

3b. Harriet Kelland.



Could this be Harriet Kelland.

Harriet was born 15th September 1861, daughter of George Kelland and Mary Ann (Bull) Kelland, at 136 Park St., Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, England

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Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

Registration District *Ashton-under-Lyne*

1 1861. Birth in the Sub-district of <i>Ashton Town</i> in the <i>County of Lancaster</i> .										
Columns: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>284</i>	<i>Fifteenth September 1861 136, Park Street.</i>	<i>Harriet</i>	<i>Girl</i>	<i>George KELLAND</i>	<i>Mary Ann KELLAND formerly BULL</i>	<i>Robbin Turner</i>	<i>L the wife of Mary Ann Kelland mother 136, Park Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.</i>	<i>Eighth October 1861</i>	<i>Jonathan Smith</i>	<i>—</i>

Registrar.

Soon after her birth Harriet is taken to America by her parents, along with her sister Eliza. I am not exactly sure of the year as on various Census records it is stated as being 1861, 1863 and 1864! To date I have not found the family on any of the

published Immigration Records, but whenever it was Harriet would have been unlikely to remember the journey at such a young age. Most of Harriet's life now follows the same path as that of her parents as she never married and lived with them until they had both died. I do not want to repeat myself by including all the Census records that are already in her parents' story. Having said that, there are one or two features I would like to mention.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
465	533	536	Kelland	Mary	W	F	44	Wife		1		Housekeeping	
				Eliza	W	F	25	daughter		1		works in stitching room	
				Harriet	W	F	18	daughter		1		at school	
				Sarah J	W	F	16	daughter		1		works in stitching room	3
				Caroline	W	F	14	daughter		1		at school	
				George	W	M	12	Son		1		at school	
												Housekeeping	

This is the 1880 Census for Lynn, MA, USA., for 465 Western Ave, Lynn.

It is clear on this census that Harriet is still at school at the age of 18 years, while her younger sister Sarah Jane is already working in the Stitching Room, presumably of a shoe factory. To the question asking about either the State or Country of birth the answer is given New York State!! Although we know this not to be true, there must have been some fear in those early days of not being born in America.

On all subsequent census' Harriet is shown as being born in England and she is shown as becoming Naturalised in 1880, on the 1920 Census. On all the census' Harriet is never shown as working, or of having any trade or skill. After both her parents have died, she then appears to live with her widowed sister Sarah Jane Shafner.

6	16	20	Johnson	Edman	Head	M	W	21				Sweden	Sweden
			Shafner	John	Head	M	W	45	11	27		Eng	English
				Sarah J	Wife	F	W	46	11	27	2	2	Massachusetts
				Ladie B	Daughter	F	W	23					Massachusetts
				Raymond H	Son	M	W	14					Massachusetts
	21		Anderson	John	Head	M	W	46	11	15			Sweden
				Julga	Wife	F	W	44	11	15	0	0	Sweden
				Curry	Servant	F	W	17	11	2	1	1	Massachusetts
2	17	22	Holland	Walter J	Son	M	W	12					Massachusetts
2	17	22	Holland	Henry J	Servant	F	W	76	11	7	4		Eng
				Esther B	Daughter	F	W	48					Eng
1799	18	23	McAllister	Blanche	Daughter	F	W	20					Eng

This is the 1910 Census for Lynn, MA., USA., taken 20th April 1910. at 2 Spencer St.

		—, Margaret	Daughter		F	W	4	S						Massachusetts
123		Strout, Allen F	Head	10	M	M	61	M			Yes	Yes		Maine
		—, Lizzie M	Wife		F	W	60	M			Yes	Yes		Massachusetts
		Shafner, Sarah	Head	1	R	F	56	W			Yes	Yes		Massachusetts
		Kelland, Harriet	Sister		F	W	58	S	1862/11a/1880		Yes	Yes	England	English
		Elf, Carl	Head	1	R	M	28	M	1897/2a/1915		Yes	Yes	Sweden	Swedish
127		—, Bertha J.	Wife		F	W	22	M			Yes	Yes		Maine

1920 Census for Lynn, MA., USA. Taken 26th February, 1920 of 123 Allen St., Lynn.

Harriet's parents are now both deceased by the 1920 Census, so she is now with her sister. Having thought about Harriet, I wonder if she had some physical disability? The photograph of her at the start of her story was taken from a family photograph; everyone else in the picture is standing while Harriet is sitting on a chair. Also, looking very closely at her right arm, it does seem much thinner than her left arm, or am I imagining things? It would explain why she never worked, even though she was not married; and also why she never lived alone.

While we were visiting Lynn, John and I found and purchased Harriet's death certificate, a copy of which can be seen below. She died on 19th December 1929 from Acute Indigestion. She was 67 years old, and her residence at the time of death was given as 44 Estes Street, Lynn, MA. She was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, which is where her parents were buried; I wonder if there is a family grave or headstone?

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

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

Name HARRIET B. KELLAND Date of Death DECEMBER 19, 1929

Age 67 Years 3 Months 2 Days Sex FEMALE Color WHITE Condition SINGLE

Name of Spouse ---- Maiden Name ----
If married, divorced or widowed

Disease or cause of Death ACUTE INDEGESTION.

Residence 44 ESTES ST. LYNN, MA Occupation ----

Place of Death LYNN, MA Place of Birth ENGLAND

Name of Father GEORGE KELLAND Place of Birth ENGLAND

Name of Mother MARY BULL Place of Birth ENGLAND
Maiden Name

Type and Place of Disposition PINE GROVE CEM.

Date of Record ----

By whom Registered JOSEPH W. ATTWILL City Clerk

I would have thought that this gave a complete picture of Harriet's life; leaving England as an infant and then living all her life in Lynn surrounded by her family, until she died. But, in the 1913 Directory for Lynn, MA., it states that Harriet B Kelland removed to Saugus, MA.!! This is another small town next to Lynn. What does this mean? There must be more to this!

A descendant of Harriet's brother, George H. Kelland, Ann Garland, has kindly done some research for me.

Harriett's father George Kelland Jnr. died 30th January 1906 and her mother Mary Ann (Bull) Kelland died 13th March 1912. In July 1912 Harriett's sister Sarah Jane (Sadie Kelland) Shafner purchased 4 adjacent plots of land in Saugus, as did her brother George H. Kelland. [I will give more details when I write Sarah Jane's and George H's stories.] I have been trying to trace if Harriet's parents left wills and so far have established that her father left a will but not her mother. As I write I am awaiting a copy of this will which Ann Garland has kindly said she would collect for me. Until it arrives, my idea is:- Harriet's father left his Estate to his wife during her lifetime, and then to Sarah Jane, George H., and maybe Eliza and Harriet. All will be revealed! What I do know is that two beautiful houses were built upon the two sections of land and in 1913 Harriet, presumably along with her sister and family, moved to Saugus to live in one of them. Why then, by 1920 had they moved back to Lynn, I do not know? I do know that Sarah Jane's husband died during this period, but not just when and how he died. Did he die in Saugus, or did he die in Lynn? Did his death effect where they lived or was there some other cause for them moving back to Lynn? More research is needed, but it is so far away! (I have now found that John L Shafner died 15 November 1917 in Saugus, MA)

I have found Harriet on the Lynn Directories for 1920 to 1923 living at 123 Allen Ave. Lynn, MA. Her sister Sarah Jane (Kelland) Shafner is also at this address, but sadly she dies in 1924. I feel Harriet must have then left Allen Ave. on the death of her sister, but don't know exactly where she lived after 1924 until her own death in 1929. On her Death Certificate, Harriet is shown as residing at 44 Estes St., Lynn, MA. On checking on the Lynn Directories, 44-46 Estes St. is the Ritz Carlton Apartments and Apartment 2 is shown as belonging to or being occupied by Mrs. Sarah Shafner from 1928 to 1931!! As Sarah died in 1924 I think she may have owned or had it registered in her name, but Harriet lived there? Also from 1928 to 1932 the Directory shows Raymond K Shafner (Sarah Jane's son) as living at 12 Estes Street. Hopefully he was making sure everything was alright for his Aunt Harriet Kelland in her last few years. She had had the family around her all of her life.