

2h.Hannah Kelland Johnson (Anna/Anne)

This file has not been updated since 2000 and there is a great deal more information to input.

Hannah was born on May 19th 1848 at Moorfield Sq Bristol and like her sister Eliza she can be found on the 1851 and 1861 censuses for Bristol and Droylsden.

It was not until my friend Mary in Wisconsin found a copy of the memorial inscription on Mary Kelland's gravestone which was cross referenced with that of an Anna Johnson that we realised that this could well be George and Mary's daughter Hannah.

On sending for Anna Johnson death certificate it confirmed that this was indeed true as Anna's father was named as George Kelland.

Having realised this, then Anna (Hannah) was found on the 1870 census next door to her parents, living with her husband George W. a carpenter and their two children Martha E. aged 4 years, born Michigan and George W. aged 3 months born Michigan in February 1870.

Martha E's age indicates that Hannah was in America certainly by 1865/6.

On the 1880 census the family are still living next door to Hannah's parents but are sharing the house with an Oril? Williams and her family. Oril is George W. Johnson's widowed sister. By this time George and Hannah now have three children, Martha, George W. and Frederick. A fourth child called Wallace was born in 1884.

The 1900 census finds the family still in Fenton living in Ellen Street. This census shows that Anna (Hannah) emigrated from England in 1865, had been married for 34 years and that her four children were all living at that time still living at home are her son Fred, born May 1873 in Michigan, aged 27 years and working as a screen door mender. Also at home is her youngest son Wallace, born March 1884, aged 16 years and working as a screen door mender.

Hannah's husband died in 1909 and Hannah died in 1928 at the age of 80 years. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton, in the grave next to her mother.

At the present time I know nothing further about Hannah's oldest two children Martha E., and George Washington Johnson. I do know however that her youngest child Wallace went out West to Oregon: I wonder if he went there because his Uncle Robert was in Oregon? Her other son Fred, who became a piano teacher, remained a bachelor all his life and he died in Oregon while visiting his younger brother Wallace. Wallace then took his body back to Michigan so that he may be buried in the family grave. (See story 2 Mary Hawkins Kelland.)

It was Fred who took the Kelland Family Bible, which his mother had presumably inherited from her parents, out to his brother Wallace in Oregon as he himself had no family. It is Wallace's granddaughter Grace Marie Tycksen whom I believe is in possession of the Bible at this present time. Marie says that she has the Bible in the

loft but at the moment she is unable to look for it as she is recovering from an operation. She says it is very old and fragile and that she has never looked to see what is written in the front of it. I am waiting with great expectations for her to look at it and hopefully send me a photograph of it. She also has a picture of an old bridge or London Bridge which she believes George and Mary took out from England when they emigrated, or maybe it was Hannah who took it with her. Other stories of Hannah's descendants will have to wait until another time