

William C. Kellum, Ill. born 22 Jan. 1836, and married Ada Norton of Ireland, Texas. He had learned the steam boiler business from his father and was chief boiler inspector for the State of Texas. Later he followed the construction business and lived in Dallas.

Arminia (Kate) Kellum was born 8 March 1802, and married Joe Thompson, a linotype mechanic and distributor. They lived in Houston, Texas.

Perhaps the thing Will Kellum, Jr. was noted for was his knowledge of family history, and during the 1930's, every day someone was in to buy groceries but also to sit awhile and hear of the historical background of the family. From the time of the first Sellers Reunion in 1933, a standard feature of the reunion was the Saturday before session with Will Kellum with the Kellum-Neel Bible in his lap telling of the Neels, Kellums, Normans, and the Boyd Sellers clan.

Pennie Boyd Kellum died 5 April, 1936, and Will died 21 October, 1948. They are buried in the Kellum-Franklin plot of the Jonesboro Cemetery. *Robert Stockburger*

KELLUM-NEEL

William Carroll Kellum, Sr., the son of Harmon Kelm and Catherine Fullen, was born 18 February, 1834 in Tipton County, Tennessee. The spelling of the name changed to be more like the German pronunciation of Kelm.



William Carroll Kellum Sr. and wife Rachael Elizabeth Neel

In 1838 the family moved to Champaign, Illinois where Harmon worked for the railroad. After residing there 20 years the family moved to Hornersville, Dunklin Co. Missouri and there on 24 June, 1861 Will C. married Rachael Elizabeth Neel, daughter of John Fisher and Lavinia Caroline Norman Neel. The Missouri Border Wars were then occurring and several homes were attacked by night riders. John Neel wisely left with his family for Coryell Co. Texas, but on 4 July, 1863 John Tipton Kellum, brother of Will C. was killed in Hornersville and his body thrown into the Kellum's yard and the house attacked, wounding several family members. These dipped their hands in their blood and stamped bloody prints in the Kellum Bible. As soon as possible William C. came to Coryell and at a later date Caroline Norman Neel removed the family history sheets of the Neel Bible and placed them in the Kellum Bible — a family which had been bound in blood to the Neels. The "Bloody Hand Bible" is still in the hands of the central Texas descendants. In late 1879 certain events in Coryell reminded Will Kellum of the Dunklin area and he took his family into the Indian territory in early 1880 where he had the misfortune of losing his wife in a run away team accident 24 Sept. 1880. He died of smallpox 23 December 1882. Only Minnie, Harmon and Will Jr. ever made it back to Coryell County.

The children of William Carroll Kellum Sr. and Rachael Elizabeth Neel were:

Gilbert Norman Kellum, born 12 May 1862 stillborn; Callie Kellum born 10 Feb 1864 married Joe Richards in Coryell. Callie died 5 May 1908 at Choctaw, Indian Territory where her descendants still reside; Josiah Harmon Kellum born 22 Aug 1866 married Anna Sellers in Coryell County, they went to Brownwood; Arminia E. Kellum born 15 Sept 1871, Mint married F.S. Marlinson and went to

Denver, Colorado; William C. Kellum, Jr. born 21 November 1869 married Bonnie Boyd in Coryell, Amanda Ellen Kellum born 15 August 1875 married Will Bennett and they lived in Spur, Texas; Minnie Kellum born 25 May 1879 married Lafayette Young in Coryell County and lived in Gatesville.

Monuments have been placed on the graves of Will C. and Rachael Elizabeth Neel Kellum at their graves near Choctaw, Oklahoma by Josie Richards Once of Yukon Oklahoma. She is a daughter of Callie Kellum, a daughter of Will C. and Elisabeth Neel Kellum. *Robert Stockburger*

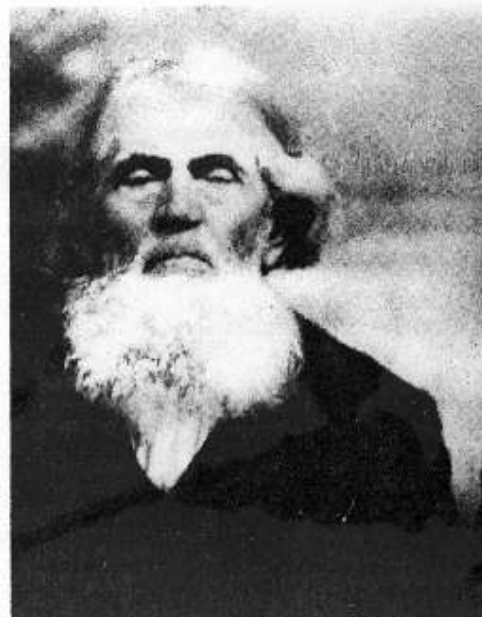
KELLY-McCARTY

William Kelly, son of James and Elmira (Stevens) Kelly, colonists of the Republic of Texas, resided in Jonesboro, Coryell County, Texas. His parents came to Texas some time in the 1830s. His father was in Austin's colony in 1836 when Santa Anna drove the Texans to San Jacinto. Documented evidence shows that James was detached to help move the families away from the battle area.

James and Elmira Kelly's children were: John, born October 14, 1835, died in 1875; William, born April 22, 1837, (subject of this sketch) a farmer and stockman near Jonesboro; Leonard, born July 29, 1839, died about 1880; Sarah, born July 22, 1840, died at the age of twelve years; Napoleon (Bud), born December 7, 1841; and Mary Ann, born August 28, 1842. Mrs. Elmira (Stevens) Kelly was married three times. She married her second husband ("Jim" James Jones) in Lavaca County on December 22, 1847. This marriage resulted in two children, to wit: Oliver, born December 9, 1848, and Laura Ann, born July 22, 1851. James Jones died in DeWitt County. Her third husband was John Chambliss. They had two children, namely: John, born October 15, 1855; and Wm. M., born December 7, 1856. Most are buried in the Woods and Kelly-Young Cemeteries in Jonesboro, Texas.

The subject of this sketch was born in Harris County, in the year of 1837, where Houston was only a big place in the road. In July of 1855, the family moved to Coryell County, Texas. Will Kelly married Mary Ann McCarty on May 24, 1867, at Gatesville. She was the daughter of Daniel McCarty and Mary (?). He was the first blacksmith in Gatesville, Texas. At this time, Gatesville was a very small place with only one dry goods store, one grocery, and one blacksmith shop making up the business district.

In 1858 Mr. Kelly fought against the Indian depredations in Coryell and adjoining counties before the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the Confederate Army. Mr. Kelly served under Col. Erath during the Civil War on the frontier. After the war Mr. Kelly followed farming for a livelihood. He and his wife reared a family of eleven children: David Reece, born 3/21/1873, died 11/3/1958, married Mary Elizabeth Young; William Louis, no dates, married twice; Daniel, born 12/1/1861, died 7/1/1861; Mary Catherine Caroline (Dutch), no dates, married Samuel M. Weaver; Martie B., born 11/7/1871,



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died 7/31/1900, married Harry Blackwell, Lillie, born 8/5/1880, died Nov. 20/1900, married James Albert Mashoun, Jr., Hettie Susan (Shug), born 4/30/1868, died 5/23/1911, married (1) Kell, 2) James (Jim) N. Foust; Sarah Francis (twin), born 1/24/1878, died 1/20/1931, married Robert Victor (Bob-Pappy) Young; Samuel (Sarah's twin), born 1/24/1878, died 9/29/1879; Thomas L., born 1/17/1863, died 9/28/1880; Alice E., 5/14/1875, died 9/27/1878.

His descendants are still farming on this original, pre-empted patented, land of Wm. Kelly. His daughter Sarah Francis Kelly married Robert (Bob-Pappy) Young on 4/26/1893. They had ten children: Iva Lawson, born May 1, 1894, died Nov. 19, 1914, married Matt J. Cook; Citha Debbs, born Aug. 18, 1895, died 10/22/1896; Nellie (Nell), born June 16, 1897, married Jack Rankhead William Ernest Kelly, born Dec. 20, 1898, died March 24, 1900; Victor Francis, born March 9, 1900, died 1955, married Gladys Mayhew; Infant son, born 9/16/1902, died 10/11/1902; Love Durham (L.D.), born 9/10/1903, married Lena Cambell, Alma Fleta Sellers Young Berrey; Robert Boone, born April 28, 1905, died August 17, 1925, married Alma Fleta Sellers; Mary Gladys, born April 2, 1910, married Willie Mack Mayhew; Paul Ray (Sonny Boy) Young, born 4/30/1913, died May 22, 1970, married Elizabeth Yows.

Wm. Kelly's grandson, Paul Ray Young, married Elizabeth Yows on Nov. 7, 1937. They had three children: Stanley Reed, born Aug. 28, 1938; Charles Ray Young, born 4/27/1940, married Teresa (Terry) Gail Long (Hilger) on June 22, 1974. They have a son Gregory Paul Young; born 11/12/1978, in Temple, Texas; James Robert, born August 8, 1942, married Sharon Faye Endebrack on 8/14/1965. They have one daughter Tiffany Paige, born May 2, 1972.

Stanley Charles and James Young descendants of Wm. Kelly, are proud to still be operating this farm. The land is registered in the Texas Land Heritage Program as of 1972. At this time, the heritage of this farm will continue with Tiffany Paige Young and Gregory Paul Young, cousins. *Mrs. Charles Ray Young*

X KELSO-FREELAND

Not many young men would return to visit a young lady who haled a snake around his neck! But Frank Kelso did! Six feet, three and one-half inches, he said he almost jumped his height in fright that Sunday afternoon in 1917 on the Freeland ranch near Turnersville. Not knowing he had arrived from Gatesville, Grace had gone to the chicken house to see what all the noise was about. She had known a chicken snake was raiding nests, so when she saw the snake that afternoon, she grabbed its tail and "popwhipped" it out the door just as Frank rounded the corner in search of her! But return he did, and my parents, Frank Kelso and Grace Freeland, were married in a garden wedding June 11, 1918, in Turnersville, Texas.



Wm. Francis and Mary McCarty Kelly