

KEITH-HYSLOP FAMILIES OF GIBSON COUNTY, IN

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John Wesley & Jennettie Keith

The first record of the Keith family in Gibson County was the 1860 census. Nathan Keith married Nancy Melissa Sisson on August 27, 1839 in Switzerland County. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Zerriah Sophia Pendleton Sisson. Nathan drown in the Ohio River in 1850 reportedly while moving his family. Nathan appeared on the 1840 census with a male child under 5 and a female between 15 and 20. This should be Nancy as the family bible shows her birth as October 13, 1822. Nancy and the children were listed in the 1850 census for York Township, Switzerland County, IN. She appeared on the 1860 census for Gibson County, IN as Nancy Mundon with the four children; Indiana marriage records show she married James Mundon on January 9, 1855. A Keith family bible has her name as Nancy M Mundon and her death date as November 14, 1893.

Children of Nathan and Nancy were:

Name	Birth date	Spouse	Marriage date
John Wesley	May 2, 1842	Jennettie Hyslop	Sept 9, 1869
Hiram Wilson	Sept 15, 1844	Elizabeth Phillips	June 25, 1867
Harriet Ellen	Apr 11, 1847	Francis M Throne	July 25, 1865
Mary A	1849	David J Moore	Dec 18, 1873

John Wesley married Jennettie Hyslop on September 9, 1869 in Princeton, IN. Their marriage certificate was signed by Jennettie Hyslop and Nancy M Keith (why did she use the name Keith?). They were the parents of Henry Wilson, 1870-1885, and Perry Andrew (Alexander in the family bible). John Wesley and Jennettie lived near or with Perry their entire lives. The family moved from Gibson County, IN to Scott County, MO in the summer of 1900. Gladys is shown as 5 months old on the Gibson Co. IN 1900 census and Inez was born in Scott Co. MO in October of 1900. John Wesley died on November 29, 1916 and Jennettie on November 24, 1922. They are buried in the Fairview Church Cemetery, rural (Curdton) Puxico, MO.

Hiram Wilson Keith and his wife remained in Gibson Co. His obituary stated: "*Hiram Wilson Keith, age 75 years, 9 months, and 11 days, died Monday night at 11:20 o'clock at the home of his son, William Keith, seven miles west of the city. Death was due to infirmities of old age..*

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 11: o'clock at the Decker Chapel. Burial will take place in the Decker cemetery ..

The deceased was united in marriage to Elizabeth Phillips, June 25, 1867, who died 5 years ago. And to this union nine children were born, six of whom survive. They are: John of Beebe , Ark. ; William, of Princeton ; Thomas Keith, of Francisco; Mrs. Mary Whiting and Mrs. Nannie Stott of this city; and Mrs. Mattie Backmeyer of Victoria , Mo. ; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Moore, of Shawnee , Okla."

Elizabeth's obituary was: "*Mrs. Elizabeth Keith, wife of Hiram Keith, died at 10:25 o'clock Sunday night at the home of her son, William Keith, five miles west of Princeton. She had been ill about a week with la grippe and heart trouble. The husband was in Arkansas but is expected to arrive tonight.*

The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Decker church north of Princeton, conducted by Rev. W. L. McRoberts and interment will be in Decker cemetery. Mrs. Elizabeth Keith was born February 15, 1848. On June 25, 1867, she was united in marriage to Hiram Wilson Keith, who survives together with 6 children. William, Thomas, and Miss Nannie living west of Princeton; Mrs. Oscar Whiting of this city; Mrs. Nettie Backmeyer of Madison, Ill.; and John of Arkansas. Three children are deceased. There is one brother, Henry Phillips of Washington Township and 3 sisters; Mrs. John Sloan of Princeton; Mrs. Christina Hays, north of Princeton; and Mrs. Theodore Boswell of Madison, Ill.

Mrs. Keith was a most estimable woman and her death is learned of with sorrow by a large circle of friends who extend their sympathy to the sorrow stricken loved ones.

Harriet Ellen Keith married Francis Marion Throne shortly after the end of the Civil War. He was a returning prisoner-of-war. They were the parents of Nancy Jane, Mary Belle, Lizzie, Rosa and Luther. Nancy Jane wed James Clifford Hyslop, brother of Jennettie Hyslop Keith.

Andrew Hyslop II was born on April 25, 1821 in Port Patrick parish, Wigtownshire, Scotland. He was the son of Andrew and Janat McMilchan (McKeekin, McMickan, etc.) and was one of at least six children. He wed Margaret Boyd(e) on June 12, 1851 in Port Patrick parish by the Rev. John J Campbell. She was the daughter of Hugh and Janett Kilpatrick Boyd. The 1851 Scotland census list both Andrew Hyslop, age 30, and Margaret Boyd age 17, as servants on a farm owned by John McWilliam.

Andrew and Margaret had their first child, Jennettie, born September 5, 1852 in Scotland. In 1854, they sailed on the ship, Lord Stanley, for the Great Australian Gold Rush. Their second child, John Henry, was born while they were at sea. Jane was born in Australia and then they returned to Scotland. Their fourth child, James Clifford, was born on November 29, 1858 in Scotland. Their remaining children were all born after they arrived in Gibson County, Indiana in 1860. Andrew became a US citizen on August 2, 1867.

Andrew's death was reported in the Princeton News on Monday, July 5, 1901: "*Andrew Hyslop died Saturday at his home in Cemetery township, death being due to his advanced years. He was eighty years old and a native of Scotland. The funeral service was held at Fairview church this morning a ten o'clock, and interment took place this afternoon in the Archer cemetery. The deceased was a farmer by occupation and was a man respected by everyone.*"

Margaret's obituary was published in the Pike County Democrat, 7/1/1910 as follows: "*Mrs. Margaret Hyslop, one of the best known women of Gibson County, resident of this city many years, died suddenly at ten o'clock Friday night at her home north of the city, near Mount Olympus, within a few minutes after being stricken with valvular heart disease and before a physician could arrive. She had removed there from this city with her daughter, Mrs Mary Carithers, several months ago. Corner Morris was summoned today and found the cause as stated. She had been in apparently good health. Mrs. Hyslop was a most estimable lady and her death will be much mourned. She was 77 years of age and her leaves a number of children among them being Mrs. George Storment of this city; Wm., Hugh, and Mrs Mary Carithers of this county, Nevin Hyslop of Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Keith and James Hyslop of Missouri.*"

Most of the children remained in the Gibson County, Indiana area. Jennettie, John Henry, Alexander and James Clifford moved with their spouses to Southeast Missouri. James Clifford moved on to Oklahoma.

Children of Andrew and Margaret were as follows:

Name	Birth	Spouse	Marriage Date
Jennettie E	9/5/1852–Scot	John Wesley Keith	9/9/1869
John Henry	6/6/1854–at sea	Jane Kirk	12/25/1878
		Ethyl Gillispie	1/26/1914
Jane	8/2/1856–Aust	Edward Moore II*	12/6/1882
James Clifford	11/29/1858–Scot	Nancy Jane Throne**	11/24/1885
Alexander	3/6/1861–IN	Mary F Morris	4/16/1905
Andrew III	12/25/1862–IN (died 5/24/1874)		
Margaret	10/26/1864–IN	John Ortho Lansing	8/22/1889
William	5/8/1866–IN	Highla Ann Ford	10/6/1887
Hugh	5/9/1868–IN	Lulu Hillman	12/24/1890
		Julia Ann Westfall	11/20/1907
Betsy Ann	5/15/1870–IN (died 10/10/1870)		
Betsy	4/28/1871–IN (died 5/4/1871)		
Mary Lavina	5/10/1872–IN	Calvin Carithers	9/24/1901
		John Ortho Lansing	10/6/1915
Ella	6/4/1874–IN	George R Stormont	4/9/1896
Nevin A	3/13/1877–IN	Laufa Myra Lucas	7/16/1897

* – Edward Moore was a brother to David J Moore, spouse of Mary A Keith

** – Nancy Jane Throne was the daughter of Harriet Keith Throne, sister to John Wesley Keith.

Edward Moore was the son of John Camm Moore and Elizabeth Dawson who moved to Gibson County in the early 1800's. Edward and his wife, Jane Hyslop Moore, were the parents of Janettie, Walter, Archibald, Clifford, Boyd, and Aaron. Dr. Clifford H Moore, Professor of History, Ripon College, describes the area around the Hyslop home and includes a photograph of the home with Margaret, Jane, Edward and others in his book, "A Republican Dilemma, from Waterloo to Watergate."

John O Lansing and Margaret Hyslop were the parents of sons Ortho and Vernon. After Margaret's death, John married her sister, Mary Lavina. Mary was widowed and the mother of Marguarita and Lucille Carithers. Mary's husband, Calvin Carither, took his own life in 1906.

William and Ann Ford Hyslop were the parents of Elza, Ophir, Della, Lamesco, and Elieth.

Hugh and Lulu Hillman Hyslop were the parents of Leo, Orb, Ray, Iris, Donald, Clay, and Opal. After Lulu's death, Hugh wed Julia Westfall and were the paretns of Leroy, H Boyd. And Lenora.

George and Ella Hyslop Stormont were the parents of Glenn, Marjorie, and Everett. Nevin and Lufa Lucas Hyslop did not have children.

Perry A Keith wed Maria Forbis Thompson on December 2, 1892 in Gibson County. Maria was the daughter of Joseph H Thompson and Elizabeth Skelton. Shortly after Maria's birth in 1872, her father died. Her mother remarried Augusta N 'Gus' Bennett on December 28, 1876 in Gibson County. Elizabeth was the daughter of Barnes Skelton and Lucinda Mauck. The Skelton name is known to most of us because of the comedian "Red" Skelton. 'Red' and Maria were second cousins but probably did not know each other.