

INTRODUCING THE KALLOCH FAMILY



1867

to

1992

**Rev. Joseph Kalloch, first president,
Kalloch Family Reunion Association**

**Killough, Kellough, Kelloch, Kalloch,
Kellock, Kallock, Kellar, Keller.**



An early Reunion, probably in 1875 at the "old Alexander place" in Warren.

KALLOCH FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION

We believe our Reunion is the oldest in America. When Eliza Butler came home from Indiana for a visit in 1866 her family gathered several times. At one it was suggested that it would be good to gather all the Kalloch clans on a regular basis, among them our founding twins, Nancy Wall and Rev. Joseph Kalloch. The first Reunion was held 6/23/1867 at the Old Alexander homestead in Warren, consisting of about 35 members of the Alexander branch. Informal for several interim years, meeting at "Kalloch Neck" in 1868 and Lermond Kalloch's in 1872, the Reunion formally organized in 1873 in a meeting at the home of Capt. Jackson Watts in St. George, continuing Rev. Joseph as president. The tradition of "regional" vice presidents was begun with Silas Kalloch (Rockland), Nathan Kalloch (Warren), Henry Kalloch (St. George), Joseph Keller (West Rockport), George E. Cummings (Union), Rufus Kalloch (Ashland), and Edwin Kalloch (No. Warren). In 1875, Washington Robbins (So. Thomaston) and B. K. Kalloch (Thomaston) were added. Attendance increased, 267 in 1876, 500 in 1888, and over 300 in 1894!

A 'Second' Family of America

In 1779 the American farmers who had just captured the Heights at Castine, among them John and Alexander Kelloch I, looked with dismay as Commodore Dudley Saltonstall and the American warships under his command would not engage the British in a delaying action so they could finish their work. It was a terrible defeat after such a stunning beginning! More than a century later Alexander's great-grandson, Frank Seavey Kalloch, "the tinware man," in his annual trip in his peddler's wagon to "the Islands," very likely sold tinware to Mrs. Richard Saltonstall of the Com-

modore's family at their summer home in North Haven. Frank custom-made our Reunion coffee pot, valued more out of sentiment than for its beauty. It has been present for most of our Reunions over the past 125 years. In 1879 at the Reunion each of the 126 were asked to sign their name, town and occupation. Kellochs don't always read instructions carefully but 24 answered with their occupations: 15 farmers, 2 carpenters, 2 truckmen, 2 seamen, 1 hunter, 1 tailor and 1 customs officer. It is important to chronicle families like ours, founded in the 1700's, not the 1600's, and composed largely of common, hard working, solid citizen type people.

ORIGINS

Variant spellings of Kelloch or Kellough appear in Scotland, MacKellock in the MacDonald Clan. There is even a St. Kellach, Bishop of Kellalal! The word, Killough, not surprisingly means "Church by the Lake." Our first known direct ancestor was John Killough of Drogheda who served in Cromwell's New Model Army in 1649 and settled in County Antrim in Northern Ireland. His son John's two sons, John and Robert, came to America. Our immigrant ancestors are Robert and Margaret (Finley) Killough (or Kellough) and Finley, one of their four sons, who came in the *William* from County Antrim, Northern Ireland, to Boston in 1718. From Boston they journeyed to the frontier village of Worcester. Presbyterians were not welcome and Robert soon moved to Portsmouth where they set up a fish oil factory. When this burned Robert and the rest of his family went south to Donegal, Pennsylvania. Only Finley stayed in New England, a first settler in the Upper Settlement of St. Georges (now Warren) on lot 23.

Finley Kellough

Finley was only about 14 when his first child, David II, was born in 1725. This may explain why he came north in 1735 with his parents-in-law who settled across the St. George's River on lot 11. His wife, Mary Young, was 11 years his senior. For several generations none of the Maine Kellochs named their children after Finley's father, Robert, making it likely a family dispute was associated with this move. John Young's house was so close to the river part of it slid into it. Finley's must have been more substantial as Eaton lists it as one of those which was fortified. In 1745 Finley took his family with him on the Louisburg Expedition to Nova Scotia, where farmers from the District of Maine conquered the French fort by walking in from the land side on their snowshoes! Of Finley and Mary's children, John and Matthew settled in what is now the town of St. George, David and Alexander I in what is now Warren, Margaret Boyd in Boothbay and Mary Brown perhaps in Boston.

The American Revolution

The three brothers, John, Matthew and Alexander Kelloch I, all enlisted. The latter, Lieut. Kelloch, seems to have been something of a "terrorist" in the early days of the War. Later he was the first in the town of Warren to fly the nation's new flag. John's sons, David Kellar III, John, James and William all served. William is said to have died a captive in Nova Scotia. David, who served at Valley Forge, gave a hearty toast, "Here's to the States, and the memory of Yates, who fought with courage so fine. In the year '77, by the blessing of Heaven, we thrashed that old rascal, Burgoyne!" Thus began the family poetic tradition. Finley Keller III claimed to have been a Revolutionary soldier serving as a substitute for Joseph Robinson Jr. in St. George. However, he was only 11 at the time and much of his life is shrouded in mystery. Kellochs have participated in all subsequent wars in which the United States has been engaged, particularly in the Navy, the highest ranking having been Rear Admiral Albert Sydney Snow.

Our Name

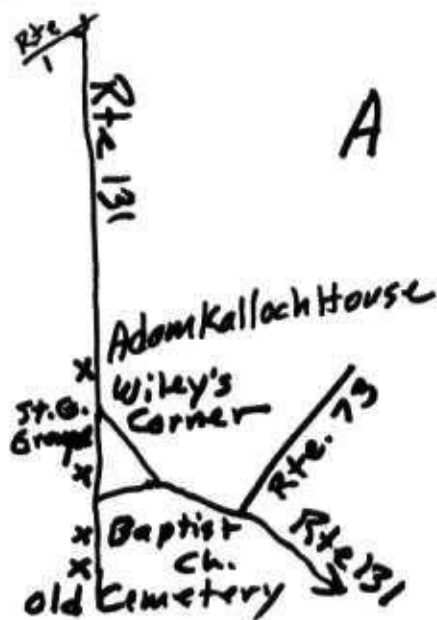
In 1743 Samuel Waldo gave a deed to "Finlo Kellough" for 90 acres of land on the St. Georges River. Kelloch seems to be the preferred spelling until after 1800. Then we diversified. Witness the old St. George Cemetery where in a radius of 30 feet you can find it spelled Kelloch, Kellock, Kalloch, Keller and Kellar. Gravestones for husbands and wives spell it differently side by side in St. George and West Rockport. In Warren Benjamin's stone reads Kellar while a monument in his memory nearby spells it Kalloch. Why? Illiteracy, family disputes, whimsy? We don't know. Spell it as you like! The Reunion spells it Kalloch probably out of esteem bordering on reverence for our first president, Joseph Kalloch.

For Further Reading

Cyrus Eaton's Annals of Warren and History of Thomaston, Rockland and South Thomaston have long been first sources. Add to these two recent genealogies, Zora Cunningham's The Killough Family, and Miriam Pack's Kith and Kin of James & Mary (Kellough) Young. Consult town histories, probate and cemetery records in eastern Knox Co. For pleasant reading find Ben Ames Williams Come Spring, where Mary Hawes is a Kelloch. For controversy find a copy of Marberry's The Golden Voice about Rev. Isaac Kalloch.

TOURS

On several pages following are self guided tours of local family sites connected with the Kelloch, etc. name and there are many more connected with other surnames. To add others and information for the K. Genealogy send to Rev. Peter T. Richardson, 199 Chestnut St., Andover, MA. 01810.



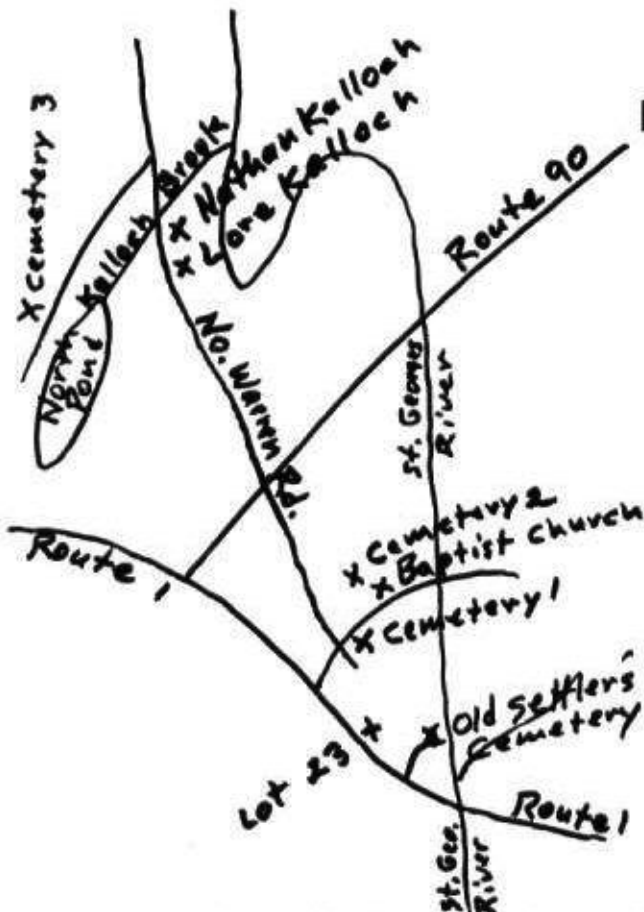
ST. GEORGE

Map A. Beginning at Rte. 1 in Thomaston at the Knox Mansion, take Rte. 131 for 4.6 mi. until you see the Kohn's Smoked fish sign on your left. Right across the st. is the Adam B. Kallach house. Just beyond turn rt. at Wiley's Corner and you will see the Grange Hall where many Reunions have been held. Just beyond is the Post Office and the Baptist Ch. where Rev. Joseph Kallach was minister for many years. Note plaque on front wall to Leola Robinson. While there is much to see in the cemetery behind the church you will want to drive on, one lot further, to the Old St. George Cemetery. Very likely a majority there are related to us! Our name is spelled 5 ways there! Matthew Kelloch reposes with an unmarked fieldstone. Look for Hance's stone with the saying, "The Constitution, it must and shall be preserved." Map B shows Tenants Harbor where a

president of our Reunion, Dea. Henry F. Kallach, lived, worshipped and is buried. His tombstone is shared with the Allen family. Colby & Leonie Kallach are buried nearby. Rev. Joseph Kallach was the founding minister of the Baptist Ch.



Adam Boyd Kallach house,
Wiley's Corner, St. George



WARREN

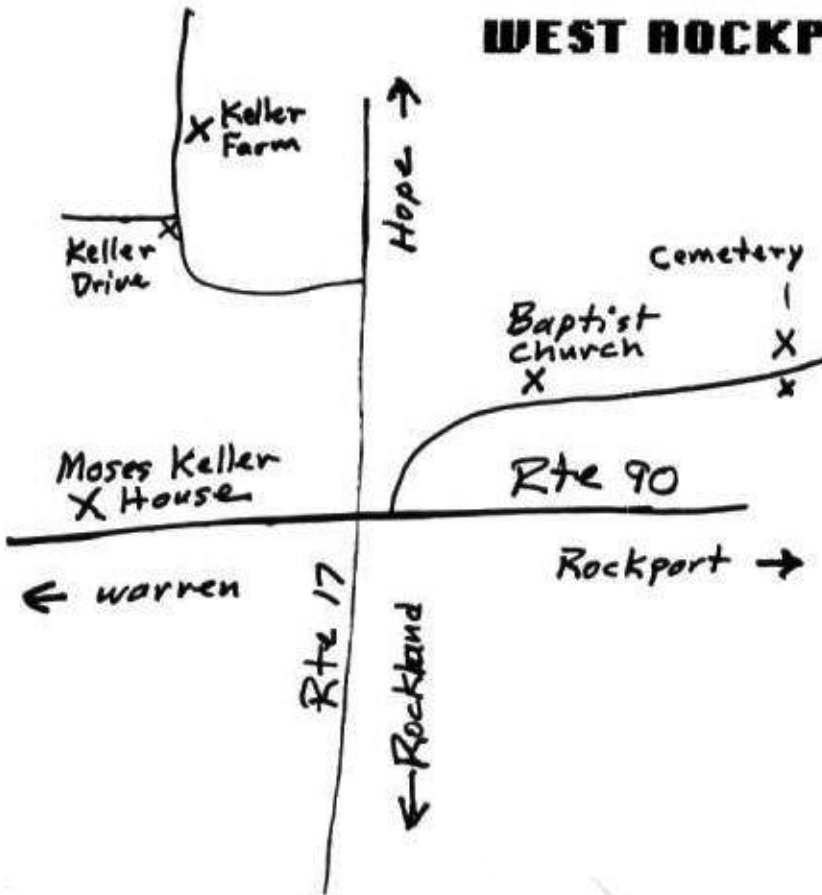
Warren, "Upper Georges Village," is the place we began in Maine. From Thomaston on Rte. 1, cross the St. Georges River & go 1.1 mi. to Anderson Realty on rt. Park and walk in on the dirt rd. until you see Old Settler's Cemetery. Alexander I is buried here. Back on Rte. 1, drive 1.2 miles further, past the School House farm stand to the next lot. This is the original Lot 23, Finley Kellough's farm. The house was not his. The farm stretched from the St. G. River to South Pond in the west. At the next intersection turn into Warren village to the village

cemetery (1) where Benjamin Kalloch is buried quite far in on the right. Further down the street is the Baptist Ch. which Alexander I helped found. Behind is a cemetery (2) where in the back left George W. and Dea. Mero Kalloch, Arnold B. and a tiny stone to "Little Ruthie, quietly resting" dau. of Viven & Rose Kalloch. Return to the common at cemetery (1) and turn onto the No. Warren Rd. Cross Rte. 90 and continue about 2.5 mi. In quick succession you will then see the Lore A. and Nathan Kalloch houses on the right and cross the Kalloch Brook. From here turn left onto North Pond Rd. and about 1 mi. on the right will be Cushing Cemetery (3) where Nathan and Sarah Kalloch and their famous dau., "Belinda," are buried. This road eventually leads to Rte. 1. There are numerous sites in Warren requiring a lifetime to master!

Tombstone of "Little Ruthie" "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"



WEST ROCKPORT



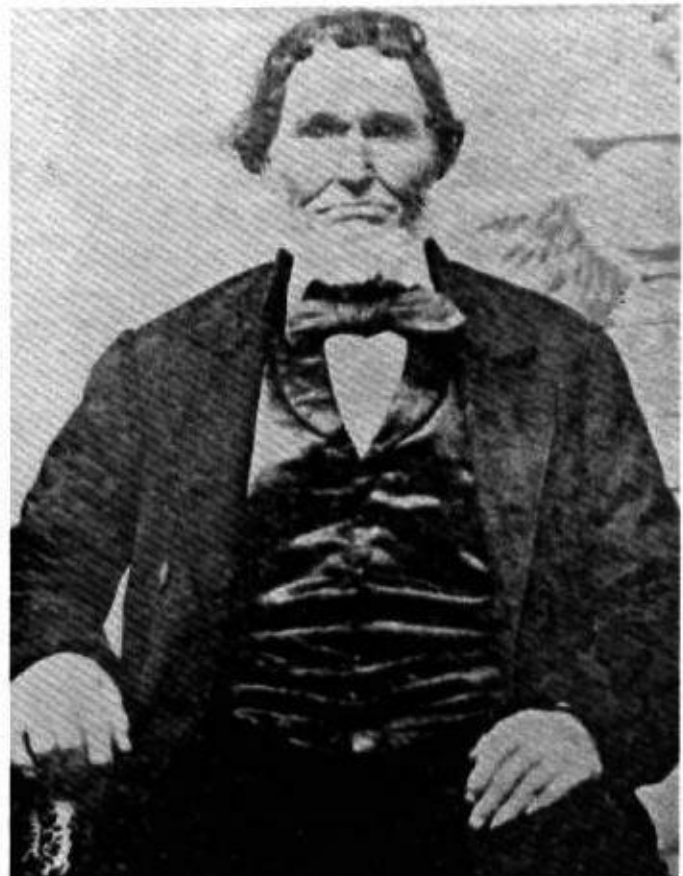
Finley (or Findley) Keller III moved from St. George to Camden (now West Rockport) and half the town it seems is related in some way.

From the intersection of Rte's 90 and 17, .4 mi. s, on the right is the homestead of Moses, Findley's son.

Back in the center, turn left onto Park St. and note the Baptist Ch. where Rev. Amariah Kalloch I was ordained and a council forgave what they considered to be his indiscretion. Further along Park St. is the cemetery where Findley & Hannah, Moses & Asenath, George & Susan,

Gilbert & Ann and many other Kellers are buried. Return to the center, turn towards Hope on Rte. 17 a short distance and turn left on Mt. Pleasant Rd. As you round the first bend all that you survey was at one time a Keller farm established by George & Susan Keller. On the left is a new Street, "Keller Dr.," built by the late Henry Keller. Just ahead on the right is "Cheer Up Farm," the original house and barn, no longer in the family.

Moses Keller, 1788-1872



ROCKLAND

Shire city of Knox Co. many Kallochs have lived here. Beginning at the end of the Samoset driveway you will see Seaview Cemetery. Turn left at brick bld., 1st rt. (gravel), 2nd left (grass), 2 rows beyond cedar tree on rt., there are graves of 4 generations of the Alexander III line. At the light going south turn onto the bypass and go along, past the Kalloch Fuel Co. & left until at the light where Broadway & Limerock Sts. meet turn left. The house on the south side of this intersection was Cora Millay's house where her famous dau., Edna, was born. Follow Limerock St. to Main and turn north. Soon you will see the 1st Baptist Ch. where Rev. Amariah Kalloch I was the 1st minister and Rev. Isaac S. Kalloch the 4th. Continue along Main St. & Camden St. to Cedar St., turn left and soon you will see the remnants of the 2nd Baptist Ch., served by Rev. Joseph Kalloch. At the other end of the street you will see the bypass again, turn left, follow it past the Millay house to Park St. Turn left & go to Main St., turn right and continue on So. Main until you find the last St. in the City, Mechanic St., & turn left. The 5th house on the left was built by Frank S. Kalloch & the barn (oldest bld. in Rockland) held his peddler's wagon, chaise, sleigh & horses. Across the street is the home of Rev. Joseph Kalloch (for sale).

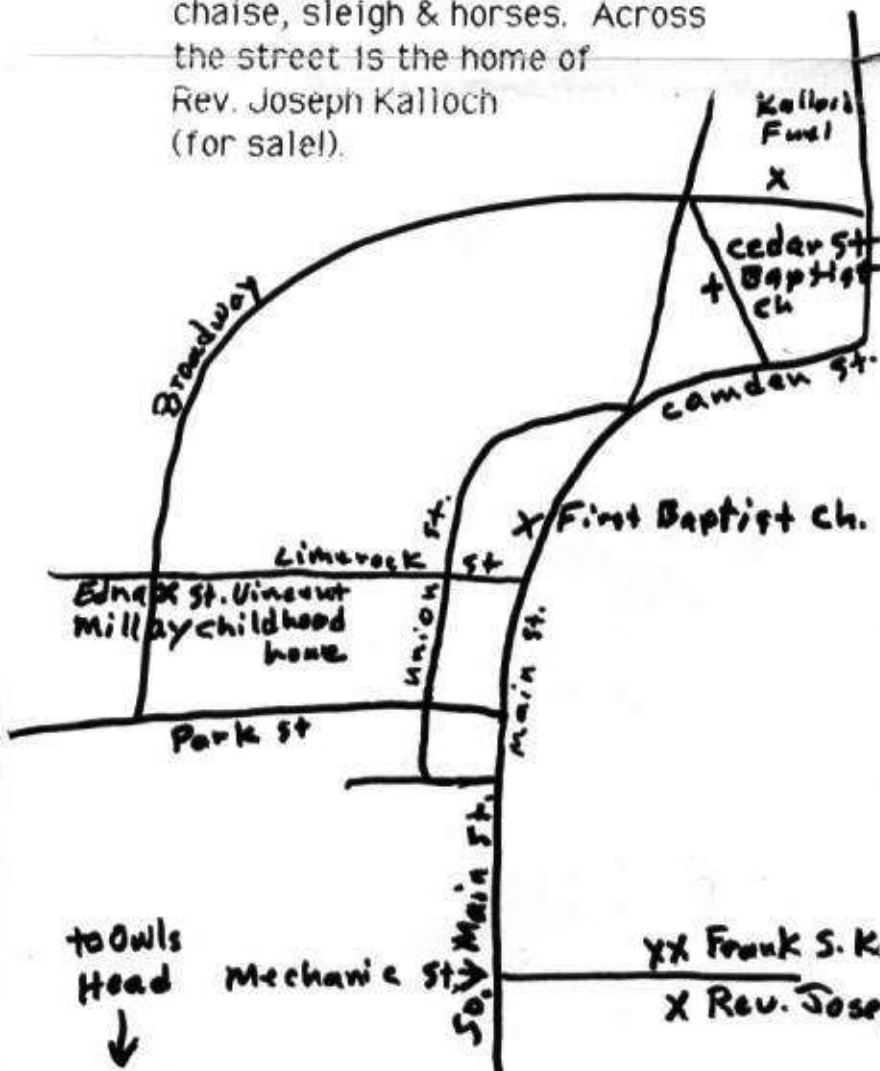
Kalloch graves

Seaview Cemetery

Samoset



Frank Seavey Kalloch, "tinware man"



to Owls Head
↓

FAMOUS KALLOCHS

Fame is fleeting and fickle and there are many unsung heroes among us. We hesitate to single out a few to sing about and yet there is a certain fascination hard to resist.

Rev. Isaac S. Kalloch. Best known of our ten clergypersons, Isaac was a PK (preacher's kid), serving first in Rockland, then the Tremont Temple Baptist Ch. in Boston. He is credited with saving that ch. from financial ruin but soon ran into controversy with "the liquor interests" and worse, allegations of sexual improprieties. New England lost one of its foremost pulpit orators as he moved to N. Y. & then Kansas and here "The Snorting Sorrel Stallion of Kaw Bottom" founded Ottawa University and 1st Baptist Ch. in Leavenworth. Moving once again, he became minister of the Metropolitan Temple Baptist Ch. in San Francisco and Workingman's Party mayor of the city. He was shot in the street by an angry newspaper editor. His son, Milton, later shot dead the alleged assassin. Isaac survived and eventually died in Schome, Washington Territory in 1887.

Amariah Kalloch III. Also a PK (son of Amariah I) he was a scout in the Union Army and moved to Kansas. Friend of Jesse James and a U.S. marshall it is claimed he may have smuggled guns to John Brown. He established the Kalloch Stagecoach & Freight Lines from Kansas west and founded the Pony Express. At the famous Cherokee Strip rush, over 50 of his wagons were used by homesteaders to stake their claims. A ghost town near Coffeyville, Kansas, is named "Kalloch." Amariah III founded the Burlington & Northern R.R., later moved to the west coast, engaged in wharf work and is buried in Edison, Washington.

Alonzo T. Kalloch. Resident of Ashland, Me., Alonzo was a well known hunter. He could always hit a target whether with a bullet or an axe. It is said he once killed a bear with his fist.

Edna St. Vincent Millay. Her mother, single and divorced, raised Edna and her sisters. Inheriting a tendency toward poetry and singing from her mother, she gained experience reciting poems on a table top at Kalloch Reunions. Her wonderful poetry is grounded in the Knox Co. landscape and Edna returned often for the summer. Edna is the only Keller to have received a Pulitzer Prize or to be commemorated with a U. S. postage stamp (1981).

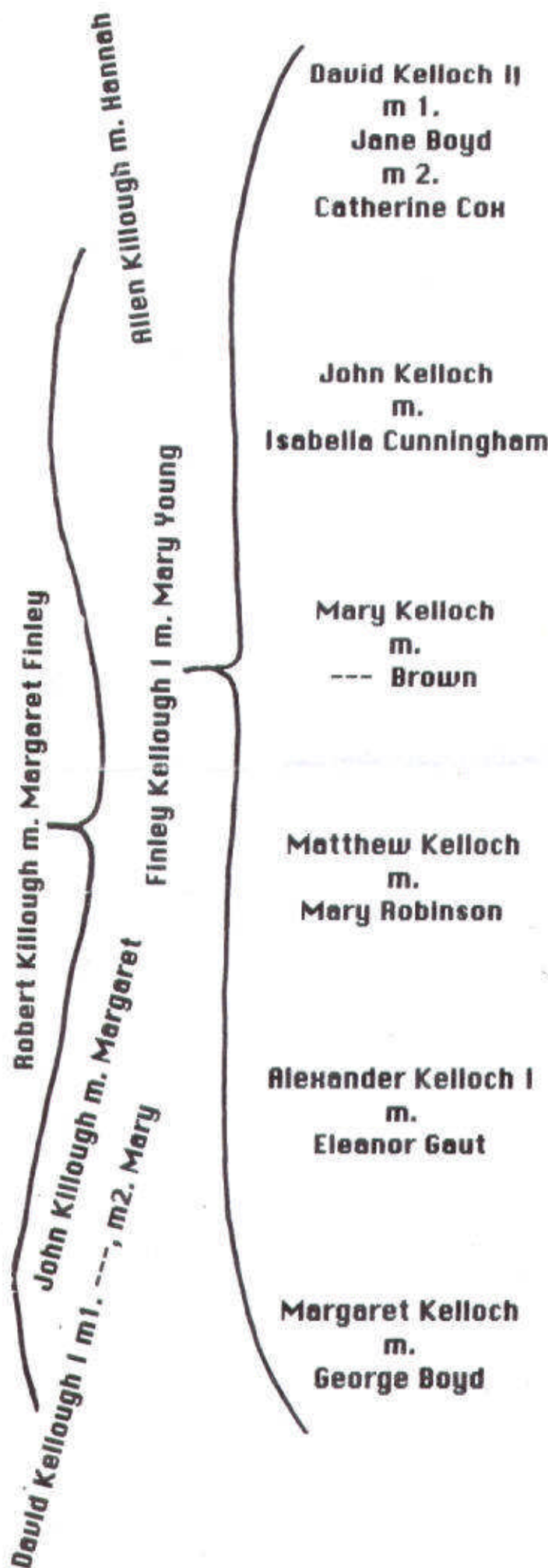
Augusta Kalloch Christie. First woman to serve in the Me. House & Senate (1952-1964) from Presque Isle, she was President of the Maine W. C.T.U., has a building named for her at the Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, and sang alto for 63 years in the Baptist choir.

George E. Macomber. His mother, Hannah Kalloch Macomber, widowed at an early age, Geo. began life as a grocery clerk, then a P.O. clerk, he went on to become President of 1 and director of 2 banks, President of 2 insurance co's. and pioneer in the development of trolley and electric utility indus. President of the Rockland, Thomaston & Camden St. Railway and of the Knox Gas and Electric Co. he also was mayor of Augusta and gave the WW I monument there. His dau. Anne married Guy Gannett, founder of the Portland Press Herald (& CBS ch. 13).

John Keller Ames. Leader in the lumber manufacturing industry in Me., he was also president of the Machias Water Co. and involved with other utility co's and banks. He was chair of the Board of Selectmen, State Senator from Wash. Co. and pillar of the Universalist ch.

Edward Kalloch Gould. Attorney, Judge of the Probate court, officer in the Militia. When he was Mayor of Rockland, the Library and R.R. Station were built, he negotiated the coming of the Samoset Hotel to Rockland, and became widely known as an orator. He was high in the Masons organization. He was chair of the Trustees that built "Montpelier," the Knox Memorial. He authored several books of military history, served as Maine State Historian and compiled a fine manuscript of Kalloch Genealogy.

Robert Mero Kalloch III. Robert was chief dress designer for Columbia Pictures in Hollywood in the 1930's and trend setter in the world of fashion. His grandfather, in the sixth generation, was the first to be named Robert since Finley first settled in Warren.



Children of John and Isabella

1. David Kellar III m1. E. Love, m2. M. Kelloch
2. John Kelloch II
3. James Kelloch
4. William Kelloch
5. Margaret Kelloch m1. Nichols, m2. S. Robbins
6. Alexander Keller II m. Jane Fullerton
7. George Kelloch m. Jane Boyd
8. Matthew Kelloch II m. Polly Forrest
9. Finley Kelloch II m. Polly Hasey
10. Moses Kelloch
11. Archibald Kelloch
12. Joseph Kelloch
13. Thomas Kelloch m1. S. Farnham, m2. E. Sterling
14. Jane Kelloch m1. Drake, m2. McLoon, m3. Perry

Children of Matthew and Mary

1. David Kelloch
2. Margaret Kelloch
3. Finley Keller III m1. Gardner, 2. Boyd, 3. Gardner
4. Moses Kelloch m1. M. Hasey, m2. L. Sayward
5. Mary (Polly) Kelloch m. Adam Boyd
6. Susannah Jane Kelloch m. Thomas Kinney
7. Catharine Y. Kelloch m. David Boyd
8. Matthew Jr. m. Hannah Snowdeal
9. Hanse A. Kelloch m. Sarah (Sally) Phinney
10. Sarah Kelloch m. Jacob Robinson

Children of Alexander I and Eleanor

1. David Y. Kelloch m. Mary Ross
2. Margaret Kelloch m. Francis Young
3. Alexander Kelloch III m. Elizabeth Mero
4. Mary Kelloch m. Moses Hawes
5. Jane Kelloch m. Joseph Jameson
6. Adam Kelloch m. Mary Butler
7. George Kelloch
8. Samuel Kelloch m. Lucy Lewis
9. Sarah Kelloch
10. Rosanna Kelloch m. David Cummings
11. Benjamin Kelloch m1. Libby, 2. Robbins, 3. Mallard

Children of Margaret and George

1. Thomas Boyd III m. Eleanor McGlothery
2. George W. Boyd m. Mary Huff
3. Aura F. Boyd