

# People

High-12 has  
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lunch

The High Twelve Club and their ladies will have a special valentine luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 2, at St. Andrews Clubhouse 4. Lunch will be served promptly at 11:30. Reservations are limited and must be made by Saturday, Jan. 28. Call Art Luchs at 430-0710. The regular monthly meeting on Thursday morning in Northwood Clubhouse 3 has been cancelled.

Resident searches for her roots

## Kerr overcomes obstacles to find her family

by April Heath  
staff writer

No hardships in Russia, no missing persons, no religious or ethnic persecutions, not even the veil of the cold war could stop Dot Kerr from finding her German roots.

"It was so exciting. You can't imagine the thrill...of finding cousins you never knew you had" said Kerr, a determined Leisure Worldeer.

Inspired by her father's story that he had been born in Russia, not Germany, Kerr (formerly Schmidt) started searching for her family history in 1968, but she added "I started hitting stone walls."

"According to the Russians, the town he was from had never existed, documents conflicted on everything. Whole communities had been obliterated, wiped off the face of the Earth, as if they never existed."

Finally, from her letter-writing campaigns, Kerr's name was given to a priest in South Dakota, who was writing a book on Germans from Russia.

According to the writer, these Germans were enticed by Catherine the Great to settle in Russia. Those Germans longing to escape from economic difficulties and occasional religious persecution in their homeland, migrated to the Volga and Black Sea regions of Russia in numbers totalling more than 100,000. After many died on the hard and torturous trip there, they did not find the wonderful conditions which they had been led to believe would be awaiting them.

Instead, they found themselves subjected to the most primitive living conditions and faced countless hardships, including recurrent raids and massacres by Asiatic tribes, reducing the original number of immigrants by nearly one-half. But hard work had been a fact of life for these German farmers, and they were a persevering and industrious people. Within a short time,



Dot Kerr taught herself the art of genealogy while looking for her German roots in Russia.

Russian people, so they continued to have a 16th-century German dialect, much different from their own 20th century German brothers.

With their history revealed to Kerr, she understood why there were few records of her family. The Russians had renamed the German towns as they conquered them.

"I was beginning to think my dad was a wet-back from Russia," she said.

The priest responded to her letter by informing her that a group called the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia was forming. She asked who was their Southern California chairman.

"You are," was the reply.

"Well, I was too busy. At the time, I was on the board of the International Legal Secretaries Association. I just didn't have enough time. I was so involved with everything else."

She declined, but she did attend the convention, accompanied by her mother.

"She wouldn't let me leave her alone. She said, 'I've never been to a convention. What do I do?' I told her, 'You've got a name tag and you can talk to anybody who will talk to you.'"

"When I came back, my mother had a group around her. She had found two people who were my cousins."

As the mystery of the Germans from Russia began to unravel, Kerr became more and more obsessed with tracing her family tree.

"I cried. I finally knew where I came from."

She started with only the names of her grandparents and has located her line through five to six lines into the late 18th century.

Kerr uses anything and everything to trace her past: birth and marriage certificates, census reports, letters, news clippings.

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they had established thriving agriculture-based colonies. Season after season, granaries were filled, and fruits and vegetables were harvested.

What makes the history of these people unique is that in each new settlement they totally retained their German culture and way of life. They never mixed with the

20th century German brothers.

After 100 years, however, the czar of Russia revoked their agreement with Catherine the Great, eliminated their churches and schools, and told them to relinquish their holdings and to serve in the military. Harassment and persecution from native Russians became widespread. The unsympathetic nation killed off most of the Russian Germans and sent others to Siberia.

Once again, emigration was the response. From the 1870's into the early 20th century, thousands of these Germans in Russia left for the new promised land. Most arrived unable to communicate in their new land and worked their way across the United States to settle as farmers in North Dakota. There, they finally were able to establish a comfortable way of life for themselves far beyond their basic hopes for freedom from hunger, from persecution and from fear.

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"It gets to be exciting. You find a name and you've got to prove it is your great, great, grandfather."

She formed a local chapter of Germans from Russia in 1971. Now, more than 100 families belong to the Southern California chapter, in which Kerr will be installed as president, for the third time, as the group gathers Sunday, Jan. 29, at Hansa Haus, 1840 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim.

The group, which makes its headquarters in Nebraska, works to preserve the heritage and history of its ancestors. It has established a repository for historical data and artifacts of German immigrants from Russia, and researches the ancestral migrations and genealogical backgrounds of the membership. One of its more famous members is Lawrence Welk.

Kerr, according to a fellow member, has served in all of the offices and was the chapter's founder.

"She is really one of the kingpins in our group. She's a very forceful woman...She gets things done," said Don McKnight.

Many LWers are familiar with her strength, as she is a natural leader, active in several LW groups including LW Republican Women Club, the LW Cribbage Club, the LW Dakota Club and several travel clubs. She is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the International Legal Secretaries Association. When not traveling or working for clubs or organizations, Kerr operates her own antique store in the Westminster Mall. Kerr had started as a collector, but finally decided she wanted to sell the treasures.

"I'm having more fun as an old lady," she said.

Recently, Kerr traveled to Germany to visit one of the small townships her ancestors had lived in.

"So little had been changed. I felt like I belonged. It felt like home," she said.

Among her relatives, Kerr found that they have many similar characteristics.

"I haven't found one who didn't like to talk," she said, laughing. "I think they're very strong people. I don't mean only physically but very positive in their thinking, upbeat...They are also impatient."

And she's impatient, she conceded. "There's just too much to do and too little time to do it."

They also all carried advanced degrees and many were professionals, she said. However, she is quick to add, "They had the courage I would never have had."

Kerr  
7-1-1840**Will of John Kerr – Revolutionary Soldier****Dated Apr. 6, 1840****Entered for Probate 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1841****Box 4 – No. 159**

In the name of God I John Kerr of McLean Co. in the State of Illinois being in perfect health of body and of sound mind, memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs thereof and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence; Do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: that is to say. Firstly and principally, I commit my immortal spirit into the care of almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried in the south east corner of my late son Jacob Kerr's garden in the same manner and form as my late dearly beloved wife was, with a good fence, the same as my wife's in every particular whatever with a grave stone corresponding with my wife's, in manner and form following. Sacred to the memory of John Kerr, a soldier of the Revolution in 1776 who departed be, and after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows-Viz. Item, I give devise and bequeath to the heirs of my son Walter Kerr, deceased, to my daughter Eleanor Criviling, to my son, Joseph Kerr, to the heirs of my son John Kerr, deceased, twenty-five cents. My reasons – they have received from me what I consider their share of my estate. I give unto my son Thomas Kerr fifty dollars. I give unto my grand daughter Marcia Ann Noble, Twenty-five dollars. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Noble fifty dollars. Also to my daughter, Marcia Buck, seventy-five dollars. The reason is she has the honor of bearing her mother's name whose life has been honorable to herself and her posterity. Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Harrison N. Kerr, one hundred dollars to be placed at interest immediately upon the demise of myself to the best advantage for the use of the said Harrison N. Kerr. Also I give and bequeath to my grandson Joseph Kerr fifty dollars. Also I give and bequeath to my granddaughter (sic) Harriet R. Kerr, fifty dollars. Also I give and bequeath to the said Harriet R. Kerr all my household furniture and my two beds and bedding said beds and bedding to be kept in good repair until said Harriet can lawfully possess the same. The money for the payment of the above legacies is in the estate and due to me from my late son, Jacob Kerr. Lastly I do here by constitute and appoint my son, Thomas Kerr and Hiram Buck to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament Revoking and annulling all former wills by me hereto for made and ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof, I, John Kerr, have to this my will consisting of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal at the bottom of this.

I give and bequeath unto Amanda Melsina Buck, my granddaughter, one half of all my household furniture, beds and bedding and not the whole of it as described above to Harriet R. Kerr but only an equal share to said Harriet. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, Thomas Kerr, and my son-in-law Hiram Buck to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me hereto for made and ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. My said executors will bury me with the Honors of War and invite Capt Moses Baldwin with 7 men for the first salute & Capt. George Martin with 6 men for the second salute, it being in honor of my defense of the 13 states. In testimony whereof I, John Kerr,

have to this my will, consisting of one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal at the bottom of this paper this sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Signed, sealed and delivered by John Kerr the above named Testator as his last will & testament in presence of the undersigned witnesses.

John Kerr (seal)

Thomas Sperry  
Elwood Griest

Copied from *McLean County Illinois Records, Book V, Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter D. A. R., Bloomington, Illinois 1952*, in the Stevenson-Ives Library at the McLean County Museum of History.

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John C. Kerr (or, more often, Karr) was born in Tinicum, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1758. He served as a Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey Militia, in the Revolutionary War. In about 1780, he married Mercy Lee, daughter of Phillip and Margaret Lee. Their children were Walter (1781-May 15, 1823 -- died in Ohio); Eleanor (wife of John Creveling [or Crivling]); Joseph; William (October 10, 1790-November 22, 1846); John W., who died February 25, 1832 at 42 years of age; Thomas (April 23, 1793-September 10, 1878); Rebecca (wife of David Noble); Nancy (who married Joseph Noble in 1822); Mercy (Buck); and Jacob (July 27, 1798-April 1 1840).

In the 1790s, the family moved to Mansfield Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. In 1810, they moved on to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1811, they went on up the Ohio River for about ten miles, and there they stayed three years. Captain Kerr came to McLean County, Illinois, in 1839 (apparently following his son Dr. Thomas who had purchased land in Randolph's Grove in 1833. The pension census shows that John was living with "Tharasco" Karr in 1840.) Captain Kerr died near LeRoy, Illinois, on December 16, 1840. Records indicate both he and his wife are buried in Heyworth Cemetery. Whether they were originally buried on the farm and have been moved is not easily determined (or, for that matter, if they are actually buried in that cemetery. The stone indicates that Mercy died in Ohio.)

Sources: *McLean County (Illinois) Cemeteries - Volume 16-1*, Bloomington-Normal Genealogical Society, 1987; *Soldiers of the Revolution and the War of 1812 Buried in McLean County, Illinois*, originally compiled by Milo Custer, Bloomington, Illinois, 1912; *Good Old Days in McLean County, Illinois*, by Dr. E. Duis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, McKnight & McKnight Publishing Company, Bloomington, Illinois, 1869; and *A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services*, Blair and Rives, Washington, 1841 (reprinted by Southern Book Co., Baltimore, in 1954); *DAR Lineage Book - Volume XXI*, 1897.

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## Hidden in Plain View: The Discovery of the Grave of James Kerr

By Florence Dunbar Kerr

Perhaps James' grave was never really lost for there may be some among his many descendents who located his grave before my daughters and I did. However, no one I talked to or corresponded with could tell me where it was and none of the cemetery records for Cumberland Township in Greene County, Pennsylvania, list a James Kerr with a spouse by the name of Betsy Boke Kerr. While it is true that James' name first appears in 1800 on the tax roles of Buffaloe<sup>1</sup> Township Washington Country, Pennsylvania, and that he is known to have remained there until 1820, where he is classified as being over 45,<sup>2</sup> James left Buffaloe Township shortly after 1820, for in 1821 he purchased 100 acres in Cumberland Township in Greene County.<sup>3</sup> We also find him in the 1830 Census for Cumberland Township.<sup>4</sup> Since Beers (1893) also states that James moved to Cumberland Township and adds the phrase "where he and his wife died," Cumberland Township seemed to be the logical place to find the graves of both James and Betsy.<sup>5</sup>

There are two main cemeteries in or near Carmichaels, which is the town closest to James' acreage and also to that of his older brother, Archibald, whose land abutted that of James and Betsy.<sup>6</sup> The newer cemetery is called Laurel Point and the older one, the one on which we concentrated our search, is called Glades

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Cemetery. Glades Cemetery is located southeast of Carmichaels on State Route 88 on a hillside, which lies behind a church once known as New Providence Church. New Providence Church was built in 1880 to replace an older church called Glades Presbyterian Church that had been erected at the bottom of the hillside in 1836.<sup>7</sup> The oldest burials, therefore, are to be found at the bottom of the hill near the spot where the old church stood. Some of the death dates on older stones are in the early 1800's.

On June 12, 1998 my daughters and I visited Glades Cemetery. At that time we were looking for the grave of Mary Huston Kerr, their third great grandmother. Since the graves at Glades are laid out in rows as in a military cemetery, rather than in plots, we began our search at the bottom of the hill and climbed the unpaved road which bisects the property. About half way up we found Mary Huston's grave on the left or North side. We felt very excited as we paid our respect to the matriarch of the family, the oldest ancestor known to have been born in America. The following inscription had been chiseled into Mary's stone:

Mary Kerr  
Wife of A. Kerr  
Died Jan 11, 1859  
In the 87<sup>th</sup> year of living

Four lines of poetry followed but only the third and fourth were legible. They read:

GRAVES OF THE  
YOUNG MEN  
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Thus will her happy soul rejoice  
To hear her blessed savior's voice

We did not expect to find Mary's husband Archibald Kerr buried beside her since we knew that he had died while they were living in Virginia in a section that is now part of West Virginia and is buried there. We studied the nearby graves and noted Mary had not been buried with any of her immediate family, rather all the graves to the right of Mary were those of members of James Kerr's family. One of the graves is that of Margaret Hughes who was the daughter of the Archibald Kerr who was a son of James and Betsy. Another grave is that of Margaret's mother Hannah Kerr, the first wife of the same Archibald Kerr. After several graves with no head stones or perhaps empty spaces, we came to another stone (see attached picture) on which we found the inscription:

James Kerr  
who departed this life  
July 5, 1856  
Aged 64

At first this grave seemed another exciting find until we realized that the dates on the stone could not be those of the James Kerr who married Betsy Boke. Since there was enough information on the stone to calculate the birth year, we determined that the James Kerr whose grave this was would have been born in 1792. He could not have come to America from Ireland in the late 1780's with his parents and brothers.<sup>8,9</sup> This James would also have been too young to be the

father of the children he is known to have sired, the oldest having been born in 1801 (see attached Family Genealogy for James Kerr). Besides there was no gravestone for Betsy. When we had the opportunity, we checked our reading of the gravestone inscription with Dorothy T. Hennen's reading of this stone provided in her publication, Cemetery Records of Green County, Pennsylvania, for Cumberland Township<sup>10</sup> and found that our reading matched hers.

In September of 2000 my daughter Beth and I returned to Carmichaels to attend a Kerr mini-reunion that had been planned for noon on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We arrived a few days early, however, in order to do some research in the Greene County Court House in Waynesburg. We started our work in the Recorder's Office on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> soon after the Court House opened and spent the entire morning looking for the wills of various members of the Kerrs of Cumberland Township. One of wills for which we searched was, of course, that of James Kerr. A lucky find and the help of an excellent clerk made the search rewarding. In an old index we found a James with a last name spelled KEER and decided to find his will only to learn that this James died intestate. The clerk, however, said that she would find the estate papers for James KEER since only staff members are allowed to handle them (one can see why since the estate papers, which had been filed in 1836, were 164 years old and very fragile).



After the clerk found the estate papers, showed them to us, and made copies for us to study, we realized that we had, in reality not the estate for a James KEER but the estate papers of the James KERR we were looking for. Although Betsy Boke Kerr was not mentioned, their children are prominent in the papers. The date on which the Letters of Administration was granted was July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1836, which would suggest that James had died not too long before that date.

The will book says only "Letters of Administration granted to Archibald Kerr and Jacob Wyly (sic; a more common spelling is Wiley) July 18, 1836. Bond posted with Alford Gregg and Samuel Cleavenger, Esqr. as sureties, taken same day." The estate papers are more extensive and more interesting than the will book but they are faded and somewhat difficult to read. The Archibald Kerr who was one of the executors was probably James' younger son Archibald who was 22 and unmarried in 1836. Jacob Wyly was probably a relative of John Wiley who was married to James' daughter Sarah. Alford Gregg was James' daughter Mary's husband.

The court paper included among the estate papers stated that the executors as well as those who had provided bond were "firmly bound with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the sum of \$800" and were charged with making "a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels, and credits of the said

deceased....” The court paper then indicates that the executors are to make “ a true and just account of the administration at or before the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837.”

Archibald and Jacob did not wait long to comply with the order to make a complete inventory of James’ possessions. Charles Swan and James Curl were each paid \$1.00 to make the listing and their completed work is dated July 20, 1836 which is only 33 days after James died and two days after the letters of administration were granted. They did take the year allotted, however, before they gave a “true and just account” of their administration. Apparently a sale was required for three persons were paid a total of \$5.08 to advertise one to be held on August 6, 1837 (a Sunday).

There is no way of knowing just how the sale was conducted. It can be noted, however, that both Levi Blackledge and Richard Swan were paid \$2.00 for serving as Criers so it may be that the sale was an auction. However, they also may have been court officials. What is important to the reader is that the name of the successful buyer of each item is recorded, providing the opportunity to determine whether any of James and Betsy’s children were included among them. And they surely were.

- ◆ Margaret, the daughter who never married, purchased many things; items included 2 Barrels with salt in for \$.45, 1 Quill Wheel for \$.35, 1 Reel for \$.12, one half doz chairs for \$.50, 1 Churn for \$.50, 1 Coffee Mill for \$.25 and a lot of family books for \$.20.
- ◆ William, the older son, bought 1 black horse for \$63.12 and one Brindle Cow for \$13.00. He also purchased 10 bushels of wheat at \$1.00 per bushel,

- ◆ Alford Gregg, James Kerr's son-in-law, bought a Haystack, one of six sold. Alford's wife, Mary, bought a Bake Griddle for .71.
- ◆ James' daughter, Sarah Wiley, bought 1 Candle Mold for \$.06 1/2. Sarah's husband, John, bought a Stack of Hay for \$5.40.
- ◆ Benjamin Groomes, James Kerr's daughter Isabelle's husband, bought 1 Parcel Flax for \$.12, a Spinning Wheel for \$.12, a Tablecloth for \$.31 and a Case and Drawer for \$3.62.
- ◆ An Emeline Kerr is listed as having bought quite a few things. She may have been James' daughter who is referred to as Emily in another legal paper.<sup>11</sup>

Only two of James and Betsy's nine children did not purchase anything at the sale: Anna Elizabeth, the youngest child who would have been 17 in 1837, and Rachel, the eldest daughter who was probably with her husband William Wilson in Buffaloe Township, Washington County at the time. There can be no doubt, however, that these were the estate papers of the James Kerr who married Betsy Boke, even though Betsy is never mentioned.<sup>12</sup>

On the following day, the day of the reunion, my daughter and her fourth cousin once removed, Roberta, who had driven in from out of state to attend the reunion, and I had an early breakfast and then drove to Laurel Point Cemetery. Since it was Roberta's first visit to the area, we were interested in finding the grave of her third great grandfather, George Baird Kerr, and in showing her the graves of the many other Kerrs who are buried at Laurel Point. Then we went to Glades Cemetery and showed Roberta Mary Huston's grave. Next we turned our attention to the nearby gravestone of James Kerr. Our goal on this visit was to learn whether we, as well as Dorothy Hennen, had perhaps misread the death date in the

inscription. We, meaning my daughter Beth and I, as Roberta knew nothing about James or the problem we had faced when we first found James' gravestone.

Since our time was limited, we used a technique which I had read about in an Ohio newspaper to make the inscription more legible.<sup>13</sup> We sprayed the stone with shaving cream which was easy to do because, unlike the two gravestones to the right which were bent forward at a 45 degree angle, James Kerr's stone stood as upright as the day it was placed at the head of the grave. We removed any excess foam with quick swipes of a window blade so that only the foam in the indentations remained. This created a whiteness that stood out against the dark fieldstone from which the gravestone had been cut. Since Roberta did not know what Beth and I hoped the inscription would say, we asked her to read the highlighted inscription and her immediate response was:

James Kerr  
Who departed this life  
July 5, 1836  
Aged 64

Beth and I agreed. It was as we had guessed it might be. What we now saw was a "3" in 1836 that had been misread as a "5." We knew that this was the grave we had been looking for. The date not only agreed with the one found in the estate papers but also made James Kerr's birth year 1772. He was young enough to have come from Ireland with his parents and brothers and old enough to have been the father of his nine children.

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Rain was threatening so we hastily took pictures of the highlighted gravestone and then hurried off to the Hartley Inn Restaurant in Carmichaels where we had a friendly get together with other members of the Kerr family who were able to attend the reunion. While we were eating lunch the sprinkles which had started to fall just as we left Glades Cemetery turned into a hard rain. As the rain continued to fall, I realized the highlighting on the inscription would soon be washed away and James Kerr's grave would again be hidden in plain view.

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> The spelling Buffaloe is found in the 1830 census records for Buffaloe Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. M19 Reel 163.

<sup>2</sup> Gail Gregg Ferris- genealogical documents for the James Kerr-Betsy Boke line provided February 21, 2000.

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<sup>4</sup> M19 Reel 162. 1830 Census Records for Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. Begins page 335.

1830 Census records for		James Kerr
Males		Females
2	Age 15-20	1 Age 5-10
1	Age 50-60	1 Age 10-15
		1 Age 15-20
		1 Age 20-30
		1 Age 50-60

<sup>5</sup> Beers, J. H. and Co., *Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pennsylvania* (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1893). Page 1467. Transcribed February 1997 by Neil and Marilyn Morton of Oswego, IL as part of the Beers Project. Published February 1997 on the Washington County, PA USGenWeb pages at <http://www.chartiers.com/>

<sup>6</sup> Gail Gregg Ferris- genealogical documents for the James Kerr-Betsy Boke line provided February 21, 2000.

<sup>7</sup> An article by Andrew J. Waychoff entitled *The History of Greene County and Southwestern Pennsylvania* was reprinted in 1975 by The Greene County Historical Society. Unfortunately the date of the original printing was not included in the part of the history I copied at the Fleniken Library in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. In Mr. Waychoff's comments about Glades Church he states that a two-story 30' by 35' log cabin preceded the church built 1836 and was used for about 25 years. His article also states that Glades Church made an application to the Redstone Presbytery for a supply (minister) in 1781 so the church was apparently organized even earlier. It was Mr. Waychoff's belief that the area around the Glades Church was the first settled community in Greene County.

<sup>8</sup> We are certain that James Kerr was born in Ireland. In 1880 when, for the first time, the United States Census required each person to indicate where his or her parents were born, five of James Kerr and Betsy Boke Kerr's children are known to have responded that their father was born in Ireland and their mother in Pennsylvania. These responses can be located in the 1880 Census for Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.

- ♦ William Kerr, Age 76, Page 26, Dwelling 251, Household 251.
- ♦ Mary Kerr Gregg, Age 75, dwelling in the household of her son James K. Gregg, Page 37, Dwelling 365, Household 367.
- ♦ Isabelle Kerr Grooms, Age 71, dwelling in the household of her son Archabald (sic) Grooms, Page 22, Dwelling 210, Household 210.
- ♦ Sara Kerr Wiley, Age 68, Page 6, Dwelling 64, Household 75. She is listed under her husband's name (John Wiley) as Sara.
- ♦ Archabald (sic) Kerr, Age 65, Page 23, Dwelling 216, Household 216.

<sup>9</sup> While there is some uncertainty about the date William Kerr (James's father) and his family came from Ireland to North America, we tend to believe that it was soon after the close of the Revolutionary War which ended in 1783 when travelers found it safer to come by sea. The descendants of Canada (or Kennedy) Kerr, one of James' younger brothers, have indicated to Mrs. Dean Horner that their records suggest that the family came in 1787. Mrs. Horner's grandmother, Annie Frances Hurst (1875-1963) the wife of Charles Elliott Kerr, wrote a family history in the 1940's in which she stated that the family stopped in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for awhile before moving on to Washington County in 1794. (Personal letter from Mrs. Dean Horner to Florence Dunbar Kerr, dated August 14, 1997).

<sup>10</sup> Volume 3. 1975. Page 147. Reprinted by the Cornerstone Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 547, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

<sup>11</sup> In 1842 heirs of James Kerr deeded their portions of the farm to Alford Gregg. This deed identifies James' children as Margaret, Rachel, William, Isabella, Sarah, Archibald, Emily, Ann Eliza, and Mary. Gail Gregg Ferris-genealogical documents for the James Kerr-Betsy Boke line provided February 21, 2000.

<sup>12</sup> Others who made purchases at the sale (listed in the estate papers for James Kerr) included: James Curl, Henry Sharpnack, William Horner, Andrew McClallum, John Neff, Alfred Frost, William Horner (of Thomas), Jacob Hanesbury, Charles Swan, Samuel Swan, Jacob Cree, William Armstrong, William Armstrong, Jr., James Kerr (probably the son of James Kerr's

brother Archibald Kerr), Samuel Heavin, David Scott, Abraham Neff, George Barber, Swan Lucas, Barnet Hill, George Martin, and George Wiley. To give an idea of the number of possible buyers, the 1830 Census for Cumberland Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania lists a total of 1896 free individuals. M19 Reel 162. Begins page 325.

<sup>13</sup> Rock of Ages, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Monday July 27, 1998. Section B, Page 1. This article reports on a project of the Genealogical Society of Lake County, Ohio which involves transcribing the information from all the grave stones in the county. In 1998, when the article appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, one of the methods members of the organization were using to make the transcriptions was the shaving cream and wiper blade method. However, they and other genealogists NO LONGER USE THIS METHOD as it apt to damage the protective coating on the gravestones and hasten the effects of erosion.

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**Attached:**

1. Picture of the gravestone for James Kerr in Glades Cemetery.
2. Family Genealogy for James Kerr

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### Gravestone for James Kerr

Glades Cemetery is located near Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, on State Route 88 at the intersection with Glade Run Road. The cemetery is on a hillside. An unpaved road, which runs parallel to Glade Run Road, bisects the cemetery. James Kerr's grave is on the North side (viewer's left if facing Route 88 from the bottom of the hill) and midrow on the left about half way up the unpaved road. James Kerr's gravestone is in the foreground of the picture. The church in the background is on Route 88. This picture was taken in June 1998.



## Descendants of James Kerr

### Generation No. 1

I. JAMES<sup>2</sup> KERR (*WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> was born 1772 in Ireland<sup>5,6</sup>, and died 05 July 1836 in Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>7,8</sup>. He married ELIZABETH BOKE<sup>9,10,11</sup>. She was born Bet. 1761 - 1784 in PA<sup>12,13</sup>, and died Aft. 1830 in Greene Co., PA<sup>14,15</sup>.

More About JAMES KERR:

Burial Site: Glades Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>16</sup>

Occupation 1: Blacksmith<sup>17</sup>

Children of JAMES KERR and ELIZABETH BOKE are:

- i. RACHEL<sup>3</sup> KERR<sup>18,19</sup>, b. 31 May 1801, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>19,20,21</sup>, d. 02 August 1848<sup>22,23</sup>, m. WILLIAM WILSON<sup>24,25</sup>, 1830, PA<sup>26</sup>, b. 18 March 1789<sup>27,28</sup>, d. 27 April 1868<sup>29,30</sup>.

More About RACHEL KERR:

Burial Site: East Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>31,32</sup>

More About WILLIAM WILSON:

Burial Site: East Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>33,34</sup>

Occupation 1: Wheelwright and chair maker<sup>35</sup>

- ii. MARGARET KERR<sup>36,37</sup>, b. Abt. 1802, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>38,39</sup>.
- iii. WILLIAM KERR<sup>40,41,42,43</sup>, b. 08 August 1803, Washington Co., PA<sup>44,45</sup>, d. 27 October 1891, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>46,47</sup>, m. ELIZABETH CURL<sup>48,49,50,51,52</sup>, 01 January 1824, Carmichaels, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>53,54,55</sup>, b. 06 July 1805, PA<sup>56,57</sup>, d. 29 August 1874, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>58,59,60</sup>.

More About WILLIAM KERR:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>61,62,63</sup>

Occupation 1: Saddle-tree maker<sup>64,65</sup>

Occupation 2: Tinsmith<sup>66</sup>

Occupation 3: Farmer<sup>67</sup>

More About ELIZABETH CURL:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>68</sup>

- iv. MARY KERR<sup>69,70,71,72</sup>, b. 31 January 1805, Taylorstown, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>73,74,75</sup>, d. 11 September 1899, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>76</sup>, m. ALFORD GREGG<sup>77,78,79,80</sup>, 1825, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>81</sup>, b. 10 October 1798, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>82,83,84</sup>, d. 03



April 1867<sup>85,86</sup>.

More About MARY KERR:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>86</sup>

More About ALFORD GREGG:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>86</sup>

Occupation 1: Farmer<sup>87</sup>

- v. ISABELLA KERR<sup>88,89</sup>, b. 1808, PA<sup>90,91,92</sup>; d. 1881, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>93,94</sup>; m. BENJAMIN GROOMES<sup>95,96</sup>, Abt. 1827, PA<sup>97</sup>; b. 1798, MD<sup>98,99,100</sup>; d. 1856, PA<sup>101,102</sup>.

More About ISABELLA KERR:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>103</sup>

More About BENJAMIN GROOMES:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>103</sup>

Occupation 1: Farmer<sup>104</sup>

- vi. SARAH KERR<sup>105,106</sup>, b. 1811, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>107,108,109</sup>; d. 1887, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>110,111</sup>; m. JOHN WILEY<sup>112,113</sup>; b. 1810, PA<sup>114,115</sup>; d. 1889<sup>115</sup>.

More About SARAH KERR:

Burial Site: Glades Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>115,116</sup>

More About JOHN WILEY:

Burial Site: Glades Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>117,118</sup>

Occupation 1: Farmer<sup>119</sup>

- vii. ARCHIBALD KERR<sup>120,121,122,123</sup>, b. 22 June 1814, Buffalo Twp., Washington Co., PA<sup>124,125,126,127</sup>; d. 02 November 1893, Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA<sup>128,129,130</sup>; m. (1) HANNAH REX<sup>131,132</sup>, 15 November 1838, Greene Co., PA<sup>133,134,135</sup>; b. 02 August 1821<sup>136,137</sup>; d. 18 January 1852, Greene Co., PA<sup>138,139,140,141</sup>; m. (2) JANE DAVIS<sup>142</sup>, 29 June 1852, Greene Co., PA<sup>143,144,145</sup>; b. 09 March 1817, Pa<sup>146,147,148</sup>; d. 17 December 1892, Greene Co., PA<sup>149,150,151</sup>.

More About ARCHIBALD KERR:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>152</sup>

Occupation 1: Farmer<sup>153,154</sup>

More About HANNAH REX:

Burial Site: Glades Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>155,156</sup>

More About JANE DAVIS:

Burial Site: Laurel Point Cemetery, Carmichaels, Greene Co., PA<sup>157</sup>

- viii. EMILY KERR<sup>158</sup>, b. Bef. 1820, PA<sup>158</sup>, m. SAMUEL MURDOCK<sup>158</sup>.
- ix. ANNA ELIZABETH KERR<sup>159,160,161</sup>, b. 01 July 1820, Taylorstown, Washington Co., PA<sup>162,163,164</sup>, d. 28 April 1915, Portland, Clackamas Co., OR<sup>165,166</sup>, m. LEWIS GREENLEE<sup>167,168</sup>, 1842<sup>169</sup>, b. 27 July 1814<sup>170,171</sup>, d. May 1902<sup>172,173</sup>.

More About LEWIS GREENLEE:

Occupation 1: Sadler<sup>174</sup>

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<http://cgi.rootsweb.com/~genbbs/genbbs.cgi/USA/Pa/GreeneObits>. In an E-mail message to Beth Kerr 21 June 2000, Gaylene Banister said she has a photocopy of the obituary that was given to her and that she suspects it was printed in the Waynesburg, PA paper. The copy does not indicate the source or date.
174. *1850 Census Cumberland Twp., Greene Co., PA*, Page 196, Dwelling 25, Household 26.

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# Kerr Family

## John Allen Hallam (1778 - 1860) and Anna Van Voorhees

**FATHER:** John Allen Hallam  
 born: 7 Oct 1778, Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD  
 parents: Thomas Hallam and Mary Berkshire  
 married: 8 July 1798, Hagerstown, Washington Co., MD to Anna Van Voorhees  
 died: 19 March 1860, Washington Co., PA  
 buried: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, Washington Co., PA

**MOTHER:** Anna VanVoorhees  
 born: 5 Jul 1775, Sherwoods, Hunterdon Co., NJ  
 parents: Luke Isiah VanVoorhees and Charlotte ??  
 died: 28 Aug 1814, Amwell, Washington Co., PA  
 buried: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, Washington Co., PA

### CHILDREN:

1. Mary Hallam  
 born: 19 May 1799, Washington Co., PA  
 died: 31 Dec 1834, Washington Co., PA; bur: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, PA
2. Charles Hallam  
 born: 16 Nov 1800, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 married: 4 Feb 1822, Washington Co., PA  
     to Margaret Moore McKee (29 July 1802 PA - 21 Jan 1893 IL) - 11 children  
 died: 1 Nov 1879, Eureka, Woodford Co., IL  
 buried: Ohio Cemetery, Eureka, Woodford Co., IL
3. William W. Hallam  
 born: 2 Oct 1802, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 married: 25 Oct 1827, Washington Co., PA  
     to Lydda/Lydia Munnell (26 Jun 1808 PA - 11 Dec 1891 PA) - 11 children  
 died: 12 Sep 1887, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 buried: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, Washington Co., PA
4. John Hallam  
 born: 30 Sep 1804, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 married: 31 May 1830, Clinton Co., OH  
     to Jane S. Arnold (12 Mar 1812 VA - 28 Oct 1886 MO) - 7 children  
 divorced: @1865, Clinton Co., OH  
 died: 10 Aug 1875, Pleasant Gap, Prairie City Twp., Bates Co., MO  
 buried: Prairie City Cemetery, Bates Co., MO
5. Deborah Hallam  
 born: 18 Sep 1806, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 died: 10 Feb 1846, Washington Co., PA; bur: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, PA
6. Anna Hallam  
 born: 6 Jun 1808, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 died: 21 May 1832, Washington Co., PA; bur: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, PA  
     [24 May 1834, on tombstone]
7. Cinthia Hallam  
 born: 19 May 1810, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 died: 31 Oct 1858, Washington Co., PA; bur: Hallam Cemetery, Laboratory, PA  
     [22 Dec 1858, on tombstone]
8. Salathiel Hallam  
 born: 21 May 1812, Amwell Twp., Washington Co., PA  
 died: 8 Aug 1853, Washington Co., PA  
 1st marriage: Maria Mitchell, @1809-1875, married 1836/37, divorced before 1840  
     1 son, William, 18 Jan 1838 - 13 Oct 1927  
 2nd marriage: Hannah Sumney, @1819-30 Oct 1846, mar. 8 April 1845, Washington, PA  
     1 daughter, Hannah, @1845 - 23 July 1863