

PHILIP THOMAS KELLAWAY OF PORT HOPE, ONTARIO

Philip T. Kellaway was born 1823 at Hartland, Devon, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Kellaway (Nee Beaglehole) who were married at Hartland 20 May, 1814. Thomas and Elizabeth had a total of six children: William 23 October 1814, Thomasine 25 January 1818, Thomas 21 May 1820, Philip 3 January 1823, Ann 23 April 1826, Thomas 2 January 1831. The grand-parents of Philip were Philip and Thomasine (Colmer) who were married at Hartland 8 April 1776.

Philip emigrated from England to the Town of Port Hope, Ontario in 1843. He made his passage to Canada in 1843 on the same ship as Mr. H.V. Sanders, Clerk of the Town of Port Hope in 1886. Upon his arrival Philip Kellaway served an apprenticeship as a carpenter with Mr. William Garnett. Since his arrival Philip was active in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Port Hope. He married Mary Curtis in Canada in 1849 based upon the age of their oldest son Winfield. Mary had been born England 1824 but details of her parents is unknown at this time.

Philip occupied a position of prominence in the Town of Port Hope and during his lifetime he was responsible for almost all of the large buildings in the town. In addition to contracting, he owned a lumber mill on the Ganaraska River where the present A&P store is located. Philip was Captain of the upper town fire company for 16 years and then became Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade. He was Bridge Superintendent of the Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Railroad during the term of Mr. A.T. Williams.

At the time of the "Trent Affair" he organized a Company of volunteer rifles, but as such was unable to get them gazetted; they were handed over to the late Mr. Bethune who attempted to get them gazetted in the artillery branch of the service. This attempt was also unsuccessful, it was finally gazetted with the late Colonel Williams in Command, Mr. T.M. Benson (Judge) as First Lieutenant and Philip Kellaway as Second Lieutenant. The Company that he organized was known as 3rd Company of the 46th Battalion and was under the command of Captain H.A. Ward, M.P.

During the Fenian scare of 1866 when the companies were formed into Provisional Battalions, Kellaway was appointed Quartermaster, which position he held until the time of his death, having in the meantime attained the rank of Captain.

The last contract prior to his sudden death in Toronto in 1886 was the interior of the new Post Office and Customs Building. He was survived by a wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters and 5 grand children. Philip was accorded a full military funeral in Port Hope and a large monument marks the family plot. Philip Kellaway's will is at the Public Archives of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario:

Philip Thomas Kellaway, Port Hope, #2142 - 1886

Captain Kellaway's Funeral

The funeral of the late Captain Kellaway on the 17th inst. Was a very large one and fittingly demonstrated the esteem and respect with which he was regarded. Captain Kellaway had spent many years of his life in the service of the militia and that he should be awarded a military funeral was a becoming tribute to his worth as a soldier. The Fire Brigade also followed him to the grave in token of their appreciation of his years of labour in body in which he was an able and efficient officer for upwards of a quarter of a century. Following is the order of his cortege

Firing party, full company strength comprised of a portion of No. 3 Company, 46th Battalion (the company organized by himself over twenty years ago) and the late E Company, Midland Battalion under Lt. Robertson, the 46th Battalion band, Reverend J.S. Baker, hearse arrying the coffin, wrapped in the folds of the Union Jack and bearing his sword and helmet, and floral offerings, the pall bearers Lt. Colonel Benson, Major Dingwall, Captain Winslow, Captain Clemes, Lieutenant Smart and Hospital Seargent Thompson walking on either side; the eight pall bearers assistants, relatives, fire brigade under Chief Engineer Dunn and Captains Gamble, Brown and Glidden carriages.

On arriving at the grave, the firing party formed and after reading the touching Church of England service the body was lowered into its final resting place, three volleys were fired over it and all that was mortal of the bluff old Captain was left in the cemetery, to sleep the last sweet sleep after the struggles and trials of his life=s battles.

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Winfield Curtis the oldest child of Philip and Mary Kellaway was born 30 December, 1851 at Port Hope, Ontario and he followed his father in the carpenter trade. On the 10th of January, 1872 at Port Hope Winfield married Isabella McElroy, the daughter James McElroy of Hope Township. According to the 1881 census Winfield and his wife Isabella had 3 Children: Edith born 1873; Philip Thomas born 1875 and Mary Jane born in 1879.

Winfield achieved the rank of Sergeant in the Midland Regiment, the local militia unit and he and was present at Batoche in the 1885 Northwest Rebellion. According to records in the Archives of Canada he was mentioned in despatches.

The Winfield Kellaway family subsequently moved to Rochester in 1890 where Winfield found work as a carpenter. In 1903, according to the City directory, the Winfield Kellaway family were living in a house at 22 Hastings St., Rochester, New York. On 24 January, 1904 Winfield passed away at Rochester at the age of 54 years. It is possible that Winfield and Isabella had other children which have not been identified here.

Philip Kellaway born Canada in November of 1874 was found in the 1900 Census of

Cooke County, Illinois, and he had been in the states since 1890. At the time of the census he was identified as an alien and working as a salesman, milliner. His wife Louise was born in Austria in October, 1876 and had emigrated to the states in 1879. Philip Thomas, named his first son born in 1896 Winfield after his father. The Kellaways also had a daughter named Rosie born in 1894 according to the 1900 census. We know that the Kellaways had at least one more child after 1900 as according to Philip's obituary in 1917 there was a second son named Thomas E. and the same source indicates that his daughter Rosie had predeceased her father.

The following is the Obituary which was published in the Rochester newspaper:

KELLAWAY - At Macon, Ga., Monday, June 25, 1917, Philip Thomas KELLAWAY, formerly of this city. He is survived by his wife, and two sons, Winfield KELLAWAY, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Thomas E. KELLAWAY, of Macon, Ga.; his mother, and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. COTTER and Mrs. Ray SABIN, of this city. -Funeral from the home of his sister, Mrs. Ray SABIN, No. 172 Fulton avenue, Friday, at 11 A. M. Burial at Riverside cemetery.

While the above obituary indicates that Edith Kellaway, the oldest child of Winfield had married J. E. COTTER no other information is available about her or her mother Isabella. We do know that Mary Jane Kellaway born in 1879 at Port Hope, Ontario married Ray Worthington Sabin born 27 August, 1870 at Rochester, New York on 5 September, 1900. The Sabins had 5 children and they were Mortimer S. born 10 May, 1901, Curtis Willard born 18 May, 1903, Elroy John born 26 April, 1905, Ray Worthington born 20 April, 1914 and finally Gertrude Isabella birth date unknown.

Henry Philip Kellaway born 1856 was shown as a carpenter living with his parents in Port Hope in the 1881 census. For some reason he was also shown as living in the Yale/Hope area of British Columbia in 1881 based on an Index of the 1881 Census of British Columbia. No further research has been done on Henry. We do however know Henry passed away at Vancouver on 21 January, 1910. The date of death and location of his death are based upon information from the family monument at Port Hope Cemetery. While we have not identified a wife or children we suspect that several Kellaway families in BC are descended from Henry Philip.

William M. Kellaway born 21 April, 1861 was the third son of Philip Kellaway and he was living with his parents at Port Hope, Ontario according to the 1881 census. The only other information we have on William is that in 1912 he was living in Rochester, New York working as a machinist and living in a house at 27 Melville St. No other information is available other than the family monument at Port Hope indicates that he passed away on 8 November, 1912.

Mary E. Kellaway was the oldest daughter born 7 October, 1858 and from the information on the 1880 American census of Rochester, NY she was married to Mr. G.W. Kennan, born Germany in 1857 and working as a carpenter. In this census there was no children identified. Mary's sister Esmeralda born April 8, 1868 was staying with the Kennans at the time of the census. From the information on the

family monument Mary had a second marriage to a Mr. Hallings. Mary died 24 November, 1928. Whether or not there were any issue from either marriage is unknown.

Margaret J. Kellaway was the second daughter of Philip and Mary Kellaway born 7 March, 1863 and died March 16, 1924. Since only her family name was identified on the family monument at Port Hope we have to conclude that she never married. Nothing more is known about Margaret.

Esmeralda Kellaway born 8 April, 1868 was the youngest daughter of Philip Kellaway and other than staying with her sister in 1881 little is known about her. The inscription on the family monument indicates that she had married a Mr. Beedham and she died at Rochester on 15 May, 1896.

Sources:

Devon Parish Registers

1871 Canadian Census (Port Hope)

1881 Canadian Census (Port Hope)

1880 American Census (Rochester, NY)

1900 American Census (Cooke County, Illinois)

Philip Kellaway Monument (Port Hope Cemetery)

Rochester Directories (1903 and 1912)

Port Hope Times and County of Durham British Canadian--18 & 25 March 1886

Will Register (1886) Public Archives of Ontario

Military Records, National Archives of Canada

Don's e-mail of 27 Jan 2003 provided this additional information:

On the internet I found the Sabin genealogy and it provided additional information on the Port Hope Kellaways. It appears that 2 Kellaway women (an aunt and niece) married 2 Sabin men (father and son). Mary Elizabeth Kellaway (b1858) who was shown married to Mr. G.W. Kennan in the 1880 American census apparently married three different men. Kennan was the first husband and Mary Elizabeth was the second wife of Crittenden Eratus Sabine and after his death, she married Bart Hallings (b1841). The surname "Hallings" is the name shown on the Port Hope monument. Ray (Eratus) Worthington Sabin who married Mary Jane Kellaway (b1879) was the eldest son of Crittenden Eratus and his first wife Susan Ann Smith (b1847).