrie Friends Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Children of Isaac Kearns and Charlotte Webb are:

- 48     i.    Charlotte<sup>2</sup> Kearns, born in Randolph County, NC. She married (1) William Jackson. She married (2) John Hancock 27 January 1820 in Harrison County, Indiana.
- Notes for Charlotte Kearns:  
She moved to Missouri with her husband.
- 49     ii.    Hannah Kearns, born 26 September 1790 in Randolph County, NC. She married James Hall.
- More About Hannah Kearns:  
Burial: Zora Church Cemetery, Troy, NC
- + 50     iii.    John C. (Keerans) Kearns, born 18 February 1794 in Randolph County, NC; died 02 September 1858 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 51     iv.    Allen Kearns, born 16 April 1798; died 22 October 1849 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 52     v.    Isaac Kearns, Jr., born 03 January 1800 in Randolph County, NC; died 22 January 1886 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 53     vi.    Jesse Kearns, born 06 November 1801 in Randolph County, NC; died 06 March 1863 in Randolph County, NC.
- 54     vii.    Mary (Polly) Kearns, born Abt. 1803 in Randolph County, NC; died August 1849 in Green, Indiana. She married Frederick R. Goss 04 November 1823.

More About Mary (Polly) Kearns:  
Burial: Green, Indiana

13. **Silas G. (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns, Sr.** (John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 July 1767, and died 28 May 1842 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Jane Thompson**, daughter of Henry Thompson and Mary Lyndon. She was born 03 October 1759, and died 17 December 1839 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Silas G. (Keeran) Kearns, Sr.:

The Old Kearns Cemetery is located off Highway 49. From Asheboro, NC traveling west on highway 49, turn left at the Salem United Church of Christ (black) onto a dirt road. The church is across the road from an auto salvage yard. Continue on this dirt road about one quarter mile. The road stops, turn left going down a hill, and up another to the top. On the left is a clump of trees, and old grave stones. Logging has taken place here, and the loggers have honored the cemetery, even though it is not marked. There is a large marker dedicated to William T. and Mary King Kearns. However, in my research, along with other researchers of the Kearns family have determined the listing of William and Mary King Kearns to be incorrect.

The overgrown Woods cemetery, dating back to the 1800s, is on the right side of the road leading to the Old Kearns Cemetery.

In 1775, and 1788 Silas petitioned the State Assembly to place the Randolph County seat in the middle of the county. John, Isaac, and Silas, our front runners in Randolph County, signed the petition with many others in one, two, three sequence.

The 1790 census list Silas in household # 727, and only himself listed.

Randolph County Land Records reflect Silas purchasing 200 acres of land in 1805, from Harris Kimball.

The 1810 census list Silas with 5 white males, 3 white females, and no slaves.

Silas purchased land from Gabriel Henley, and James Lewis in 1814. However in 1815, he is listed without any land, and paying 1 poll tax. The Randolph County 1815 Tax List reflects Silas, Sr. with 326 acres values at \$676.

Prior to the building of the present day Salem United Methodist Church the society of Methodists worshiped at Russell's Schoolhouse, about a quarter mile from the present church. These meetings began about 1818. The present Salem Church was constructed in 1822 by Silas, William Thompson, Thomas Nance, William Wood, and Isaac Johnson. Silas was a church trustee, and donated land, along with other church members.

The 1820 census for Silas list 1 male age 60-70, and 1 female 70-80, and the 1820 Tax List reflects Silas, Sr. with 500 acres on Toms Creek valued at \$1,200.

The Randolph Census of 1830 list Silas, and 1 female over 60, and under 70, and also listed in the 1840 census.

Silas was 74 years old when he died. The estate sale took place the 27th of August 1842. The estate sale received \$112. 21. Isaac Kearns Esq. was the administrator of the estate.

There is question as to the mother of Isaac. Jane Thompson Kearns was about 53 years old, when Isaac was born. The span of the birth of her children, as we know it, is about 23 years, which seems unlikely. Could Silas have married again to Mary \_\_\_\_\_. Silas, and Mary are listed as the parents of Isaac in the Salem Church Conference Record, prior to 1850.

More About Silas G. (Keeran) Kearns, Sr.:

Burial: Old Kearns Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Notes for Jane Thompson:

Silas wife, Jane, was the stepdaughter of Henry Lyndon. Lyndon moved to 2nd Creek about 1782, and died 1795. A Codicil to the Will of Henry Lyndon, dated 19 Dec 1794, was recorded in the May Term 1795 court records (Randolph County Will Book 2, page 10). The Will lists Silas as Henry Lyndon's son-in-law by marriage. The Codicil bequeath's to Silas G. Keerans, Henry Lyndon's dwelling, and 35 acres (south, and west of Wyatt's Branch on Second Creek).

More About Jane Thompson:

Burial: Old Kearns Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Children of Silas Kearns and Jane Thompson are:

- 55 i. Mary G. (Keeran)<sup>s</sup> Kearns, born in Randolph County, NC; died in Harrison County, Indiana. She married John Hancock Abt. 1840 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Mary G. (Keeran) Kearns:

Mary was married first to Thomas F. Jackson.

- + 56 ii. William (Keeran) Kearns, died Abt. 1825 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 57 iii. Isaac Kearns, Esq., born 14 January 1792 in Randolph County, NC; died 04 January 1861 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 58 iv. Josiah H. (Keeran) Kearns, born October 1798 in Randolph County, NC; died 10 April 1856 in Randolph County, NC.
- 59 v. Margaret Kearns, born 1800 in Randolph County, NC; died May 1874 in Randolph County, NC. She married Ezekiel Lassiter; born 1796.

Notes for Margaret Kearns:

Elizabeth Lunda Kearns, niece of Margaret, was residing in the Hancock home in 1850.

Margaret's settlement of her estate:

"Renunciation of right to administer, 1 June 1874, H. H. Kearns. Application for letters of administration and oath 1 June 1874, for Jonathan Lassiter. Heirs/distributees are: heirs of Isaac Keeams, Wm. Keeams, Silas Keeams, Josiah Keeams, 4 deceased brothers, some of whom reside in Randolph, some in Indiana (unknown post office and county), and sister, Polly, who married \_\_\_\_\_ Hancock, and lives somewhere in Indiana." (this was Mary G. Kearns - Polly being a nickname).

Notes for Ezekiel Lassiter:

Ezekiel is listed as a merchant in the 1850 US Census.

+ 60 vi. Silas (Keeran) Kearns, born 23 December 1815; died in Randolph County, NC.

14. **Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 January 1776, and died 12 December 1847 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Rebecca Ivey** Abt. 1800, daughter of Benjamin Ivey and Celia Forrest. She was born 01 January 1786, and died 11 May 1845 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Thomas (Keeran) Kearns:

Thomas is listed in the 1799 Randolph County Tax Records paying tax on 1 White Poll, 150 Acres, and 1 Stud Horse.

The 1800 Randolph County census lists Thomas with 1 male 16-26 years, 1 female 10-16 years, and 1 slave.

Benjamin Ivey, father in law of Thomas was assaulted in May of 1800, and Thomas is listed as a witness in the assault case.

The General Index to Real Estate Conveyances of Randolph County list Thomas CARNS as purchasing 75 acres, 20 June 1800, for \$68.00 on Second Creek adj. Brown, and 500 acre tracts in 1803. The grantor was Richard Loftin (Loflin). In 1808 Thomas CARNS purchased 70 acres from the state of North Carolina.

The February term 1812 of Pleas and Quarters Sessions list Thomas as the guardian for Benjamin Ivey's children: Sarah, Susannah, Isaac, and Benjamin Ivey II.

During the February 1828 term, Thomas is guardian for Isaac Ivey.

A memorial tombstone at Siloam Methodist Church, north of Denton, NC, near the Randolph and Davidson county line list the family of Thomas and Rebecca. The tombstone also list Thomas' father as John.

There is uncertainty if this is the same Thomas: Thomas Kearns of Rowan County to Ezekiel Lassiter of Randolph County 18 Oct 1822 on Tom's Creek The witnesses were P. Wood and Willie Hix \$200.00 for \$1.00 acre (200 acres).

More About Thomas (Keeran) Kearns:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Notes for Rebecca Ivey:

The Ivey family was of English origin. The Ivey research indicates a Thomas Ivey born in England 1604, and married Ann Argent, and emigrated to America about 1625. Thomas IV settled in Beaufort County, NC. Adam Ivey (1700-1762) left his plantation to Benjamin Ivey containing 285 acres, according to his will of September Superior Court 1762. He sold the plantation in 1773. It appears most of the family moved to Robeson County prior to 1790.

During the 1790 census Benjamin, and Celia/ Sally, his wife, had 1 male over 16, 1 male under 16, and 6 females including wife.

Benjamin's will names his wife as Sally. The children as named in the will are:  
Kinchen was left 200 acres on Tom's Creek and 1 Negro girl named Raney, and \$20.00 in cash.  
Rebecca received from her father's estate one Negro boy named Sam.

Betsy was left 100 acres on Jackson's Creek, and one Negro boy named Reddick.  
 Prisey left one Negro boy named Amos, and furniture, and 20 silver dollars.  
 Sally left furniture, and any increase in the Negroes in the family, her choice of one, and 100 silver dollars.  
 Sukey left furniture, and any increase in the Negroes, and her choice of one, and \$20.00  
 Isaac, migrated to Louisiana  
 Benjamin II born about 1800, and died about 1859 married Mary Shankle. He is buried at Zoar (formerly a church near New London, NC.) He was left 300 silver dollars due from Marshall Nance when he comes of age.

Benjamin died in 1801, and his wife was left all the estate where they lived.

He named Benjamin Steed, his beloved friend, the executor of his will, August term 1802. Randolph County, NC

More About Rebecca Ivey:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Children of Thomas Kearns and Rebecca Ivey are:

- + 61 i. Nancy<sup>5</sup> Kearns, born 12 July 1801 in Randolph County, NC; died 17 September 1830 in Randolph County, NC.
- 62 ii. Mary Kearns, born 27 May 1805 in Randolph County, NC; died 14 December 1836 in Randolph County, NC. She married James Cameron.

More About Mary Kearns:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

- 63 iii. Sallie Kearns, born 12 August 1807 in Randolph County, NC; died 15 December 1892 in Randolph County, NC. She married Martin Luther.
- + 64 iv. Ivey Kearns, born 16 November 1809 in Randolph County, NC; died 27 February 1901 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 65 v. Anna Kearns, born 21 February 1812 in Randolph County, NC; died 01 February 1887 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 66 vi. Silas Kearns, Jr., born 07 March 1814 in Randolph County, NC; died 05 May 1885 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 67 vii. Hannah Kearns, born 01 September 1816 in Randolph County, NC; died 25 January 1861 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 68 viii. John Kearns, born 20 September 1818 in Randolph County, NC; died 11 April 1901 in Randolph County, NC.
- 69 ix. Elizabeth (Betsy) Kearns, born 29 January 1821 in Randolph County, NC; died 22 July 1899 in Randolph County, NC. She married Allen Harris Johnson; born 21 March 1817; died 30 September 1905 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Elizabeth (Betsy) Kearns:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

More About Allen Harris Johnson:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

- 70 x. Martha Kearns, born 13 September 1823 in Randolph County, NC. She married Stephen Harris.

**15. Levi (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 May 1770 in Frederick County, Virginia, and died 21 March 1844 in Licking County, Ohio. He married **Ruth Vance** Abt. 1790. She was born 07 November 1770, and died 16 August 1832 in Licking County, Ohio.

Children of Levi Kearns and Ruth Vance are:

- 71 i. John<sup>5</sup> Kearns, born 22 September 1793; died 02 March 1796 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 72 ii. Thomas Kearns IV, born 11 July 1795 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died 07 March 1869. He married Elizabeth Clouser 08 March 1821 in Ross County, Ohio; born 04 March 1790; died 1870 in Montgomery County, Indiana.
- + 73 iii. Samuel Kearns, born 18 May 1797 in Culpepper County, Virginia; died 28 July 1880 in Union Township, Licking County, Ohio.
- 74 iv. Sarah Kearns, born 07 April 1799; died 1874.

- 75 v. Eli Kearns, born 08 March 1801; died 06 June 1871. She married Margaret Burns.
- 76 vi. Mary Kearns, born 24 May 1803.
- 77 vii. Levi Kearns II, born 02 November 1805.
- 78 viii. John Kearns V, born 11 October 1810.
- 79 ix. Jane Kearns, born 28 February 1816.

**16. Hannah (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 05 November 1771 in Virginia, and died 12 March 1841 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She married **James Kelly** 12 June 1794 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He died Bet. 1806 - 2009.

Child of Hannah Kearns and James Kelly is:

- 80 i. Nancy Sarah<sup>5</sup> Kelly, born 17 January 1810; died 17 August 1885. She married Daniel P. Shaffer; born 20 September 1809; died 16 October 1882 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

**17. Reuben Benjamin (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 October 1773 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and died Abt. 1857 in Hancock County, Ohio. He married **Agnes Unknown**. She was born in Scotland, and died Abt. 12 September 1818 in Fairfield County, Ohio.

More About Reuben Benjamin (Keeran) Kearns:  
Burial: Eden Cemetery, Crawford County, Ohio

Children of Reuben Kearns and Agnes Unknown are:

- 81 i. Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Kearns, born in Fairfield County, Ohio; died 14 March 1880 in Hancock County, Ohio. He married Mary Lynch; born 02 January 1816.
- 82 ii. William Kearns, born Abt. 1804 in Fairfield County, Ohio.
- 83 iii. Modest Kearns, born 13 September 1805 in Fairfield County, Ohio; died 29 November 1888 in Hancock County, Ohio. She married Adam Rader 15 January 1829; born 20 April 1807 in Rockingham County, Virginia 20 June 1877; died in Hancock County, Ohio.
- 84 iv. John Kearns, born 12 June 1810 in Fairfield County, Ohio; died in Union County, Ohio.
- 85 v. Rebecca Kearns, born Abt. 1816 in Fairfield County, Ohio; died in Crawford County, Ohio. She married David Albaugh 30 June 1836 in Crawford County, Ohio; born Abt. 1812 in Ohio.

**18. Rachel (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 31 October 1775 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and died Abt. 1850. She married **William Allen** 1803 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, son of Joseph Allen and Ruth White. He was born Abt. 1762, and died Abt. 1826.

Notes for Rachel (Keeran) Kearns:

Rachel and William were married by Rev. William Williamson, Presbyterian minister.

Children of Rachel Kearns and William Allen are:

- 86 i. Rachel E.<sup>5</sup> Allen. She married Samuel Calbaugh 1841 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 87 ii. Strother Allen.
- 88 iii. Dinah Allen, born Abt. 1804 in Virginia. She married Joseph Newland 15 December 1823 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; born Abt. 1803.
- 89 iv. Hester Allen, born Abt. 1806 in Virginia; died Abt. 1861. She married Thomas McCann; born Abt. 1797 in Virginia.
- 90 v. Eli Allen, born Abt. 1807 in Virginia; died 23 November 1880 in Champaign, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Gaines; died 03 July 1888.
- 91 vi. Mary Ann Allen, born 20 July 1808 in Virginia; died 06 July 1881 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. She married Absolum Stoneburner 1838 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; born Abt. 1815 in Virginia.
- 92 vii. Leah Allen, born 15 December 1809 in Virginia; died 08 June 1876. She married Robert McAlister 1829 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; born 05 February 1804; died 30 June 1842 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 93 viii. Isiah Allen, born 12 November 1812 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died 08 October 1888 in Prince William County, Virginia. He married Mary Jane Henkel 1846 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; born 16 May 1823 in Rockingham County, Virginia; died 01 March 1902 in Nokesville, Virginia.
- 94 ix. John William Allen, born Abt. 1814 in Virginia; died 07 March 1880 in La Porte County, Indiana. He married Martha Lemon; born Abt. 1817; died 1878.
- 95 x. William Thomas Allen, born Abt. 1818 in Virginia; died 07 March 1880 in La Porte County, Indiana.

22. **Samuel (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 October 1783 in Shendoah County, Virginia, and died 03 June 1838 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He married **Sarah Miller** 03 September 1808 in Woodstock, Shenandoah, Virginia, daughter of Jacob Miller. She was born 15 November 1780, and died 18 March 1870.

Notes for Samuel (Keeran) Kearns:

Samuel and Sarah were married by Noah Fidler (JP). She was the widow of Abraham Snap. Samuel died from a fall from a barn.

Children of Samuel Kearns and Sarah Miller are:

- 96 i. Harrison<sup>5</sup> Kearns, died 16 July 1902. He married Elizabeth F. White 08 June 1848.
- 97 ii. Eli Kearns, born 03 December 1809 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died 12 November 1891 in Rockingham County, Virginia. He married Mary Rinker; born 12 May 1812 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died 12 December 1878 in Rockingham County, Virginia.
- 98 iii. Issac Kearns, born 10 September 1810; died 19 July 1889. He married Hannah Weaver 05 April 1836 in McLean County, Illionis; born 18 February 1818 in Lee County, Virginia; died 21 February 1895.
- 99 iv. Sarah Kearns, born 11 September 1813. She married Reuben Kingree 09 May 1830 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 100 v. Henry Kearns, born 18 March 1816 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; died 02 September 1867 in McLean, Virginia.

Notes for Henry Kearns:

He died as a result of saw mill accident.

- 101 vi. William M. Kearns, born 08 August 1818 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He married Sarah Ann Hawkins 25 June 1839 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
- 102 vii. Catherine Ruth Kearns, born 18 June 1822.

24. **John (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 17 September 1787, and died 27 May 1837 in Guernsey County, Ohio. He married **Hannah Newbanks** 13 January 1817 in Shenandoah, Virginia. She was born 11 January 1793 in Virginia, and died 22 October 1877 in Clarke County, Iowa.

Notes for John (Keeran) Kearns:

John and Hannah were married by Isaac Dunwar.

More About John (Keeran) Kearns:

Burial: Old Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge, Ohio

Children of John Kearns and Hannah Newbanks are:

- 103 i. Thomas Stodwell<sup>5</sup> Kearns, born 11 June 1820 in Virginia; died 14 May 1893 in Clarke County, Iowa. He married Margaret Stickley 08 May 1845 in Guernsey County, Ohio; born Abt. 1825 in Virginia; died 26 July 1898.
- 104 ii. Joseph Stroder Kearns, born 05 September 1821 in Shenandoah, Virginia; died 09 March 1849 in Muskingum County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Storrer; born 16 July 1843 in Ohio.
- 105 iii. Sarah Ann Kearns, born 15 March 1823; died 04 February 1862 in Guernsey County, Ohio. She married Henry Wiers 04 February 1841 in Guernsey County, Ohio.
- 106 iv. William Kearns, born 09 March 1824; died 10 July 1842 in Guernsey County, Ohio.
- 107 v. John Newbanks Kearns, born 27 January 1827 in Near Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia; died 25 January 1904 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He married Mary Jane Tyner 21 January 1856 in San Joaquin County, California; born 04 November 1841 in Fayetteville, Arkansas; died Abt. 1922 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
- 108 vi. Deborah Jane Kearns, born 12 July 1828; died 12 November 1842 in Guernsey County, Ohio.
- 109 vii. Rachel Emily Kearns, born 06 March 1830; died 11 February 1852 in Guernsey County, Ohio. She married Wyatt J. Tingle 31 December 1846 in Guernsey County, Ohio; died in Guernsey County, Ohio.
- 110 viii. Melinda Newbanks Kearns, born 03 September 1832; died 05 September 1846 in Guernsey County, Ohio.

25. **Benjamin (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 June 1789 in Virginia, and died 1865 in Schuyler County, Illinois. He married **Mary Randolph**. She was born Abt. 1799.

Notes for Benjamin (Keeran) Kearns:  
Benjamin was married a second time to Mary (Baldwin) Randolph.

Children of Benjamin Kearns and Mary Randolph are:

- 111 i. Rebecca<sup>5</sup> Kearns. She married Walden Waymee.
- 112 ii. Nancy Kearns, born 19 January 1813 in Harrison County, Ohio; died 28 December 1884. She married Unknown Waddle.
- 113 iii. Thomas Kearns, born 15 November 1813 in Harrison County, Ohio; died 11 January 1886 in Astoria, Fulton County, Illinois. He married Letitia A. McKinley 25 June 1837 in Astoria, Fulton County, Illinois; born 25 October 1818 in Fulton County, Ohio; died 15 September 1900 in Astoria, Fulton County, Illinois.
- 114 iv. Benjamin Kearns II, born 08 May 1826 in Harrison County, Ohio; died Abt. 1901 in Marlow, Indian Territory, Oklahoma. He married Mahuldah Dawson 15 February 1846 in Warsaw, Benton County, Missouri; born 03 August 1827 in Georgia; died 1898 in Mtn. Springs, Cooke County, Texas.
- 115 v. Mahala Kearns, born 02 March 1832 in Fulton County, Illinois; died 28 November 1927 in Fulton County, Illinois. She married Calvin McKinley 04 October 1848; born 25 April 1828 in Bond County, Illinois; died 28 April 1882 in Fulton County, Illinois.
- 116 vi. Franklin Kearns, born Abt. 1838 in Fulton County, Illinois; died 28 March 1863 in Nashville, Tennessee. He married Fidelia Sloat 03 April 1859.

Notes for Franklin Kearns:  
He died of disease from Civil War.

- 117 vii. Elizabeth Kearns, born 14 August 1840 in Missouri; died 19 November 1912 in Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri. She married Alexander Cunningham 14 October 1860 in Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri; born Abt. 1839 in Virginia; died 24 December 1899 in Frisco township, Benton County, Missouri.
- 118 viii. William Wesley Kearns, born 10 August 1841 in Kerton, Fulton County, Illinois; died 18 March 1924 in Cole County, Missouri.

26. **Joseph (Keeran)<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 June 1789 in Virginia, and died 28 August 1867 in Poplar Plains, Fleming County, Kentucky. He married **Abigail Callerman** 09 May 1811, daughter of John Callerman and Susannah Unknown. She was born 12 February 1798, and died May 1876.

Children of Joseph Kearns and Abigail Callerman are:

- 119 i. Susannah<sup>5</sup> Kearns, born 28 July 1812 in Fleming County, Kentucky; died 30 July 1879 in Fleming County, Kentucky.
- 120 ii. John Anthony Houston Kearns, born 27 March 1816; died November 1885. He married Vianna Johnson 20 April 1843 in Hillsboro, Kentucky; born 20 April 1818; died 26 September 1890.

32. **Levi<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (William<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 04 June 1779, and died 25 January 1857. He married **Deborah Starr**, daughter of Jeremiah Starr and Ann Whitson.

Notes for Levi Kearns:  
Levi and his wife, Deborah were members of Wilmington MM from New Garden MM on 5 November 1807. They were accepted as members of Stanton Meeting in White Clay Creek Hundred, Delaware. Stanton was a subordinate Meeting of Wilmington MM. He was later disowned by Wilmington MM 3 June 1814 for "taking strong drink to excess."

Children of Levi Kearns and Deborah Starr are:

- 121 i. Anna S.<sup>5</sup> Kearns.
- 122 ii. Rebecca Kearns.

35. **Eli<sup>4</sup> Kearns** (William<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 08 April 1789, and died 02 July 1848. He married **Hannah Vernon** 15 January 1818, daughter of James Vernon. She was born 04 January

1798, and died 06 August 1890 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Children of Eli Kearns and Hannah Vernon are:

- 123 i. Elizabeth S.<sup>3</sup> Kearns, born 25 March 1818; died 21 November 1823.
- 124 ii. James Vernon Kearns, born 19 March 1820.
- 125 iii. William Kearns, born 14 May 1822; died 13 January 1823.
- 126 iv. Horation S. Kearns, born 20 January 1825; died 25 January 1894. He married Elizabeth Pettit.
- 127 v. Maris Vernon Kearns, born 19 April 1827; died 17 November 1884. He married Emma J. LeFevre 19 September 1850; born 12 May 1828; died 03 March 1901.
- 128 vi. Mary Ann Kearns, born 08 July 1829; died 18 March 1890. She married William McCenna 19 December 1848; born Abt. 1820 in Pennsylvania.
- 129 vii. Margaret Elizabeth Kearns, born 21 April 1832; died 02 June 1863. She married Francis J. Pennock 28 October 1858 in Friends Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- 130 viii. William Franklin Kearns, born 30 April 1832; died 08 June 1860. He married Elizabeth Pennock 27 November 1856.
- 131 ix. Martha Hereford Kearns, born 08 June 1838. She married John D. Laverty 08 September 1859.
- 132 x. Eli T. Kearns, born 10 June 1842; died 10 June 1910. He married Jennie McKeen September 1864; died 14 July 1900.

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**50. John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 February 1794 in Randolph County, NC, and died 02 September 1858 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Anna Nance**, daughter of Hudson Nance. She was born July 1797, and died 24 December 1874 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for John C. (Keerans) Kearns:

John Kearns is mentioned in the 1815 Randolph Tax list owning 150 acres, Isaac Kearns Jr. is listed below him without any further information.

Randolph County Tax List of 1820 reflects John owns 50 acres on Second Creek valued at \$150.

John is listed on the Administrator bond with security, 3 Nov 1856, with Hubbard Nance in the estate of father, Hudson Nance, Sr. and John Keerans petitioned for the dower. Anna Nance, wife of John, is listed in the petition as an heir in the estate.

More About John C. (Keerans) Kearns:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

More About Anna Nance:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

Children of John Kearns and Anna Nance are:

- 133 i. Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Kearns. She married Mannering Garner; born 12 May 1812; died 04 February 1892 in Randolph County, NC.  
  
More About Mannering Garner:  
Burial: Salem Church, Concord District, Randolph, NC
- + 134 ii. Silas Kearns, born 24 December 1813.
- + 135 iii. Larkin Kearns, born 23 October 1816 in Randolph County, NC; died 01 April 1876 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 136 iv. Hubbard Kearns, born 14 November 1818 in Randolph County, NC; died 17 March 1910.
- 137 v. Elizabeth Kearns, born 17 April 1819.
- + 138 vi. Alexander Kearns, born 14 April 1821; died 23 April 1906.
- 139 vii. Martha "Pattie" Kearns, born 17 August 1823 in Denton, Davidson County, NC; died 12 December 1916. She married Martin Skeen 01 April 1861 in Randolph County, NC.
- 140 viii. John C. Kearns, born 10 June 1825. He married Laura A. Unknown; born 1833.

Notes for John C. Kearns:

John enlisted at Camp Holmes near Raleigh, NC, 12 July 1864. He served as a private in Company H, 38th Regiment, NC Troops, until captured at Amelia Court House, VA. He was confined at Point

Lookout, Maryland, 13 April 1865. He was released after taking Oath of Allegiance, 28 June 1865. \*  
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- 141 ix. Rebecca Kearns, born 10 March 1831. She married John L. Riley.
- 142 x. Branson Kearns, born 01 January 1833 in Randolph County, NC; died 26 May 1836 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Branson Kearns:  
Burial: Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery

- + 143 xi. William T. Kearns, born 11 June 1835 in Randolph County, NC; died 21 July 1895 in Randolph County, NC.
- 144 xii. Margaret Jane Kearns, born 01 March 1838 in Randolph County, NC; died 27 November 1879 in Randolph County, NC. She married Matthew Coggin 13 September 1855; born 26 May 1832 in Randolph County, NC; died 13 October 1863 in Randolph County, NC.

51. Allen<sup>5</sup> Kearns (Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 April 1798, and died 22 October 1849 in Randolph County, NC. He married Nancy Wood 31 January 1821 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 05 September 1800 in Randolph County, NC, and died 06 July 1878 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Allen Kearns:  
Arnold Wood was the bondsmen for Allen's marriage.

During 1834 Allen sold to Burrell Wood, his brother in law, from Thompson corner and William Thompson line at foot of Cody Mountain, 175 acres for \$400.00. The witnesses were Penuel Wood, and Jones K. Wood.  
\*Randolph Co. Register of Deeds. Book 19, page 475,

He was listed in the 1830, and 1840 census, and was appointed to the school board, district 9 in 1840.

Allen owned 250 acres on Caraway where he lived, and died. He also owned another tract of land on Caraway, about 200 acres.

His will was probated in 1849, and Isaac Keeran was guardian to William, Thomas, and Henry Keerans in 1856.

Nancy petitioned for a years support, November term 1849. It is noted the last 5 children: Penuel, Franklin, Charlotte Jane, William Thomas, and Henry Keerans. \*

\* Note that William Thomas is one child, as noted in the report of Randolph County Estate Records. There is the possibility that this William Thomas is the nephew of Allen, and son of John C. Kearns. (have not established the relationship).

More About Allen Kearns:  
Burial: Shepherd Methodist Church (15 miles west of Asheboro, NC)  
Marriage Bond: Arnold Wood signed as bondsman.

Children of Allen Kearns and Nancy Wood are:

- + 145 i. Alson Jones<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born 09 January 1822; died 21 June 1893 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 146 ii. Priscilla Lundy Kearns, born 19 March 1824.
- + 147 iii. Penuel W. Kearns, born 06 October 1826; died 21 July 1892.
- + 148 iv. Rev. Isaac Franklin Kearns, born 11 August 1829 in Randolph County, NC; died 07 February 1908.
- 149 v. Charlotte Jane Kearns, born 02 January 1832. She married Hezekiah Fuller 21 October 1854 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 150 vi. William Penn Kearns, born 14 September 1834 in Randolph County, NC; died 08 December 1895.
- 151 vii. Thomas Henry Kearns, born 1836. He married Jane Harris.
- 152 viii. John Thomas Kearns, born 27 July 1837 in Randolph County, NC. He married Emma Craven 05 December 1859 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for John Thomas Kearns:  
John was a Private, and member of the Confederacy, joining 18 March 1861. He joined the 6th Regiment, NC Cavalry, 65th Regiment. \* NC Troops.

52. **Isaac<sup>5</sup> Kearns, Jr.** (Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 03 January 1800 in Randolph County, NC, and died 22 January 1886 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Mary Steed**. She was born 28 June 1803 in Randolph County, NC, and died 31 October 1883 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Isaac Kearns, Jr.:

The bondsman for the marriage of Isaac was his brother, Jesse Keeran.

Isaac was listed in the 1815 tax list.

On 1 April 1840, Isaac is recorded as a School District Committee member., in District 8. Also on the committee were Marshall Nance, James K. Wood, and John Ingram, were on the school committee for the 8th school district for 4 acres to build a schoolhouse. \*NC RANDOLPH GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL. Volume 12, 1988, page 15.

Isaac, Jr., elected Election Official in 1845 at W.F. Brookshire's Place.

During the 1860 census, Drake, age 14, was living in the household. This was probably domestic help.

Isaac, J. J. Hamlin, Samuel Lewis and J. M. Wat \_\_\_\_ served as Administrative bond for William Wood 8 August 1865. \*N RANDOLPH GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL, Volume 20-21, page 9.

More About Isaac Kearns, Jr.:

Burial: Farmer Community Cemetery, Farmer, NC

More About Mary Steed:

Burial: Concord Methodist Church Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Children of Isaac Kearns and Mary Steed are:

- 154 i. Elizabeth Jane (Louisa)<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born 1823; died 1908. She married Daniel C. Nance 27 April 1844 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 155 ii. Callier (Collier) Steed Kearns, born 05 April 1827 in Randolph County, NC; died 20 October 1897 in Randolph County, NC.
- 156 iii. Adeline Norwood Kearns, born 1829 in Randolph County, NC; died 1918.
- + 157 iv. Thomas Elvanslo Kearns, born 11 July 1831 in Randolph County, NC; died 22 April 1903 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 158 v. Martin Allen Kearns, born 25 August 1835 in Randolph County, NC; died 09 January 1892 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 159 vi. Pernel Titus Kearns, born 1839 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 160 vii. Alson Harris Kearns, born 03 May 1843 in Randolph County, NC; died 16 February 1938 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 161 viii. Isaac Wilson Kearns, born 16 February 1846 in Randolph County, NC; died 26 February 1927 in Randolph County, NC.

53. **Jesse<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 06 November 1801 in Randolph County, NC, and died 06 March 1863 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Martha "Patsy" Steed** 19 September 1821 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 25 November 1805 in Randolph County, NC, and died 24 December 1876 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Jesse Kearns:

Isaac listed as the bondsman for the marriage of Jesse and Martha.

Jesse, and Isaac Keerans are listed as witnesses for the prosecution in a charge of schoolmaster, James Strain assaulting, without provocation, Dizy Jackson 10 Dec 1821, February 1822 Court Date.

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During February term, 1833, Isaac was appointed guardian to the minor heirs of Benjamin Steed - account with Casander, Colum, (spelling ?) Benjamin Steed, and William \_\_\_\_\_ (faded). Isaac was also appointed February term, 1833, guardian to heirs of William Kuran (as spelled).

The 1840 census indicates he was appointed to the school board, district 15, and a magistrate. The same census also shows Isaac had about 18 slaves, primarily children his family was caring for. He freed the 18 slaves shortly after 1840.

The 1850 census list his occupation as a farmer, and Isaac paid 1 poll tax, 0 land, and 0 valuation, and also list no real or personal property.

Randolph County Tax List reflects Isaac, son of Silas, owns 126 acre adjacent to Pennell Wood value at \$300.

He is listed as the guardian for the heirs of William Keeran, and his name appears on an accounting of funds belonging to the heirs, February 1843.

Isaac was elected an official in the 1845 election at Cranford's Voting Place, Randolph County, NC.

The 1860 census list his dwelling number as 1196 and family number as 1181.

His will was probated in 1861.

More About Isaac Kearns, Esq.:

Burial: Salem Church, Concord District, Randolph, NC

Notes for Mary "Polly" Steed:

The paternal grandparents of Mary Steed were Nathaniel Steed and Rachel H. Clayton, son of John Steed (will of 1805), Brunswick County, Virginia. \*DAR records

The maternal grandparents of Mary were Martha Farmer, daughter of Fredrick Farmer, born in Virginia, and died in Randolph County, NC.

More About Mary "Polly" Steed:

Burial: Salem Church, Concord District, Randolph, NC

Children of Isaac Kearns and Mary Steed are:

- + 171 i. Eli Colin (Keeran)<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born 11 March 1818 in Randolph County, NC; died 19 January 1874 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 172 ii. Lyndon S. Kearns, born 20 April 1820 in Randolph County, NC; died 17 April 1865 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 173 iii. Henry Harrison Kearns, born 12 June 1822 in Salem Church Community, Randolph County, NC; died 13 June 1886 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 174 iv. Martha Jane Kearns, born 14 November 1824 in Randolph County, NC; died 17 September 1875 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 175 v. Emiley Margaret Kearns, born 27 January 1829 in Randolph County, NC; died 1910 in Randolph County, NC.
- + 176 vi. Isaac Newton (Keeran) Kearns, born 01 September 1834 in Randolph County, NC; died 24 July 1863 in Union Hospital, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- + 177 vii. Silas Whitman (Keeran) Kearns, born 07 May 1840 in Randolph County, NC; died 11 December 1878 in Randolph County, NC.

**58. Josiah H. (Keeran)<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Silas G. (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born October 1798 in Randolph County, NC, and died 10 April 1856 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Jane Hannah** 13 August 1822 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 1803 in Randolph County, NC, and died 04 October 1878 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Josiah H. (Keeran) Kearns:

The bondsman for Josiah and Janes marriage was Silas (Keeran) Kearns, and Hugh McCain was the witness. The 1st of May 1844, Josiah was a witness for the defendant, James Hill, in the dispute of 320 acres on the

Uwharrie.

A bridge over the Uwharrie River was petitioned by Isaac Keeran, Allen Keeran, Isaac Kearns, Sr., Silas Kearns, Sr., Ivy Kearns, Josiah Kearns, and John Keeran. \*RANDOLPH GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL, Volume 13, 1989, page 6 and 7.

Josiah sat as a juror in the February 1846 term of the Court of Pleas.

The 1850 census lists Josiah's occupation as a laborer.

More About Josiah H. (Keeran) Kearns:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

More About Jane Hannah:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

Children of Josiah Kearns and Jane Hannah are:

178 i. William<sup>6</sup> McKeerans, born 1834.

Notes for William McKeerans:

He was living in Indiana at the time of his mother's death. and listed in his mother's will.

+ 179 ii. Emory Benson Kearns, born 07 October 1836 in Randolph County, NC; died 19 August 1912 in Randolph County, NC.

60. **Silas (Keeran)<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Silas G. (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 23 December 1815, and died in Randolph County, NC. He married **Sarah Lassiter** 15 March 1837 in Randolph County, NC. She was born Abt. 1815, and died in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Silas (Keeran) Kearns:

The marriage bond was used for marriage date, and the bondsman was William C. Jacks, and Z. Nixon as the witness.

Thomas Newby wrote a book (1855-1857), and stated he went squirrel hunting, and took dinner with Silas Kearns.

Silas (53), and Sarah (54) appeared in the 1870 Census residing in Uwharrie Township, Swift Island Post Office, Montgomery County, NC.

Silas estate was left to his wife, Sarah, and when Sarah died the estate went to the children.

More About Silas (Keeran) Kearns:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

More About Sarah Lassiter:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Children of Silas Kearns and Sarah Lassiter are:

180 i. Henry<sup>6</sup> Kearns.

Notes for Henry Kearns:

He was listed as an heir in Margaret Lassiter's will, living somewhere in Illinois.

181 ii. Isaac Kearns.

182 iii. James Kearns.

183 iv. Jane Kearns.

184 v. Martha Kearns. She married Unknown Crow.

185 vi. Thomas Kearns.

Notes for Thomas Kearns:

He was an heir in Margaret Kearns Lassiters will, and living in Westland, Indiana.

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| 186   | vii.  | William Kearns. He married Hixey Epps.        |
| + 187 | viii. | Stimpson Kearns, born in Randolph County, NC. |
| 188   | ix.   | Winborn Kearns, born Abt. 1831.               |

Notes for Winborn Kearns:

He was listed in Margaret Lassiters will as an heir, and residing in Westland, Indiana.

- 189 x. Margaret Kearns, born Abt. 1838. She married Joshua Hurly.

61. **Nancy<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 12 July 1801 in Randolph County, NC, and died 17 September 1830 in Randolph County, NC. She married **Joel Kimbel** 1818.

Notes for Nancy Kearns:

After Nancy's death, Joel married Sarah Lents, and was reported they had 10 children.

More About Nancy Kearns:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Children of Nancy Kearns and Joel Kimbel are:

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| 190   | i.   | Elizabeth <sup>6</sup> Kimbel.                       |
| 191   | ii.  | Thomas H. Kimbel, born 1819.                         |
| 192   | iii. | Wiley J. Kimbel, born 1821.                          |
| 193   | iv.  | John Alexander Kimbel, born 1823.                    |
| 194   | v.   | Martha Kimbel, born 1824. She married James Cameron. |
| + 195 | vi.  | Mary Lunda Kimbel, born 1828.                        |

64. **Ivey<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 November 1809 in Randolph County, NC, and died 27 February 1901 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Diza / Dicey Arnold** 12 December 1831 in Randolph County, NC, daughter of Wood Arnold and Mary Hoover. She was born 07 September 1812 in Randolph County, NC, and died 27 January 1892 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Ivey Kearns:

Josiah Talbert was the bondsman for the marriage of Ivey and Diza.

Ivey and Diza settled on a farm in Concord Township, owned by Madison Hammond, and Ivey was appointed to the Randolph County Court of Pleas for the May term 1846.

Listed on jury, Nov. term 1856, hearing petition filed in Hudson Nance, Sr. estate.

Ivey was Commissioner of Court and Pleas Quarter Sessions during May 1865 term. The 1880 census list Ivey as a grain farmer, and in 1881 he was a member of Salem Church, and donated \$6.95 to the church in 1883.

His will was probated in 1901.

More About Ivey Kearns:

Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

Notes for Diza / Dicey Arnold:

Diza's mother was the daughter of Jacob Hoover.

The known siblings of Diza were:

John Arnold, born 13 April, 1814 - died 17 Nov 1896.

Larkin Arnold born 4 February 1816 - died 1 November 1891

Elizabeth Arnold born 29 December 1818 - died 21 November 1907

Penuel Arnold born 29 January 1821 - died July 1889

Samuel Arnold born 30 January 1823 - died ?

More About Diza / Dicey Arnold:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

Children of Ivey Kearns and Diza Arnold are:

- 196 i. Mary Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born 08 February 1833 in Randolph County, NC; died 18 April 1906 in Randolph County, NC. She married James L. Skeen; born 22 April 1827; died 30 December 1891 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Mary Elizabeth Kearns:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Notes for James L. Skeen:  
The tombstone for James reads "An Honest, Upright, Candid, Worthy man."

More About James L. Skeen:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

- + 197 ii. Julia Ann Kearns, born 10 June 1835 in Randolph County, NC; died 15 February 1924 in Randolph County, NC.  
198 iii. Sallie B. Kearns, born 17 March 1838 in Randolph County, NC; died 17 October 1866 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Sallie B. Kearns:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

- 199 iv. Abigail Ellen Kearns, born 21 March 1842 in Randolph County, NC; died March 1889. She married John Clark Fuller 18 September 1858 in Randolph County, NC.  
+ 200 v. Nancy L. Kearns, born 19 March 1845 in Randolph County, NC; died 25 December 1918 in Randolph County, NC.  
201 vi. Elizabeth Virginia Kearns, born 03 May 1847 in Randolph County, NC; died 07 October 1934. She married Fletcher Lassiter.  
+ 202 vii. Samuel Wood Kearns, born 28 November 1849 in Randolph County, NC; died 16 February 1918 in Randolph County, NC.  
203 viii. Martha Emma Kearns, born 19 December 1853 in Randolph County, NC; died 16 August 1854 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Martha Emma Kearns:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

- 204 ix. Diza Rebecca Kearns, born 10 November 1857 in Randolph County, NC; died 30 December 1858 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Diza Rebecca Kearns:  
Burial: Salem Methodist Church, Randolph County

**65. Anna<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 February 1812 in Randolph County, NC, and died 01 February 1887 in Randolph County, NC. She married **Elisha Hancock**.

Notes for Anna Kearns:  
During the 1850 census Elisha, husband of Anna, was not listed.

Children of Anna Kearns and Elisha Hancock are:

- 205 i. Erasmus G.<sup>6</sup> Hancock, born Abt. 1826.  
206 ii. Martha Hancock, born Abt. 1828.  
207 iii. Jane Hancock, born Abt. 1832.  
208 iv. Isaac Hancock, born Abt. 1832.  
209 v. Winborn Hancock, born Abt. 1834.  
210 vi. Edward T. Hancock, born Abt. 1836.  
211 vii. Margaret Hancock, born Abt. 1838.  
212 viii. Whitson Hancock, born Abt. 1840.

- 213 ix. Jason Hancock, born Abt. 1842.
- 214 x. Thomas Hancock, born Abt. 1844.
- 215 xi. William Hancock, born Abt. 1845.

66. **Silas<sup>5</sup> Kearns, Jr.** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 07 March 1814 in Randolph County, NC, and died 05 May 1885 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Dorcas Lassiter** 14 January 1836 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 15 June 1816 in Randolph County, NC, and died 16 May 1876 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Silas Kearns, Jr.:

John Nance was the bondsman, and Hugh McCain was the witness for the marriage of Silas and Dorcas.

Living in the household also was William Riley, age 16, and Elizabeth Kimbrel age 17.

His will was filed in 1885.

More About Silas Kearns, Jr.:

Burial: Oak Grove Methodist Church, Montgomery County, NC

More About Dorcas Lassiter:

Burial: Oak Grove Methodist Church, Montgomery County, NC

Children of Silas Kearns and Dorcas Lassiter are:

- 216 i. Eliza Kimbel<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born Abt. 1833.
- 217 ii. William Kiley Kearns, born Abt. 1834.
- 218 iii. Emsley Kearns, born Abt. 1837 in Randolph County, NC; died in Indiana. He married Sarah R. Henley 25 October 1860 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Emsley Kearns:

The bondsman for the marriage of Emsley was Nathan H. Hill, a physician in the Hill's Store area.

- 219 iv. Mary Ann Kearns, born Abt. 1839.
- + 220 v. Thomas H. Kearns, born Abt. 1842 in Randolph County, NC.
- 221 vi. John E. Kearns, born 16 March 1845 in Randolph County, NC; died 14 October 1874 in Randolph County, NC. He married Frenles Lassiter 20 June 1866 in Randolph County, NC.

More About John E. Kearns:

Burial: Concord M.E.Church Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

- + 222 vii. Columbus Duvol Kearns, born Abt. 1849 in Randolph County, NC; died 14 June 1877 in Randolph County, NC.
- 223 viii. Oreaner Victoria Kearns, born 1852; died 1865 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Oreaner Victoria Kearns:

Burial: Oakgrove Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

- 224 ix. Alfred D. Kearns, born 31 March 1854; died 07 October 1887 in Randolph County, NC. He married Elizabeth Vuncannon 02 January 1879 in Randolph County, NC.

More About Alfred D. Kearns:

Burial: Farmer Community Cemetery, Farmer, NC

- 225 x. Sarah E. Kearns, born 1857.

67. **Hannah<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 01 September 1816 in Randolph County, NC, and died 25 January 1861 in Randolph County, NC. She married **Richard Swain Laughlin** 07 August 1834.

More About Hannah Kearns:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Children of Hannah Kearns and Richard Laughlin are:

- + 226 i. Elizabeth Ann<sup>6</sup> Laughlin, born 05 December 1835; died 09 May 1909.
- 227 ii. Fatima Jane Laughlin, born 19 July 1838; died 18 January 1868. She married Robert S. Lambeth 09 October 1856.

68. **John<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Thomas (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 20 September 1818 in Randolph County, NC, and died 11 April 1901 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Margaret Feazier** 13 January 1842 in Randolph County, NC. She was born Abt. 1820.

Notes for John Kearns:

The bondsman for the marriage of John and Margaret was J. Cameron, and H. M. Harris was the witness.

John was listed in the Davidson County 1850, and 1870 census.

More About John Kearns:

Burial: Siloam Methodist Church, Randolph County, NC

Children of John Kearns and Margaret Feazier are:

- 228 i. Elizabeth J.<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born Abt. 1846.
- 229 ii. Amanda M. Kearns, born Abt. 1849.
- 230 iii. Mary Kearns, born Abt. 1852.

73. **Samuel<sup>5</sup> Kearns** (Levi (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 18 May 1797 in Culpepper County, Virginia, and died 28 July 1880 in Union Township, Licking County, Ohio. He married **Sarah Lilly** 02 November 1822 in Staunton, Augusta County, Ohio. She was born 05 August 1801, and died 11 July 1871.

Children of Samuel Kearns and Sarah Lilly are:

- 231 i. Jane<sup>6</sup> Kearns, born 12 January 1820.
- 232 ii. Ruth Ann Kearns, born 07 April 1822.
- 233 iii. John L. Kearns, born 30 March 1824.
- 234 iv. Catharine Kearns, born 27 November 1825.
- 235 v. Elizabeth Jane Kearns, born 29 December 1827.
- + 236 vi. Levi Kearns III, born 28 June 1829 in Virginia.
- 237 vii. Eli Kearns, born 06 April 1831 in Ohio.
- 238 viii. Hannah Kearns, born 02 March 1833.
- 239 ix. Parthena Kearns, born 28 January 1835 in Ohio.
- 240 x. Mary Kearns, born 10 October 1836.
- 241 xi. Samuel Kearns II, born 11 October 1838 in Ohio.
- 242 xii. Harriett S. Kearns, born 04 September 1840.

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134. **Silas<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 24 December 1813. He married **Sarah Lasiter** 15 March 1837 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 1816.

Notes for Silas Kearns:

Silas, and his brother Larkin were in Ashe County, NC on the 25th. \*Posted 7 June 1837, Raleigh Newspaper. (reason unknown why they were there)

Child of Silas Kearns and Sarah Lasiter is:

- 243 i. Thomas H.<sup>7</sup> Kearns.

Notes for Thomas H. Kearns:

On 4 November 1861, age eighteen, Thomas enlisted in Company H, 38th Regiment, NC Troops. His military record listed him as a farmer, who enlisted from Randolph County. In the battle of Gettysburg, 03 July 1863, he was wounded in the leg, and captured. He was hospitalized at Davids Island, New York Harbor on or about 17 July 1863. He was paroled, and exchanged at City Point, VA, 28 October 1863.

He retired to the private...  
1909, at age sixty four. NC TROOPS

**135. Larkin<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 23 October 1816 in Randolph County, NC, and died 01 April 1876 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Mary Elizabeth Lassiter** 08 May 1837 in Randolph County, NC, daughter of Jacob Lassiter. She was born Abt. 1816.

Notes for Larkin Kearns:  
Isaac, and Larkin Kearns bought at the estate sale of Margaret Lassiter 30 August 1860.

Larkin, and his brother Silas were in Ashe County the 25th (probably May 1837). Posted 7 June 1837 in the Raleigh Newspaper. Info from abstracts of Vital Records, Raleigh NC newspaper 1830-1839)

He was a Private, and a member of the 6th Senior Reserves, Company F, and D during the Civil War. \*NC TROOPS

More About Larkin Kearns:  
Burial: Concord M.E.Church Cemetery, Randolph County, NC

Children of Larkin Kearns and Mary Lassiter are:

- 244 i. Watson<sup>7</sup> Kearns.
- 245 ii. Henry Kearns, born Abt. 1843.

Notes for Henry Kearns:

A. C. McAlister, Guardian, petitioned the Randolph County Court in July 1893 for payment to step mother

Elizabeth Miller for care of Henry Kearns, age 50, deformed and idiotic.

- 246 iii. John K. Kearns, born Abt. 1843.
- 247 iv. Asenath Kearns, born Abt. 1854.

**136. Hubbard<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 November 1818 in Randolph County, NC, and died 17 March 1910. He married **Nancy Unknown**. She was born 14 November 1810, and died 27 June 1897 in Montgomery County, NC.

Notes for Hubbard Kearns:

Hubbard was a Private, and member of the 6th Senior Reserve during the Civil War. NC TROOPS

More About Hubbard Kearns:  
Burial: Lane Chapel Methodist Church, Montgomery County, NC

More About Nancy Unknown:  
Burial: Lane Chapel Methodist Church, Montgomery County, NC

Children of Hubbard Kearns and Nancy Unknown are:

- 248 i. James A.<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born Abt. 1837.

Notes for James A. Kearns:

James, a farmer, was a Private in the 44th Regiment, Company F, Montgomery County, NC Confederacy. He enlisted at age 25, 1 March 1862. He was hospitalized with a gunshot wound in Richmond, Virginia. The date, and place wounded is unaccounted for. He was captured at Sutherlands Station, Virginia 2 April 1865, and confined to Hart's Island, New York Harbor, and Point Lookout, Maryland. He was released 19 June 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance at Amelia Court House, Virginia. The NC pension records indicate he was wounded near Petersburg, Virginia 1 October 1864.

\*NC TROOPS

- 249 ii. Mary A. Kearns, born Abt. 1840.
- 250 iii. John A. Kearns, born Abt. 1845.

Notes for John A. Kearns:

John was a member of the 44th Regiment, Company F during the Civil War. He enlisted when he was 18 years old, 1 March 1863. He was captured at or near the Boydton Plank Road, Virginia 27 October 1864. He was confined at Cape Lookout 31 October 1864, and paroled at Boulware's Wharf, James River, Virginia, 30 March 1865 for exchange. \*NC TROOPS

He applied for his pension (no date given), while living in Stanly County, NC.

251 iv. William W. Kearns, born Abt. 1847.

**138. Alexander<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 April 1821, and died 23 April 1906. He married **Mary R. Unknown**. She was born 28 June 1823, and died 28 February 1908.

More About Alexander Kearns:

Burial: Fair Grove Methodist Church, Davidson County, NC

More About Mary R. Unknown:

Burial: Fair Grove Methodist Church, Davidson County, NC

Child of Alexander Kearns and Mary Unknown is:

252 i. Mary A.<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born 1847.

**143. William T.<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (John C. (Keerans)<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 June 1835 in Randolph County, NC, and died 21 July 1895 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Martha Elliott**. She was born 1840 in Randolph County, NC, and died 27 March 1860 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for William T. Kearns:

During 26 May 1867, William T. is listed in Randolph County, NC buying land from Emsley Beckerdite, adjoining line of H. H. Kearns, and Harris Jackson on Second Creek. The witnesses were E. B. Steed and Hubbard Kearns. The sale was \$100.00 for 75 acres.

The 13 April 1868, Emsley and wife, Elizabeth of Schuyler County, Illinois sold to William T., on Second Creek for \$500.00.

The 5th November 1868, a sale between William T. Kearns and wife Mary of the first part, and John L. Riley of Davidson County, located on Second Creek adjoining H. H., and Susan Kearns. Signed by W. T. Kearns and Mary Kearns.

William and his wife Mary sold to T. W. Johnson for \$75.00 an "undivided 1/24 of 3/8 interest of the tract of land, and mill property known as the Johnson Mill ( which T. W. Johnson shall own a 1/3 interest, and W. T. Kearns a 1/3 interest) situated on Toms Creek adjoining the land of James K. Wood, dec'd, T. W. Johnson, and others." January 1882\*

The 22nd September 1883 E. Branson Nance and wife Gracy Nance sold to William, 58 1/2 acres for \$300.00 on Second Creek.

C. L. Cranford, the great grandson of William, stated William bought property, repaired, and then sold for a profit.

His tombstone reads "My flesh shall rest in hope."

\*Land information from FARMER YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Notes for Martha Elliott:

The Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery record list Marys name as Martha.

More About Martha Elliott:  
Burial: Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery

Child of William Kearns and Martha Elliott is:

- + 253 i. Priscilla<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born 26 March 1860 in Randolph County, NC; died 01 December 1931 in Randolph County, NC.

145. **Alson Jones<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (Allen<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 09 January 1822, and died 21 June 1893 in Randolph County, NC. He married **Anna Eliza Ingram** 26 November 1847 in Randolph County, NC. She was born 08 August 1830, and died November 1910 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Alson Jones Kearns:  
Alson signed a road petition in 1854.

Alson, a farmer, enlisted at Camp Holmes, Raleigh, NC on 27 August 1864. He served as a private in Company H, 38th Regiment, NC Troops when he was 18 years old. He, and his unit surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA, 9 April 1865. The NC Confederate Militia Officers Roster list Alson as a 1st Lieutenant (Back Creek District).

During the 1860 census he lived in dwelling number 205, and family number 205.  
His will was probated in 1893, Randolph County, NC, and William A. Kearns was the administrator.

More About Alson Jones Kearns:  
Burial: Shepherd Methodist Church (15 miles west of Asheboro)

More About Anna Eliza Ingram:  
Burial: Shepherd Methodist Church (15 miles west of Asheboro)

Children of Alson Kearns and Anna Ingram are:

- + 254 i. Cornelia Jane<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born 05 May 1858; died 27 June 1899 in Randolph County, NC.  
255 ii. William A. Kearns, born 19 December 1859 in Randolph County, NC; died 25 May 1926 in Randolph County, NC. He married Sarah Elizabeth Davis 31 May 1888 in Randolph County, NC; born 01 June 1870; died 22 April 1898 in Randolph County, NC.

More About William A. Kearns:  
Burial: Shepherd Methodist Church (15 miles west of Asheboro)

More About Sarah Elizabeth Davis:  
Burial: Shepherd Methodist Church (15 miles west of Asheboro)

- 256 iii. Robert S. Kearns, born Abt. 1868.

Notes for Robert S. Kearns:  
He was registered as a voter in the Tabernacle Township, Randolph County, NC

146. **Priscilla Lundy<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (Allen<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 March 1824. She married **Pennuel Arnold, Jr.** 05 January 1843 in Randolph County, NC.

Notes for Priscilla Lundy Kearns:  
They lived in Tabernacle Township, and had a farm on the Uwharrie River

Children of Priscilla Kearns and Pennuel Arnold are:

- 257 i. Ella<sup>7</sup> Arnold. She married G. S. Lambeth.  
258 ii. Jefferson Arnold. He married Unknown Pope.  
259 iii. Louisa Arnold.

Notes for Louisa Arnold:

Louisa was married first to a "Keen" (?), who died, and later married B. F. \_\_\_\_\_ of Back Creek Township.

- 260 iv. Miranda Arnold. She married I. J. Fuller.
- 261 v. Thomas Arnold. He married Unknown Perry.

**147. Penuel W.<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (Allen<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 06 October 1826, and died 21 July 1892. He married **Belinda Friendless Skeen** 20 November 1847. She was born 13 August 1828, and died 20 August 1893.

Notes for Penuel W. Kearns:

Penuel was an heir in Allen Kearns estate.

D. L. Gerdon, age 14, male, and white was living in the household during the 1850 census.

The 1860 census list Nancy Lawrence age 20, and Eliza Jones age 10 living in the household.

More About Penuel W. Kearns:

Burial: Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Davidson County, NC

More About Belinda Friendless Skeen:

Burial: Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Davidson County, NC

Children of Penuel Kearns and Belinda Skeen are:

- + 262 i. Allen Raynor<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born 03 August 1849; died 05 December 1939.
- 263 ii. Julius L. Kearns, born 24 July 1851; died 25 June 1862.

More About Julius L. Kearns:

Burial: Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Davidson County, NC

- 264 iii. Martha Senora Kearns, born 13 October 1854; died 18 November 1909.

**148. Rev. Isaac Franklin<sup>6</sup> Kearns** (Allen<sup>5</sup>, Isaac (Keeran)<sup>4</sup>, John Thomas (Keeran)<sup>3</sup>, Thomas (Keeran)<sup>2</sup>, Unknown (Kiernan)<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 August 1829 in Randolph County, NC, and died 07 February 1908. He married **Susanna J. Smith**. She was born 1834.

Notes for Rev. Isaac Franklin Kearns:

Isaac was a farmer when he enlisted at age 33 as a Private, 7 March 1862, in Company B, 52nd Regiment, NC Troops. He was wounded, and captured at Falling Waters, Maryland, 14 July 1863. He was exchanged, and returned to duty only to be wounded in the hand in Sept-Oct 1864. He was hospitalized at Richmond, VA, where he was captured 3 April 1865. He was transferred to Newport News, Virginia, and released 30 June 1865, after taking the Oath of Allegiance. \*NC TROOPS

Isaac was the minister of Salem Church in 1865, and owned what is now the Carl Green Nance house, across the road from the church.

More About Rev. Isaac Franklin Kearns:

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, High Point, Guilford County, NC

Children of Rev. Kearns and Susanna Smith are:

- 265 i. William R.<sup>7</sup> Kearns, born 1856. He married Sirona E. Russell 22 December 1872 in Randolph County, NC.
- 266 ii. Martha Kearns, born 1857.
- 267 iii. James Kearns, born 1860.
- 268 iv. Robert F. Kearns, born 1862. He married Sarah E. Gardner 05 November 1885 in Randolph County,

## Notes regarding discrepancies and errors

*Please be advised that this only follows the 2 direct ancestral Kearns lines of James "Jamie" Arthur Johnson.*

1. [p. 6](#): There is some confusion about the ancestry of Hannah Miller Kearns. However, [Sue Keirns Mulero](#) clears it up: "1. Top of page 6, paragraph 2, It says 'James, son of John and Ann'. The name Ann should be Mary. This is just an oversight as several other places he consistently says James' wife is Ann Cain. Also there are records that confirm James m. Ann Cain. Next error. 2. He had the right numbers but just mixed them up. He writes John was born in 1693 and James was born around 1700. Actually, James is the one who was born 1693 and Ann was born around 1700. They ... married in 1722." Further, there is clarifying information in Chapter XXIX of [Our Family Ancestors](#) by Thomas Maxwell Potts: "John Miller, son of John Miller, born at 'Breckenbrough, in y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Kerbywilk in Yorkshire' in 1633, went over to Ireland as a planter, in 1657, and married Ann Clibborn\*, daughter of William who was born in 1630, at Cowley, in the County of Durham. ...\* The Clibborns are an old and well-known family of Moate and other places in Ireland" (p. 245). Their children are William, Margaret, John (b. 1665 at Moate), Thomas, Abraham and Isaac (p. 245). The grandfather of Hannah Miller Kearns was John (b. 1665 at Moate) (p. 245). In the early 1700s, John and his kinfolk Gayen, Samuel and James settled in Chester Co., Pennsylvania (p. 246). "John Miller and his family [appear] to have arrived in Chester County about 1709, and settled in what is now Avondale" (p. 246). He was a Quaker (p. 246). "He married Mary Ignew, in Ireland, where some, if not all, [of] their children were born. He was elected a Member of Assembly in 1714, but died before the end of the year and before taking his seat. ... Mary Miller, his widow, died in 1730. leaving a will" (p. 246). Children of John and Mary (Ignew) Miller are James (b. 1st month, 1693 near Charlemont, County Armagh, Ireland), Mary, William, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth, Martha, Elinor and Susannah (p. 247). James Miller (b. 1st month, 1693 near Charlemont, County Armagh, Ireland) married "3 month 24, 1722, to Ann Cain (daughter of John and Ann), b. in County Armagh, and had children" Mary, Ann, Sarah, John, Joseph, Susannah, Hannah b. 1737, William and James (p. 247). Hannah b. 1737 is Hannah Miller Kearns. She is also mentioned in [Papers of the Historical Society of Delaware IX. The Records of Holy Trinity Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Del., from 1697 to 1773](#), p. 719, published by The

Historical Society of Delaware, 1890; and [\*Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania 1682-1750 with their early history in Ireland\*](#), p. 327, by Albert Cook Myers; and in [the will of James Miller](#).

2. [p. 9](#): Mentions that [C. Rebecca Webb Kearns](#)' first name was Charlotte though other sources have it as Cora. She went by Rebecca.
3. [p. 13](#): It says that [Thomas Kearns](#) (b. 19 Jan. 1776; m. Rebecca Ivey) died 12 December 1847 while other sources say he died 12 November 1847.
4. [p. 13](#): It erroneously lists [Rebecca Ivey](#)'s (wife of Thomas Kearns) mother as Celia Forest. This has been disproven. Genealogist Bob Baird disproves this and substantiates that Sally Reese is the mother of Rebecca Ivey on pp. 23-24 of his document "[The Line of Adam Ivey of Charles City County](#)".
5. [p. 13](#): It mentions Thomas Ivey (b. 1604) who married Ann Argent and migrated to America in 1625 being the parents of Adam Ivey. However, on page 5 of [The Line of Adam Ivey of Charles City County](#), Bob Baird shows this is another Adam Ivey line, not [my ancestral Ivey line](#).
6. [p. 14](#): The death date for [Elizabeth "Betsy" Kearns Johnson](#) is listed as 22 July 1899, and while this agrees with some sources, other sources, including the cemetery records have 21 July 1899.
7. [p. 18](#): [Silas K. Kearns](#) is listed as being born 24 December 1813, which disagrees with what's on [p. 23](#), which is also echoed in other sources: 23 December 1815.
8. [p. 19](#): [Margaret Jane Kearns](#) is listed as a sibling of [Silas Kearns](#), but she is his daughter as proven by his will on the bottom of [page 1](#) and top of [page 2](#) where it states, "my daughter Margaret Jane Cranford". While [p. 19](#) correctly lists her as marrying Matthew Coggin, it fails to mention her second marriage to [Wenborn W. Cranford](#). Wenborn and Margaret Cranford are my great-great grandparents.
9. [p. 23](#): [Silas Kearns](#) is listed as Silas G. Keeran, and Keeran is an earlier variation for Kearns. The issue is with the middle initial G. His middle initial was K, which is proved by his [will, codicil and probate document](#).
10. [p. 24](#): Lists one of the children of [Silas and Sarah \(Lassiter\) Kearns](#) as Margaret b. ca. 1838; m. Joshua Hurly, but Margaret married 1) Matthew Coggin and 2) [Wenborn W. Cranford](#), the latter of which substantiated by Silas' will on the bottom of [page 1](#) and top of [page 2](#) where it states, "my daughter Margaret Jane Cranford".

[p. 27](#): [Sarah \(Lassiter\) Kearns](#) is mentioned as being born 1816, though other sources have 5 January 1815. Thomas H. Kearns is listed as the one child of [Silas and Sarah \(Lassiter\) Kearns](#), but this omits their

daughter [Margaret Jane \(Kearns\) Cranford](#) as well as other children listed on [p. 23](#) and [p. 24](#).

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