

3a. Eliza (Kelland) Lewis.



This could well be Eliza (Kelland) Lewis.

Eliza was born on 23rd December 1853 at 15 Glendure St., St. George, Clifton, Gloucestershire. She was the first born child of George Kelland and Mary Ann Bull Kelland, being born just nine months after their marriage. By the time Eliza was born her father may well have been in America trying to see if the family would have a better life out there. Whether she and her mother lived with the Kellands is not known, but they did move to the North of England when the Kellands moved to Droylsden in about 1854. It is interesting to note that her father's youngest brother Thomas was not born until six month after she was born, and he was born in Droylsden. Although I have no proof, as yet, I feel that Eliza's father and grandfather may both have gone to America about 1854, leaving the women and children to fend for themselves. Not having any brothers or sisters for the next seven years would not have been too lonely for Eliza as she had her Uncle Thomas to play with!

By 1861 her father has returned to England and in that year a baby sister called Harriet is born. Sometime during 1863 or 1864 the family, that is her parents and their two children leave England forever to start a new life in America. Eliza would be around 10 years of age and I am sure she would remember the six week s journey across the Atlantic in a sailing ship. I wonder just what conditions on board ship would be like and whether a young girl of ten would be frightened of all that water and the rolling of ship, whether it was dark and cramped in steerage between decks. Or, was it a great adventure with no worries for children of her age. Assuming they landed in New York they would then make their way to Lynn presumably, sailing up the Hudson River. They may well have left the river when they were near Pittsfield, Massachusetts before making their way to Lynn, Ma. where they certainly are by 1863/64. Pittsfield is where Eliza's Uncle John Kelland and his family are living about this time. That would certainly explain how the family photograph of the three Kelland brothers and two wives could have been taken.

My next contact with Eliza is the 1870 Census. She is now 16 years old, living at 465 Main St., Lynn, MA., with her parents and her three sisters Hattie aged 9 years, Sarah aged 6 years, Carrie aged 4 years and her brother George H. aged 2 years. She is working as a shoe fitter, the major industry in the town was making shoes. The Census record does show her as born in Massachusetts which was obviously not correct, but perhaps they were a little afraid of not being shown as American citizens for some reason, which I do not know.

The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
City Of Lynn
Office Of The City Clerk

The following is a copy from the Records of Marriages, in said city:

GROOM		BRIDE	
Name	Frank E. Lewis ✓	Name	Eliza M. Kelland ✓
Surname	-----	Surname	-----
After Marriage	-----	After Marriage	-----
Place of Residence	Lynn, MA ✓	Place of Residence	Lynn, MA
Age	25 ✓ Years	Age	25 ✓ Years
Occupation	Teamster ✓	Occupation	-----
Birthplace	Lynn, MA ✓	Birthplace	New York ✓
Father's Name	Ivers F Lewis ✓	Father's Name	George Kelland ✓
Mother's Name	Harriet A. ----- ✓	Mother's Name	Mary A. ----- ✓
Number of Marriage	First	Number of Marriage	First
Name, residence and official station of		Person by whom married	
		Walter Barton, Clergyman, Lynn, MA	
		Place of Marriage	
		Lynn, MA ✓	
Date of Marriage		May 26, 1880 ✓	

I, Mary F. Audley, depose and say, that I hold the office of City Clerk, of the City of Lynn, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in said City, are in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the Records of Marriages in said City, as certified by me.



WITNESS my hand and the seal of the said City of Lynn,

Mary F. Audley
 City Clerk
 this 8th day of October, 2008

NOTE: City Seal of the Commissioner of Records, December 8, 1854. The Seal is in the possession of the City Clerk, Lynn, Massachusetts.

As can be seen from the above certificate Eliza married on 26th May 1880. The full name of her husband is actually Frank Collins Lewis and the certificate states that his parents are called Ivers F Lewis and Harriet A Lewis. Eliza is named as Eliza M Kelland but as we have seen from her Birth Certificate (see her mother's story Mary Ann (Bull) Kelland) she is registered as just Eliza Kelland. I have noticed on several census records an extra initial will be included with some names. I think people in America seem to like the idea of having two Christen names. I found Frank's middle name "Collins" on the I.G.I. website.

Soon after they were married, another Census was taken and that shows them as lodging at 82 Newhall Street, Lynn, MA., along with 10 other people. Frank is shown as working as a Coachman while Eliza is still working in a Shoe Shop. Eliza is again shown as being born in Massachusetts, not New York as stated on her marriage certificate or England, where she was actually born.

7		Oliver J. K. w F 29	Boarder	1	Dress Making																
8		Hayes William C w M 6	Boarder	1	works in Shoe Shop																
9		Ellen J w F 26	Boarder	1	works in Shoe Shop																
10	82 Newhall St	George Milviter m 44	Boarder	1	works in shoe shop																
11		William Henry w m 30	Boarder	1	works in shoe shop																
12		Louisa French w m 23	Boarder	1	Coachman																
13		Eliza w F 23	Boarder	1	works in shoe shop																
14		Hollins Anna w F 28	Boarder	1	works in shoe shop																
15		Sullivan Mary w F 30	Sevant	1	Sevant																

1880 Census for Lynn, Essex, MA., USA.
82 Newhall St., Lynn.

It is five years after their marriage that their first and only child is born in Lynn.

CHILD

Name: CHARLES FLOYD LEWIS
Date of BIRTH: JULY 21, 1885
Sex: MALE Plurality: SINGLE
Place of Birth: LYNN, MA ✓

MOTHER

Name: ELIZA M. LEWIS
Maiden surname: ----
Birthplace: -----, ENGLAND
Residence: LYNN, MA

FATHER

Name: FRANK C. LEWIS ✓
Birthplace: LYNN, MA ✓

Date of RECORD: JULY 23, 1885

They name their son Charles Floyd Lewis, I do not know why either of these Christian names was chosen, they certainly do not feature in the Kelland Line, as far as I am aware. What is very interesting is that Eliza now admits to having been born in England. Is this because she is now married to an American citizen or because she has had a child born in America? Do either or both of these events now entitle her to American citizenship? I feel sure having a child born in America does, but I am not sure about the marriage.

Lynn, Massachusetts Directory 1890 about Frank C. Lewis

Name:	Frank C. Lewis
Occupation:	conductor
Business Name:	L. & B. H. R.R.
Home Address:	house 789 Western avenue
City:	Lynn
State:	Massachusetts
Year:	1890
Image Number:	0081

The above entry in the Lynn Directory for 1890 I discovered on Ancestry.com, on 11th March 2010. The interesting point about this entry is the Home Address. This is the same address as the one where John Kelland, Eliza (Kelland) Lewis' uncle is also shown as living in 1890!! It seems amazing how close the family remained some 30 years after emigrating.

It is now another 5 years before I have any further information about the Lewis family. When I searched the 1900 Census I am unable to find Eliza anywhere. Frank Lewis is at his parents' house at 18 La Grange Terrace, Lynn which is about half a mile from where the rest of the Kellands are living on Western Ave., but no Eliza.

Household No.	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Mar.	Color	Place of Birth	Year of Immigration	Occupation
121	Amelia	wife	w	113	6	m	Canada	1871	unmarried
	Joseph H	son	w	114	2	S	Canada	1872	pattern maker
	Frank L	son	w	117	2	S	"	"	leather worker
	Harriet P.	son	w	119	2	S	"	"	tray clerk
	Jennie M	daughter	w	114	3	S	"	"	dressmaker
122	Hyde Mrs F	Head	w	127	2	m	Mass	1871	machinist
	Oliver	wife	w	112	1	m	Maine	"	"
	Walter	son	w	120	1	S	Mass	"	"
	Jordan J	son	w	115	1	S	Maine	"	telegraph office
	Oliver	"	w	118	2	S	Maine	"	shoe cutter
	Agnes	daughter	w	116	2	S	"	"	clerk
	Lewis Mrs F	Head	w	124	4	m	Mass	"	fish business
123	Harriet L	wife	w	118	2	m	Mass	"	"
	Frank E	son	w	115	2	m	"	"	conductor
	Johna Mary C.	daughter	w	110	2	m	"	"	housekeeper
	Lewis Henry M.	son	w	112	2	m	"	"	"
16	Keale Mrs C.	Head	w	117	2	m	Mass	"	shoemaker

1900 Census for La Grange Terrace, Lynn, MA. taken on 6th June 1900.

There is always so much information contained in the census records. The house where the five members of the Lewis family are living is actually occupied by 11 people. I know I have the correct family as Frank's parents are named as Ivers F. and

Harriet A. Lewis, the same as on Eliza and Frank's marriage certificate. The 1900 census actually includes the month and year a person was born, whether single, married or divorced. A person's age, how many children they have had and how many are still living. This information is normally entered against the mother's name.

So, this census tells me that Frank C. Lewis is the son of Ivers F. and Harriet A. Lewis. He was born in December 1854 (if entered with the correct year). He is 45 years old, born in Massachusetts, the same as his parents, married for 20 years and he is working as a conductor. The most illuminating point on this census is the "crossed out" entry about off-springs. As I mentioned earlier, these entries are normally made against the wife's name, but because Eliza is not there, someone decided to make the entry against Frank's name and then changed their mind. What the entry shows is that Frank and Eliza had one child, who is dead by 1900. If we are ever in Lynn again, we will have to go to the City Hall and try to find Charles Floyd Lewis's death certificate.

Having discovered, on 11th March 2010, the Lynn Directory entry for 1890 showing Frank C. Lewis living at 789 Western Ave., Lynn, and already having the 1910 Census showing Frank C. Lewis and Eliza (Kelland) Lewis living at 789 Western Ave. I decided to check that address on the 1900 Census, see below.

															13	14
789	158	227	Lewis F.C.	Head	M	Dec	1854	45	M	18					Massachusetts	Massachusetts
			Maud	wife	F	Dec	1854	45	M	18	1	0			Massachusetts	England
		228	Lahman Edward	Head	M	Mar	1814	26	M	7					Massachusetts	Massachusetts
			Amy A	wife	F	Oct	1873	26	M	7	4	2			Massachusetts	New Hampshire
			Elise M	daughter	F	Dec	1897	2	S						Massachusetts	Massachusetts
			Earl L	son	M	June	1899	0	S						Massachusetts	Massachusetts
		229	Thompson Elizabeth	Head	F	Nov	1841	58	W	9	6				England	England
			Mary E	daughter	F	Aug	1878	21	S						England	England
			Kate	daughter	F	May	1882	18	S						England	England
			Olivia Grace	boarder	F	May	1878	22	S						Canada (Eng)	Canada (Eng)
793	159	230	Perkin Emmaline	Head	F	Apr	1830	64	W	3	3				Massachusetts	Massachusetts
			Chas. H	son	M	Oct	1872	27	S						Massachusetts	New Hampshire

This is a copy of the 1900 Census for 789 Western Ave., Lynn, MA.

It would appear that Frank C. Lewis is entered twice on the 1900 Census. I have seen this occur before, if some one is away from home visiting another house then they are sometimes entered at both addresses. The reason that Eliza Lewis did not show up on my search for her is that she is listed as Maud Lewis! On her marriage certificate she is shown as Eliza M Kelland and although she was christened only Eliza it would appear she also wanted the name Maud, which she used on the 1900 Census!! Nobody said that Genealogy would be easy!!

As we have no other means of access to the family, except through the census records, it is the 1910 Census where we next track down Eliza and Frank Lewis.

Western 789		Jacobson John R	Boyd	M	W	2	J			Nov. Massachusetts
	3	Richard Joseph C	Richard	M	W	47	M	2		Nov. Massachusetts
		Margaret C	Wife	F	W	36	M	2	0	Nov. Massachusetts
	4	Lewis Frank C	Richard	M	W	65	M	37		Nov. Massachusetts
		Eliza	Wife	F	W	66	M	39	1	Nov. Massachusetts
5	Barthel Harrison	Wife	M	W	71	M	5		Nov. Massachusetts	

1910 Census for 789 Western Ave, Lynn, MA., USA taken 20th April 1910.

On this census Eliza and Frank Lewis are together again living at 789 Western Ave., Lynn, with two other families living at the same house, eight people altogether. This is the same address as given in the Lynn Directory entry for 1890. Perhaps this is where Eliza is living during the taking of the 1900 Census and her husband is just visiting his parents on that date! Who knows? This house is next door to the house where Eliza's brother George H. and his family are living. George's house is on the corner of Western Ave. and Spencer Street, and on the other corner is the house where their mother and sister Harriet live, which is next door to the house where sister Sarah J. Shafner and her family live. The family went to America nearly 60 years earlier and yet they all live next to each other, which I think is remarkable. Sadly, sometime during the next 60 years their descendants all lose contact with each other, and some are not aware of their relatives' existence, which makes the first 60 years so exceptional. Frank is working as a conductor for the General Electric Company.

Sadly, I am unable to find any trace of either of them on the 1920 Census, so I can only assume that some time between 1910 and 1920 they both passed away. As their son died before he reached the age of 15 years I am assuming that he left no children so this is the end of this particular line.

Just before I close this story, which hopefully I will be able to finish one day, I thought I would look for Frank C. Lewis, before he married Eliza, to see how many siblings he had. I did not find him on the 1870 Census but below is a copy of the 1860 Census.

29654124	Pres J Lewis	32	M	Boardman ✓	400	Mass
	Harriet Lewis	31	F			"
	Frank C. Lewis	5	M			"
	Madie C. Lewis	2	F			"
	Fancie A. Lewis	1	F			"
29664125	Daniel Lewis	44	M	Laborer ✓	100	"
	Maria Lewis	36	F			Nova Scotia
	Arthur Lewis	4	M			Mass
	Maria Lewis	5	F			"
	William Lewis	2	M			"
	Lauraette Lewis	4	F			"

1860 Census taken on 17th August, for Lynn, MA.,

Points of interest here are that firstly, there are two Lewis families living next door to each other, whether or not they are related I do not know and will leave that for someone else to research. Secondly, Ivers F Lewis' job is shown as a cordwainer, this is a maker of shoes.