

GATES

JOHN KEARL married ELIZABETH GATES, called "Betsey". We know she is the daughter of Joseph Gates and Elizabeth Rickman. She seems to have had a younger brother named Joseph. Then their mother died and we have lost track of the father. Apparently, he moved away from Brockenhurst, Sway, and Boldre area. Although we have searched well throughout the New Forest, we cannot be sure just what happened to the family. We collected numerous Gates family groups, particularly in Sway, a village some two miles from Brockenhurst. The name is prominent in Sway even now. With all our work, we cannot be sure the enclosed records on the following Joseph Gates are those on the father, or the brother, of Elizabeth Gates Kearl. Those enclosed here are all the names of "Joseph" in the right time and locality to be considered as possible.

JOSEPH GATES

b abt 1782, Milford, Hants., Engl.

m MARIA

b abt 1786, Milford, Hants., Engl.

Sarah Gates  
chr 12 Jun 1808, Milford,  
Hants., England

James Gates \*  
bur 20 Mar 1820, Milford,  
Hants., England

\* James, son of Joseph and Maria Gates, buried 20 Mar 1820 (age 20 mos).  
This Joseph could be the one we seek.

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JOSEPH GATES

b abt 1777  
m 25 Jul 1802, Boldre, Hants., Engl.

ELIZABETH RICKMAN

b abt 1781, Boldre, Hants., Engl.  
bur 13 Feb 1804, Boldre, Hants., Engl.

Elizabeth Gates  
chr 6 Mar 1803, Boldre  
m 6 Jan 1826 to John Kearl

Joseph Gates  
chr 26 Apr 1805, Boldre

NOTE: Mr. Prosser, warden at the church St. Johns, East Boldre, Hants., England sent the entry on the christening of the boy Joseph Gates to Mrs. Grace K. Lamborn. In other records, we have not found any entry to the identify of a son born to Joseph and Elizabeth Rickman Gates. Reader will note the mother died less than a year after the christening of her daughter. The baby may have been months or even years old at christening. Mother could have died at the birth of son Joseph, and he then was christened months after her death.

Certificate of death for Elizabeth Gates Kearl gives her age as 90 years at death, 26 Feb 1895. This is inaccurate if she was born in 1803.

In the New Forest Civil Registers of deaths (New Forest PRO) at Lyminster, Hants., book 5 - page 96 we found the death of one Ann Gates (63 years old), wife of Joseph Gates, laborer, at Boldre (or this could be East Boldre), Hants., England. Date of death

Milton, Hampshire, who claimed his family is descended from the above Norman, De Croile, and that his family is separate from ours. Yet in my extensive correspondence with other genealogists in America, a Mrs. CURL of Ohio, I think it was, wrote that all the CURLES in America are descended through a Hessian deserter from the British Service during the American Revolution.

Now you can see why I am unable to claim definite information concerning the ancestry of William Kearl of Christchurch.

First, William may have been an Englishman for generations, dropping the "Y" ending from his name.

Second, He may have belonged to any of these other ancestral "Kearl" spellings. It is a known fact that his own son was often listed as John Curl. From John's children, thereafter it was KEARL.

Third, William may have been a German immigrant. The English Kings were closely connected with German royalty, and Hampshire was the common ground for those who came into England through Southampton. But professional genealogists tell me it is unlikely that William was a German.

This Kearl genealogy, then, begins with William, relates his children's data as found, then follows the family of John as we know it. We have data on four sons of John to the present, these are Henry, William Albert, and Charles of Fordingbridge. There are pictures from the families of Henry and William Albert, and Charles of Fordingbridge. Unfortunately we did not come into personal contact with members of Charles's descendants, and so our information is incomplete. John's oldest son, John had sons, but only one of these could we trace about two generations. Alfred, just older than James, was a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and came to Utah with James. However, he died childless, so in as far as we know, all KEARL families in the United States and Canada, using our spelling, are descendants of James Kearl. He was the father of Alfred and twenty-seven other children, twenty-one of whom lived to have families. James had one hundred and fifty grandchildren.

For me it was physically and financially impossible to trace the generations from these grandchildren to the present. A book compiled by a committee representing the James Kearl Family Organization, and edited by Mrs. Alley J. Taylor, was published in 1964. Only those statistics added since that date would be valuable here; other information would be mere repeating. The JAMES KEARL FAMILY HISTORY can be found in libraries across the country, and can still be purchased from Mrs. Taylor.

I knew I had to limit, therefore I began with the idea of including the generations of the children of James and Ann Burton Kearl. I sent out an appeal to the representatives in each son's or daughter's line. Only a few responded. I apologize now to those whose material I am unable to include because it was meager and incomplete.

Mrs. Eunice Bevans Duce sent in a beautifully prepared genealogy on her father's family; Mrs. Viola Wynder brought most of her family up to date; Mrs. Juliet Kearl Low was too ill to complete her share of the descendants of Julietta Kearl Bevans. Aunt Julietta, with her husband Frank Bevans, was

the one daughter of James and Ann Kearl to go into Alberta Province, Canada, to settle about 1892. One son, James William Burton Kearl, and two sons of James and Merlin Eastham Kearl joined "Jim and Ette" in the colonization of Cardston and other neighboring towns of southern Alberta. Thus, three brothers --- James, John, and George have descendants in western Canada.

Three brothers were remaining in Laketown, Rich County, Utah, out of all the children of James and Ann. James and Merlin also had two sons who built ranches in Round Valley, and belonged to the community of Laketown. These are Willis and Morton Kearl.

Alfred purchased land on the slopes of the valley, and built up a cattle and sheep ranch in partnership with his brother Manasseh (Byrd) Kearl. Together they worked until their hay and grain lands spread across the valley; their pasture and range lands extended west to the border of the Cache National Forest. In the early years from 1898 until his early death, a third brother, Jasper, worked closely with them. The families of the three men grew up together. The sons worked on the ranch; the daughters often spent their summers helping to cook for hired men. So, it is right that Jasper and Bryd should have their genealogies chronicled here. They were most closely knit as brothers; their wives and children associated closely for many years. Alf and Bryd maintained their partnership until they decided they needed separate lands for their eight sons. Alfred bought out Byrd in the home ranch, and Byrd purchased a ranch on the Bear River, near Randolph, Rich County, Utah. Byrd was the cattleman, so he retained the cattle; Alfred retained the sheep and the sawmill their father installed about 1880.

We the children of Alfred are proud of all the Uncles and Aunts we knew in our youth, and especially remember with love Byrd and Jasper and their families. We are proud to record the charts on our Aunt's family; an Aunt we did not know, but whose children and grandchildren are our good friends as well as our cousins. We regret deeply we cannot introduce all the family of James to our English cousins. Without question, all those I have been privileged to know in seventy-two years are citizens of value, folks to love and claim with pleasure.

The chart on the following ancestral page will help the reader to judge relationship between English and American cousins, in the generations from John Kearl to the present.

VERA LEE KEARL MARSHALL