

William Hayden, born in England, died at Clinton, Conn., Sept. 27, 1669. Came to America in 1640. Children, Daniel, Nathaniel, and Mary.

Lieut. Daniel Hayden, born at Winsor, Conn., Sept.  
2nd, 1640. died Mar, 22, 1712.  
Children, Ebenezer and seven other  
children.

Ebenezer Hayden, born Dec. 14, 1681.  
Children, David and two others.

David Haydon, of Haydens, Conn. Born Jan 21, 1715.  
Died, Sept. 1772.  
Children, David and 8 others.

David Hayden, Harwinton, Conn. Born at Haydens, Oct. 8, 1732; died, Feb. 1813, near Angelica, N.Y. Children, Oliver and seven others.

Oliver Heydon, (Note change in spelling of the name here.) Born at Harwinton, Conn. May, 24, 1870, died 1955, aged 85. Residence, Alexandria, Penna. Children, David Steele Keys, and 8 others. The above Oliver Heydon changed his name to Keys, during the war of 1912, to avoid capture by the English, from whom he had deserted on the eve of a battle, having been "impressed" by the English forces, on the theory that "Once an Englishman, always an Englishman." His sympathies were with the Americans. His father, who lived in N.Y. City, disowned him because of his desertion as his sympathies were pro English, consequently, Oliver retained the name of Keys, adding the name "George", and was George Oliver Keys thereafter.

David Steele Keys, born at Alexandria, Penns. April 14, 1830. Entered the service of his country Aug. 1862; took sick the following Dec.: lay in Hospital until July 1863, when he was discharged and his devoted wife allowed to bring him home, to Graysville, Penna., where he departed this life Oct. 18, 1863.

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## CHAPTER 1

### Introductory

Were an apology required for preparing this fragmentary sketch, it might be found in the practice so much abounding of late, of giving attention to matters of genealogy. It is a growing custom in New England to print family histories. The present essay, however, is not the result of long premeditated design; nor would it have been undertaken at the expense of much time or labor. But the materials for it having been prepared to his hand by others, and been thrown so directly in his way from a number of widely different sources without effort on his part, that a refusal to put them on record for the benefit of those who may be interested in them, at length began to appear to the writer something like an omission or a neglect of opportunity.

It may be proper to state that the principal impulse to this undertaking has been imparted by letters of inquiry received from others of the same name, and by a visit to Old England. In this country such details are far more easily accessible. Nearly everything since the Norman Conquest has been printed, from Domesday Book downwards; records of every sort, State papers, parish books, land transfers, funeral monuments, etc., and can be readily turned to and examined. In the published works on genealogy, also, may be found drawn out the pedigrees of nearly every family that has held estates, or had an interest in the soil, for many hundred years. All one has to do is to step into the great rotunda of the British Museum, and take down from some of its 3000 "presses" the requisite volumes of parish or county history, or other record, in order to discover what he may wish to know, or, at least, nearly everything knowable in this direction. In the principal lines of descent all the individuals appear in their places, one generation after another, from century to century; birth, baptism, marriage, issue, arms, estates owned, offices filled, title, death, burial, and will, all appearing in regular succession.

Besides the private information volunteered him by interested persons, The compiler has drawn his materials mainly from the following works:- Blomfield's "History of Norfolk," 11 vols. 8vo; Clutterbuck's "Antiquities of the County of Hertford," 3 vols. folio; Westcote's "Pedigrees of Devonshire Families"; Chauncer's "Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire," folio; Prince's "Seven Worthies"; "The Norfolk Tour," 2 vols; Weaver's "Funeral Monuments"; the "Parliamentary and State Papers, Domestic Series"; Ditto, "Colonial Series"; Cornish's "Notes of the Parish of Ottery St. Mary"; "Domesday Book," 3 vols. 4to; ~~and has added some things from personal~~ folio; "Records of Massachusetts Bay Company"; "The Vinton Memorial" (Boston); Guernsey's "Records of the House of Guernsey," 2 vols. 4to; and has added some things from personal observation. Considerable care has been necessary to gather the items from the scattered materials, to harmonize apparent discrepancies and weave them into a continuous narrative, not attempt of the kind having been made before in England or America.

Mary Gordon 3d wife of Oliver Hayden Keys  
 Had six children Rebecca Jane Keys Jan 9-1828  
 David Steele Keys Barrington 14-1830 - Apr 14-1830  
 Julia Maria " " " Aug 10 1832,  
 Almira Francis 6 Feb 28 " 35.  
 Harriet Alice 6 Aug 16 - 1837-  
 James Stevens April 12 1840

David Steele was the father of Edward Mc-Lellan Keys  
 who was the son of Edward M-Keys II whose sons are  
 Philip Mc-Lellan Keys  
 David W-Keys  
 Edward Mc-Lellan Keys III whose son Fred is Edward M-Keys IV.  
 Selma Jane Keys her mother Louise Wells Keys  
 of Philadelphia Ark.  
 whose great grandfather  
 Jacob Wells, planter, was one  
 of the founders of that town.  
 one of the great settlers.  
 She is also a U.S.P. through  
 the service Ross line Grand-  
 daughter - to General Ross, Virginian