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**John Kelly, US-born ca 1859**, made Scotland Census 1881: Legbrannock area of Holytown District, Bothwell Parish. *Who Was He?* No other Scotland count listed him, nor anyone similar, for decades around. This British Subject and ploughman did not wed his partner, but recognized their son's birth in 1882, then disappeared from ledgers. Their son may have been adopted and become our history. We sought John in Double Genealogy: The Adoption Witness. CLICK for stories in our continuing search.

Here are our stories. We give a rationale for our pursuit of the characters, beyond their being age appropriate, and such. Please leave us your comments, or add what you know under the post.

John Kelly was born and raised in Poughkeepsie NY. *Rationale:* His wife was Mary Devlin. A Mary Devlin grew up a few miles from Legbrannock and was available in 1881.

<https://marileewein.com/2021/02/04/the-adoption-witness-the-poughkeepsie-john-and-mistresses-mary-quite-contrary/> and

<https://marileewein.com/2021/01/23/the-adoption-witness-ellen-berrigan-perils-and-pearls-by-sea-to-poughkeepsie/>

John Pratt was born in Connecticut and sent to live in Scotland with his grandma and maiden aunt in 1871. *Rationale:* recall US John Kelly was not in that 1871 census and this boy was close to the scene. Further, the Pratts seemed related to the adoptive couple. Could the boy be the aunt's child of an unmarried Kelly liaison?

<https://marileewein.com/2018/09/03/genealogy-imagined-from-the-us-civil-war-past-river-clyde-to-a-uk-chemical-plant/>

Born in Carstairs Scotland, John Kelly had lived in Legbrannock several decades before US born John Kelly's visit. As well, an Ireland-born Kelly, formerly resident at Legbrannock was examined. *Rationale:* It was thought US John could have been descendant and in Legbrannock to visit.

<https://marileewein.com/2020/10/24/the-adoption-witness-escalating-those-carstairs/>

The Barrie family were co-workers at the farm that employed US John Kelly. *Rationale:* they emigrated to the US in the timeframe that John went missing, perhaps, with John along.

<https://marileewein.com/2020/11/07/the-adoption-witness-a-trip-to-the-dairy-farm/>

Our US John Kelly, born ca 1859 was the only so aged US John Kelly found in any Scotland census of the era. *Rationale:* There was one verifiably born in 1854 found in census 1861 only, and we decided to pursue him.

<https://marileewein.com/2018/09/26/imagining-genealogy-fairly/>

Eliza Kelly was born and raised in Chapelhall, just around the corner from our scene of action. *Rationale:* she did a couple of paper illusions whereby she gained or lost a decade, and disappeared, putting her prime to bear a John Kelly son, illegitimately in the US.

<https://marileewein.com/2020/11/14/the-adoption-witness-materializing-ghosts/>

Jane Kelly was a Scottish widow in 1891 with two US-born children of recent birth. Her deceased was John Kelly born 1859. *Rationale:* Had she met him in Scotland; was he our John first? Here is the first of four posts. It will lead to the others. It is a difficult technical read (this first is actually a trilogy in itself, where only the first piece applies to this particular Jane Carroll) The other three posts are more fun.

<https://marileewein.com/2018/08/09/genealogy-imagined-from-a-deathbed-rant-with-an-imposter-on-yonder-sea/>