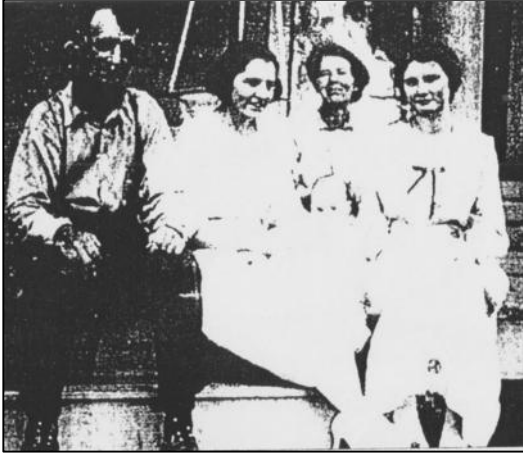


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## Kelly family asks public to preserve name of Kelly Road

By Lana Mini: C & G Staff Writer

Eastpointe, MI – Laura Kelly is hoping her words can convince city residents to avoid signing a proposal to change the name of Kelly Road to Eastpointe Boulevard.

*(Pictured is John Kelly Jr. in the 1800's whom Kelly road was named after and his family.*

The reason: Kelly Road represents metro-Detroit history. She happily tells the tales to prove it.

Laura Kelly is the great granddaughter of John Kelly Jr., the man whom Kelly Road was named after. In his honor, and out of respect for local history, Laura Kelly wants to keep the name of Kelly Road unchanged.

“These street names came from the early settlers of this area,” Laura Kelly said. “the names should be preserved and respected.”

Laura Kelly’s father, Kenneth Kelly, the grandson of John Kelly Jr., died 18 months ago; before the name change idea ever came about.

“My father would be very upset about this,” Kelly said.

Eastpointer resident George Lawroski is on a mission to change Kelly Road to Eastpointe Boulevard, and enact term limits for city council, the mayor and judges. He began collecting signatures last week.

Kelly, of Roseville, said she doesn’t mind either way about Lawroski’s term limit idea, but she does worry about the street name. She said before residents make a decision about whether to sign a street name change petitions, she wanted the history of Kelly Road known.

John Kelly Jr. was born on February 12, 1857 in Hamtramck. He was the son of Irish immigrant farmers who purchased 66 acres of land on Pumpkin Hook for \$6,250. When

his parents died, John Kelly Jr., took over the farm that sat directly across from where Denby High School in Detroit stands now.

John Kelly Jr. was also a justice of the peace. People from all over the area walked or rode horse-drawn carriages to the Kelly farm to conduct business.

The problem was the farmhouse was located on a dirt road, as homes were back then, and people often got lost in search of it.

So, one morning, John Kelly took a piece of wood and nailing it to an oak tree at the intersection of Pumpkin Hook Road and Taylor painted KELLY'S ROAD on it.

He posted the sign on the street and people found his home much easier.

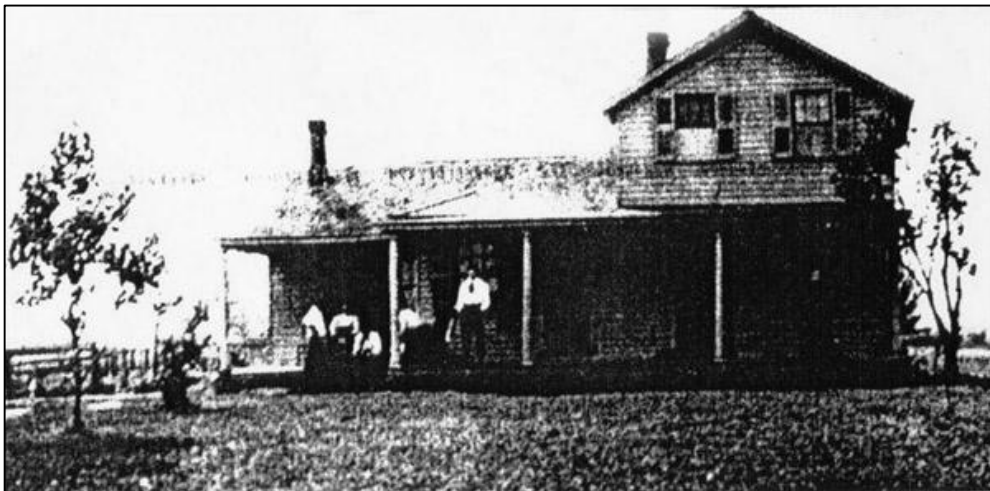
Years later, Kelly's Road was officially named Kelly Road.

When John Kelly Jr. died, he was buried in the Assumption Grotto Cemetery where other settlers like Schoenherr, Hayes and Young were buried. Although Kelly's grave was later re-located to another cemetery, Laura Kelly said seeing those other names, like Schoenherr who also had a major road named after him, meant something important. *(John Kelly Jr. is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 17100 Van Dyke Avenue, Detroit MI 48201- (313) 365-5650).*

*(Assumption Grotto Cemetery, Gratiot Ave bet 6 Mile & Maple Ridge, Detroit, MI. aka Assumption Cemetery). (John Kelly Sr. Kelly & his wife, Catherine Collins & Thomas Anthony Kelly are buried at Assumption Grotto Cemetery, Detroit, MI).*

“These are the people who founded our cities, this is our heritage.”

Kelly said her 52 first-cousins, some of whom live in Eastpointe, and descendants.....*to be continued when last lines are available.* <http://www.ajlambert.com>



John Kelly Jr. farmhouse was located across where Denby High School in Detroit stands now.

John Kelly Jr. – b. 12 February 1857, MI  
Mary Kelly – b. ca. 1866  
George Nichols Kelly  
Genevieve “Jennie” Kelly

US Census 1860 – Wayne County, Hamtramck, MI – Post Office, Detroit, MI

Dwl: 567 Family: 567 Line: 10

Kelly, John 44 M Farmer Scotland (*John Kelly Sr.*)  
Kelly, Catherine 44 F Housewife Scotland  
Kelly, Margaret 19 House help Scotland  
Kelly, Catherine 17 House help Scotland  
Kelly, Ellen 15 F House help Scotland  
Kelly, Mary 11 F Scotland  
Kelly, Sarah 9 F Canada  
Kelly, Elisa 7 F MI  
Kelly, Alice 5 F MI  
Kelly, John 3 M MI (*John Kelly Jr.*)  
Kelly, Isabelle 2 F MI  
Kelly, Thomas 3/12 M MI

US Census 1870 - Wayne County, Grosse Pointe, MI

Dwl: 77 Family: 76

Kelly, John 53 M W Farmer (Value of real estate, 2300) (Value of personal estate, 740) Ireland (Parents of Foreign Birth) (*John Kelly Sr.*)  
Kelly, Catherine 54 F W Keeping House Ireland (*Catherine Collins*)  
Kelly, Margerette 29 F W At Home Scotland  
Kelly, Rose 23 F W At Home Scotland  
Kelly, Mary 21 F W At Home Scotland  
Kelly, Sarah 19 F W At Home Canada  
Kelly, Elizabeth 17 F W At Home Michigan  
Kelly, Alice 15 F W At School Michigan  
Kelly, John 13 M W At School Michigan (*John Kelly Jr.*)  
(Grandson, *Kenneth Nicholas Kelly s/o Geneva “Jennie” Michaels & George Nichols Kelly. Kenneth Kelly md Gloria Gill, d/o Preston Stewart Gill & Addie Anderson.* (\*See Chapter 2 & Preston Stewart Gill Family Sheet at <http://www.ajlambert.com>). (*John Kelly Jr. born February 12, 1857 in Hamtramck, MI.*)  
Kelly, Isabell 12 F W At School Michigan  
Kelly, Thomas 10 M W At School Michigan

US Census 1920 – Gratiot Township, Wayne Co., MI – Kelly Road - Enumeration Dist. #683

3711 Dwl: 18 Family: 20 Line: 6 Ancestry.com image #3

Kelly, John Head M W Owns Free 62 Married Farmer At Home MI Scotland Scotland  
(Parents mother tongue is English) (*John Kelly Jr., s/o John Kelly Sr. & Catherine Collins*)  
Kelly, Mary Wife F W 54 Married MI MI Germany  
(Mother’s mother tongue is German).  
Kelly, Alexander Son M W 26 Single Carpenter Building Contractor MI MI MI  
Kelly, Alvin Son M W 20 Single Farm Worker Home Farm MI MI MI  
Kelly, Marion Dau F W 16 Single MI MI MI  
Kelly, Rose Dau F W 12 Single MI MI MI

US Census 1930 – Wayne Co., Detroit City, MI – Hoyt Ave. - Enumeration Dist. #835

14160 Dwl: 463 Line: 29

Kelly, Mary A. Head F W Owns (Value of home: \$7, 330) 65 Widow MI MI Germany  
(*Mary A., w/o John Kelly Jr.*)  
Kelly, Edwin Son M W 30 Single Lathe Operator at the Auto Factory MI MI MI  
Kelly, Marion Dau F W 27 Single Lavatory Worker at a Drug Factory MI MI MI  
Kelly, Rose Dau F W 22 Single Lavatory Worker at a Drug Factory MI MI MI

\*See Story: KEEPING TRADITION DOWN THE ROAD

MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY, located 17100 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit, MI 48234-3975

**George Nichols Kelly** –

**Genevieve “Jennie” (Michaels) Kelly** –

**John Kelly Jr.** – b. 12 February 1857, MI - s/o John Kelly Sr. & Catherine Collins

**Mary A. Kelly** -

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**Catherine (Collins) Kelly** – b. 22 June 1815 – d. 25 January 1891 – *May her soul rest in peace.*

Thomas Anthony Kelly – b. 12 January 1936 – d. 19 September 2002 – *Sgt. U.S. Marine Corps.*

Children of George Nichols Kelly & Genevieve “Jennie” Young:

Eileen Kelly

**Kenneth Nicholas Kelly** - b. 27 January 1922, Detroit, MI – d. 29 March 1995, MI - *md Gloria Gill.*

Donald Kelly

John (called Robert & Bob) Kelly

William G. Kelly – b. 18 March 1927, MI- d. 9 August 2004, MI on a Thursday – md Esther Jean Scherlies

*William G. Kelly was cremated. Funeral was held at: Will & Schwarzkoff Funeral Home, Mt. Clemens, MI*

Lois Kelly – *Lois (Max) Kelly Rodgers*

Patrica Kelly - *Pat Kelly Rent*

James Kelly

John “Jack” Kelly

Thomas “Tom” Anthony Kelly - b. 12 January 1936 – d. 19 September 2002 – *Sgt. U.S. Marine Corps.*

*Thomas Anthony Kelly was cremated and his ashes placed on top of John Kelly Sr’s grave at the Assumption Grotto Cemetery, Detroit, MI.*

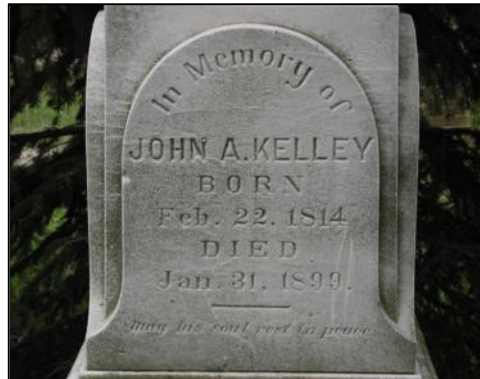
WILLIAM G. KELLY Obituary: Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI: August 10, 2004

Age 77, August 9, 2004. Husband of the late Esther. Father of Kathy (Tom) Lock, Tim Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Lori (Rod) Friedsberg, Denise (Mark) Folk, and James Kelly. Grandfather of 13. Great-grandfather of 14. Brother of James Kelly, John Kelly, Lois (Max) Rodgers, and Pat Rent. Funeral Thursday 12 p.m. at the Will & Schwarzkoff FH, 233 NB Gratiot Ave., Mt. Clemens. Visitation 3-9 Wednesday.

RESURRECTION CEMETERY -located at 18201 Clinton River Road in Clinton Township. 18201 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan 48038

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