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Parents of William Kesey of Franklin County

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RESTRICTIONS AND/OR LIMITATIONS:

Research and report to be conducted in 20 hours
Limitations on records and repositories: Research in Franklin County

RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who were the parents of William Kesey, b. 22 Feb 1819 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania?

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION:

- Twenty (20) hours research, analysis and report, authorized by contract received 8 January 2019.
- Fifteen (15) hours extension authorized via 11 February 2019 phone call and email.

Genealogy Research Itemization		
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY & REPOSITORY
4 Feb 2019	1:00	Review of information provided by client; formulation of research work plan
4, 7, 11, 16, 23, & 25 Feb 2019	13:45	Research at websites: Google, Ancestry, FamilySearch
5 & 6 Feb 2019	2:00	Research at Franklin County Historical Society, Chambersburg
4 & 6 Feb 2019	1:00	Research at Franklin County Courthouse & Archives, Chambersburg, PA & website
7 Mar 2019	6:30	Research at Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, PA
5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 18 & 19 Feb 2019	12:30	Analyze records, correlate research findings, written report & citations
Actual Time	35:45	Additional 0:45 at NO CHARGE to meet contract obligations

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO RESEARCH FOCUS

Provided by Client Prior to Research

The following information about William Kesey was taken from *History of Napa and Lake Counties, California*, by Slocum, Bowen and Company, 1881:

- [22 Feb 1819] Born 22 February 1819 in Franklin County
- [1836] Apprenticed to cabinet-maker at age 17
- [1839-1840] To Lancaster at age 20 as cabinet-maker for one year
- [1840-1845] Cabinet-maker in Franklin County until 1845
- [1845-1846] To Wyandotte [Wyandot County], Ohio in 1845 for one year
- [1846] To “native county” to enlist in Mexican War
- [1846] Volunteered for Mexican War [war 1846-1848]
- [Oct 1846-1847] To Franklin County after became ill after six months in war
- [1847-Feb 1849] To Ohio, with father, as clerk in store
- [Feb-Sep 1849] To Sutter’s Fort [without father]

William Kesey died 27 September 1886 at Lower Lake, Lake County, California. He married Margaret Bone Adams on 26 May 1864 at Lower Lake. They had one son who lived to adulthood, James Adams Kesey (b. 1866) and another, William, who died in 1870. No other siblings of William b. 1819 are known. His possible parents may be John and Mary (—?—) Kesey. One “Keasey” family is known to have lived in Metal Township, Franklin County, but no connection has been made.

Analysis of Provided Information

The above information was reviewed. The *History* was published in 1881 and William died in 1886, so he likely provided the information himself. The history of his early life in Pennsylvania and Ohio, c. 1840-1850, was 30-40 years prior to the publication, so his memories should be verified with original records. William’s mother probably died before 1847 when father and son left for an unknown Ohio County, possibly returning to Wyandot. His father may have died c. 1849 in Ohio prior to William’s departure for California.

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

While every effort has been made to meet the conditions of the Genealogical Proof Standard, time constraints have restricted the research. The conclusions in this report are based on information in the records reviewed and cited within. Continued research may reveal inconsistencies or inaccuracies and could lead to new conclusions.

Peter Kesey of Antrim Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and Sacramento, California is certainly the father of William. Peter moved to Ohio with his son, William, and daughter, Sarah, who married there in 1848. According to tax records, Peter was living in Franklin County (1814-1843) when William was born (1819) and when William was also there. No information was found on William's mother and Peter's wife, who may have died between the 1840 census and 1843. Based on Peter's cemetery record and obituary, he was **born c. October 1786 and died 23 October 1852**. Two other Kesey men were found in Franklin County census records that had males of the same age as William and his sister, Sarah (b. c. 1824), in 1820, 1830, and 1840, when the censuses were located. Based on additional research, John Keasey of Metal Township and Alexander Kesey of Montgomery Township were ruled out as the father of William.

William's service in the Mexican War was not proven. It seems unlikely that he would have moved to Ohio in 1845, moved back to Pennsylvania to enlist in the military in 1846, then move back to Ohio in 1847. Why wouldn't he enlist in Ohio? No military records were found for William in Pennsylvania or Ohio, and further investigation to sort this period of William's life is needed.

ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS

The following records were copied and analyzed. Citations were placed on each accompanying image with a cross reference to their appropriate exhibit (Ex) and footnote (Fn). All analytical comments about the records are in *italic*. Digital images of designated exhibits will be emailed for easier examination by the client. A timeline of Peter Kesey in Franklin County, Ohio, and California follows this report.

Census Records

The federal government conducted a census every ten years, beginning in 1790. The Pennsylvania Septennial Census was conducted every seven years from 1779-1863. Census records provide information about individuals, families and communities. They can help find a family's residence and trace its migration. People enumerated next to each other or in the same general area may be relatives, families who moved together, or families that intermarried. Other types of census records include agricultural, industry and manufacturing, mortality, etc.

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A search of *Ancestry* and *FamilySearch* databases for census records revealed two possible fathers for William Kesey, born 22 February 1819 in Franklin County. In 1820, William should be listed in Franklin County as a male under age 10. He should be listed as a male age 10-14 in 1830. He may or may not have been living in Franklin County in 1840: “When he was twenty years of age he went to Lancaster County . . . where he worked at his trade one year.”¹ Only three Franklin County households have at least one son of the age of William Kesey in 1820 and/or 1830, and only one of these households have a male age 20-29 in their household in 1840. Emphasis was added to the following:

- John Keasey household in Metal Township:
 - 1820 U.S. census for John “Keasy”: **Two males under 10**, two males 16-18, three females 15 and under; also, one male 45 and over, likely John, and one female 26-44, likely John’s wife.²
 - 1830 U.S. census for John “Kaysey”: **One male 10-14**, two males 15-39, **one female 5-9**, two females 10-19; also, one male 50-59, likely John, and no females of similar age to John.³
 - 1840 U.S. census for John “Keasey, ^{Sen}”: **One male 20-29, one female 15-19**, one female 20-29; also, one male 60-69, likely John, and no females of similar age to John.⁴

- Alexander Keasey household in Montgomery Township
 - 1820 U.S. census for Alex^r “Casey”: **Three males under 10**, four females 15 and under; also, one male and one female 26-44, likely Alexander and his wife.⁵
 - 1830 U.S. census for Alexander “Kesey”: **One male 10-14**, one male under 5, two females 10-19; also, one male 50-59, likely Alexander, and one female 40-49, likely his wife.⁶
 - 1840 U.S. census for Alexander Kesey: None found in Franklin County.⁷

¹ *History of Napa and Lake Counties, California* (San Francisco: Slocum, Bowen and Company, Publishers, 1881), Lake County, 252.

² 1820 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Metal Township, p. 380 (penned), line 15, John Keasy; digital image 2 of 5, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 101.

³ 1830 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Metal Township, p. 240 (penned), line 11, John Kaysey; digital image 5 of 9, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 151.

⁴ 1840 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Metal Township, p. 353 (stamped), line 18, John Keasey; digital image 5 of 14, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 457-458.

⁵ 1820 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Montgomery Township, p. 340 (penned), line 14, Alex^r Casey; digital image 2 of 7, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 101.

⁶ 1830 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Montgomery Township, p. 420 (penned), line 20, Alexander Kesey; digital image 23 of 34, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 151.

⁷ Negative search in 1830 U.S. census, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2019) for Alexander Kesey in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

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- Peter Kesey household in Antrim Township
 - 1820 U.S. census for Peter Kesey: None found in Franklin County.⁸
 - 1830 U.S. census for Peter “Kesey”: **Two males 10-14, one female 5-9**, one female 15-19; also, one male and one female 40-49, likely Peter and his wife.⁹
 - 1840 U.S. census for Peter “Keasy”: No male 20-29, **one female 15-19**; one male and one female 50-59, likely Peter and his wife.¹⁰
- Peter Kesey in Ohio: The 1850 U.S. census lists Peter “Kasey,” age 61, in the Samuel Pugh family with Sarah J. Pugh, age 25, in Seneca County, Ohio. Peter and Sarah were born in Pennsylvania. William K. Pugh, age 0, was born in Ohio.¹¹

Analysis: According to the derivative biography of William Kesey, he was born in Franklin County and lived there off-and-on until c. 1847. He briefly lived in Lancaster County c. 1839-1840 and Wyandot County, Ohio c. 1845-1846. He should appear in the 1820 and 1830, and possibly the 1840 censuses, either in Franklin or Lancaster Counties. William was not found under his own name in Lancaster County in 1840.¹² If his father traveled with him to Ohio c. 1847, the family should appear in Franklin County in the 1820-1840 census records, and possibly 1810 or 1800. Only two Kesey or similar households listed males under 10 in 1820 and 10-14 in 1830, John and Alexander. Alexander’s household is missing after the 1830 census. Peter Kesey lists a male 10-14 in 1830, no male of William’s age in 1840, and Peter is not found in the 1820 census. Also, John is in Metal Township living in northern Franklin, while Alexander in Montgomery and Peter in Antrim are approximately 25 miles south. Montgomery and Antrim Townships are approximately 13 miles apart. William was not located as head of household in any Pennsylvania census.

According to William’s biography, he was living in Ohio in the late 1840s and California by 1850. A Peter Kesey is listed in the 1850 census, living with the Samuel Pugh family in Seneca County, Ohio. At age 61, his birth year would be c. 1788-1789. Sarah J. Pugh, age 25, was born c. 1825. She is likely Samuel’s wife. Her birth year aligns with the females in the 1830 and 1840 censuses of Peter Kesey and John Keasey, born c. 1821-1825. William Pugh, age 0, likely the child of Samuel and Sarah, was born c. 1849/1850. He carried the same name as William Kesey. Calculated from the birth of their first child, Sarah and Samuel likely married by 1849. Sarah J. Pugh could have named her son after her brother and is possibly the daughter of Peter Kesey and the sister of William.

⁸ Negative search in 1820 U.S. census, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 11 February 2019) for Peter Kesey in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

⁹ 1830 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Antrim Township, p. 391 (penned), line 1, Peter Kesey; digital image 15 of 36, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 151.

¹⁰ 1840 U.S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Greencastle, p. 161 (penned), line 7, Peter Keasy; digital image 7 of 16, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 14 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 457-458.

¹¹ 1850 U.S. census, Seneca County, Ohio, population schedule, Tiffin, p. 439 (stamped), dwelling 247, family 247, Samuel Pugh household with Peter Kasey; digital image 32 of 65, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 23 February 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 728.

¹² Negative search 1840 U.S. census, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 4 February 2019) for William Kesey in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

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Probate Records

Probate records can provide evidence regarding kinship and can aid in recreating a family. Information found in probate records is probably accurate, as it was given at the time of the event by persons who were in a position to know the facts. Sometimes the listing of children was in birth order, but sons were often listed before daughters. Administrators, executors and witnesses could also be relatives.

- Orphans' Court records for John Keasey of Metal Township do not list a William or a Sarah as an heir.¹³

Analysis: John Keasey, Metal Township, died in Franklin County in 1850. He may have traveled to Ohio with William and returned home to Pennsylvania when William went to California. It is more likely that since William is not listed in this record with John's other children, that John Keasey never lived in Ohio and William is not his son.

Cemetery Records

Cemetery records can be found at cemeteries and on various websites. They may contain vital information, photographs, obituaries, and other information about the deceased and their family.

- Peter Kesey died 23 October 1852 and was buried at the Sacramento City Cemetery.¹⁴
- Sarah J. Pew died in 1883 and was buried in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.¹⁵

Analysis: Peter Kesey died in or near Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. According to the Lake County History, William lived in Sacramento City c. 1851-1853, the same time period that Peter died. Sarah Pew's obituary gave no additional information related to William or Peter Kesey.

¹³ Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Orphans' Court, Partition of Real Estate, docket F:288-292, John Keasey, April 1850, Franklin County Archives, Chambersburg.

¹⁴ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 11 February 2019), memorial no. 139748059, Peter Kesey (death 23 October 1852), Sacramento City Cemetery (Sacramento, California), memorial without photograph by MockingbirdTales.

¹⁵ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 25 February 2019), memorial no. 69027005, Sarah J. Pew (1824-1883), Greenlawn Cemetery (Tiffin, Ohio), memorial without photograph by ProgBase.

Court Records

Various types of court records provide contextual information regarding customs, attitudes and social structure of a person's time and locality. Families and their relations may be listed as litigants, witnesses, jurors, appointees to office, signers of petitions, etc.

- Marriage record: "Samuel Pew & Sarah Kesey Licensed to Marry Novemb^r 7th 1848"¹⁶

Analysis: Sarah (Kesey) Pew married in Seneca County, Ohio in November 1848, verifying that she moved to Ohio by at least 1848. As a young woman, she probably did not move alone, but likely with her family.

Newspaper Articles

Newspaper articles can give information on vital events such as births, marriages and deaths. They can also provide additional insight into a person's education, career, political and community activities, and life in general. Other articles may include local news, real estate transactions, business advertisements, probate court and legal notices, or biographical sketches.

- William Kesey was named in the "List of Letters" remaining at the Upper Sandusky, Ohio Post Office on 1 January 1848.¹⁷ Upper Sandusky is located in Wyandot County.
- Peter Kesey's 1852 obituary states that he died "on the 26th of October, at the residence of his son, near Sacramento City . . . formerly of Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa and late of Tiffin, Ohio, aged 66 years and 15 days."¹⁸
- Mrs. Samuel Pew's obituary stated that she died "on Saturday evening last, aged 59 years."¹⁹

Analysis: As William had letters still in Ohio on 1 January 1848, he may have left for California before the 1849 date recorded in the Lake County History. Peter Kesey's Seneca County obituary lists a death year of 1852, the same as Peter Kesey who died 23 October in Sacramento, California. Only the dates differ—26th in his obituary and 23rd on his cemetery record. It likely took a few months for the news to travel from California to Ohio, and this may have caused the three-day discrepancy in death dates. Peter's age of 66 years, 15 days places his birth in October 1786. The obituary also confirms his former Antrim Township residence, as Greencastle is in Antrim. Tiffin, Seneca County is approximately twenty miles from Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County. The two counties are adjacent. Mrs. Samuel Pew is Sarah (Kesey) Pew, as the date of her obituary matches the year of her cemetery record. Based on the 10 May obituary, she died 5 May 1883. At 59 years, she was born c. 1824. Peter Kesey's census lists a female of the correct age to be Sarah.

¹⁶ Seneca County, Ohio, "Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774-1993," digital image 233 of 500, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>; accessed 25 Feb 2019), p. 154, entry no. 1, Kesey-Pew, 1848.

¹⁷ "List of Letters," notice, *The Wyandot Pioneer (Upper Sandusky, Ohio)*, 7 January 1848, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.newspapers.com> ; accessed 11 February 2019).

¹⁸ "Peter Kesey," obituary, *Seneca Advertiser (Tiffin, Ohio)*, 10 December 1852, p. 3, col. 2; digital scan emailed by the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library.

¹⁹ "Mrs. Samuel Pew," obituary, *Tiffin Weekly Tribune (Ohio)*, 10 May 1883, p. 0, col. 3; digital scan emailed by the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library.

Land and Property Records

Land records exist for periods of time for which other records are not available. Deeds can place families in a particular location and time. They can also provide information on a person's current and/or former residence and occupation, spouse, and other relationships. Family members may be listed as witnesses, neighbors, etc. Land records can also help differentiate same-named people.

- “Peter Kesey of Franklin County and Antrim Township Cordwinder [shoemaker] applies for four acres of Wood Land in Washington Township . . . and . . . has lived within two or three miles of the same premises for Several years” on 26 April 1815.²⁰
- Peter Kesey purchased 2+ acres of land in Antrim Township from Francis and Elizabeth Dunn for \$250 on 27 March 1837. The land was bounded by land of William Drux, David Long, and William Conrad. The deed was witnessed by A.B. Rankin and William Rule.²¹
- Peter Kesey left personal property in trust to George H. Davidson of Greencastle to cover debts on 11 January 1843.²² An abstract follows:
“I, Peter Kesey stand indebted to divers persons in large sums of money due on notes and book accounts, and I am desiring that all the debts . . . should be paid. Now therefore I, Peter Kesey reposing full confidence in George H. Davidson of the Borough of Green Castle, in consideration of One Dollar . . . make over unto the said George H. Davidson . . . all my personal property consisting of two saddles & two bridles, one wagon, one Horse and One Set of Harness, in trust for the following purpose . . . George H. Davidson will sell and dispose of the property aforesaid . . . either for cash or upon a reasonable credit and apply the monies arising therefrom to the following debts. First, I prefer George H. Davidson for a debt of Thirty three dollars, and next I prefer a debt I owe to Davidson & McLanahan, trading in company, and a debt due John Laughlin of Thirty five dollars and (Davidson & McLanahan's claim as above mentioned of Fifty three Dollars) after the first preferd [*sic*] claim to George H. Davidson is satisfied. The balance of money is to be divided equally between the two last preferd creditors in proportion to their several claims. . . the Eleventh day of January 1843. Witness. James K. Davidson, A.B. Ranklin. Peter Kesey [Legal Signature]”

Analysis: Peter Kesey was living in Antrim Township by c. 1812-1813, “several years” prior to filing a warrant for land in Washington Township. This was several years prior to William’s birth in 1819. Peter then purchased land in Antrim Township in 1837 and left personal property in trust to cover debts in 1843. Peter was therefore living in Franklin County from at least 1813-1843, the time period when William was also likely living there. Peter was identified as a shoemaker in the 1815 warrant.

²⁰ “Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952,” digital images 111-112 of 165, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 February 2019), warrant no. Peter Kesey, 1815, Franklin County; citing Pennsylvania State Archives. Also, negative search for sale of this property in “C” and “K” Grantor Index, *FamilySearch*.

²¹ Franklin County, Pennsylvania, “Pennsylvania Register of Deeds,” 17:251-252, Francis and Elizabeth Dunn to Peter Kesey, 27 March 1837; digital images 259-260 of 668, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 11 February 2019). Also, negative search for sale of this property in “C” and “K” Grantor Index, *FamilySearch*.

²² Franklin County, Pennsylvania, “Pennsylvania Register of Deeds,” 19:86-87, assignment, Peter Kesey to George H. Davidson, 11 January 1843; digital images 414-415 of 666, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 11 February 2019).

Tax Records

County tax records can help place a person in a particular place and time if census records are not available and between the federal population censuses. Prior to 1850, tax rolls can help identify adult males that are not the head of household and might not be landowners. In addition, the taxes someone paid can imply their economic status, which can help to distinguish between two same-named people. Examination of tax lists over a period of years may reveal dates of settlement, migration, marriages, deaths, approximate ages, and family relationships. Early tax lists consisted of taxes on people, taxes on land, and taxes on personal property.

- Pennsylvania Septennial Census
 - 1814 Pennsylvania Septennial Census: Peter Keassy is listed as a shoemaker in Antrim Township.²³
 - 1842 Pennsylvania Septennial Census: William and Peter “Casey” are listed together as peddlers in Antrim Township.²⁴
- Franklin County tax records, 1814-1843 (not inclusive): Peter Kesey is listed in 23 tax records in Franklin County, all but three years 1825-1827 (Washington Township) in Antrim Township.²⁵

Analysis: The septennial census, conducted every seven years until 1863, was actually a tax record. William and Peter are listed adjacently, implying a close relationship. As these records are in alphabetical order, a close residency cannot be established. The Lake County History states that William and his father lived in Franklin County until 1847, which this tax record supports. Also, as peddlers, working as a “clerk” in Ohio and various trades in California would be compatible.

Franklin County tax records corroborate land and census records. Peter first appeared in Antrim Township in 1814. He purchased land in adjacent Washington Township (to the west) in 1815 and disappeared from the Antrim tax lists the next year in 1816. However, he didn't appear in Washington lists until 1825-1827. But a Henry Keasy Sr. showed up there in 1818-1819. Henry may possibly have been a relation living on Peter's property. Henry disappeared in 1820. Peter appeared in 1825 in Washington, taxed until 1827, and then reappeared in Antrim in 1828. Also, in Antrim from 1822-1823 was a Thomas Keasey, taxed on two houses and two lots, another possible relation. Thomas owned a considerable amount of property. In 1837, Peter purchased two acres and was taxed on this property through 1839. Peter was then listed as a tenant from 1841 until he disappeared from Antrim in 1844, consistent with the sale of his personal property and his appearance in Ohio. As in the 1814 septennial census and 1815 land warrant, Peter was listed as a shoemaker from 1814-1836 and was consistently taxed on 1-2 cows and 1 horse. He also left two saddles, two bridles, and one horse in trust in 1843. It should also be noted that he was not taxed in two townships at the same time. This is certainly the same person. A table of these tax records follows.

²³ “Pennsylvania Septennial Census, 1779-1863,” digital image 13 of 312, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 February 2019), alphabetized, for Peter Keasey, line 4, 1814 in Antrim, Franklin County; citing Pennsylvania State Archives.

²⁴ “Pennsylvania Septennial Census, 1779-1863,” digital image 8 of 373, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 February 2019), alphabetized, for William and Peter Kesey, lines 7 and 8, 1842 in Antrim, Franklin County; citing Pennsylvania State Archives.

²⁵ Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Board of County Commissioners Tax Records Tax Records 1794-1848 not inclusive, Antrim and Washington Townships, unpaginated entries arranged chronologically then alphabetically; 1814-1843 relating to Kesey; Microfilm Group MG-4, rolls 2167-2171 and 2224-2226; Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

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Tax Lists for Kesey in Franklin County				
Year	Township	Peter Details	Other Keseys	Notes
1814	Antrim	Keasy Peter (Shoemaker) 1 cow		
1815	Antrim	Keasy, Peter S M 1 horse, 1 cow		Peter purchased land in Washington Township on 15 April 1815
1816	Antrim	Keasy Peter		Peter's name crossed out with no information
1818-1819	Washington		Keasy Henry (Sr.)	No Peter found 1817-1821
1822	Antrim	Keasy Peter S M 1 cow	Keasey Thomas 2 Houses 2 Lots	First listing for Thomas Keasey
1823	Antrim	Keasy Peter 1 cow	Keasey Thomas 2 Houses 2 Lots	"now in the posesion of _____" [illegible] Last listing for Thomas Keasey
1825	Washington	Kesy Peter Occupation S Mr 1 cow		Peter purchased land in Washington Township on 15 April 1815
1826	Washington	Keasy Peter S.M. 1 horse, 1 cow		
1827	Washington	Kessay Peter 1 horse, 1 cow		No Peter found in 1828
1829	Antrim	Keasy Peter Labr 1 cow		Peter reappears in Antrim
1830	Antrim	Keasy Peter 2 cows		
1831	Antrim	Keasy Peter lab 1 cow		
1832	Antrim	Keasy Peter S M 1 horse, 1 cow		
1833	Antrim	Keasy Peter S M 1 horse & 2 cows		
1834	Antrim	Keasy Peter 1 horse, 1 cow, occupation		
1835	Antrim	Keasy Peter S M 1 horse, 2 cows, occupation		
1836	Antrim	Keasy Peter S.M.		
1837	Antrim	Kesey Peter 2 acres pat land improved 1 horse, 1 cow		Peter purchased land on 27 March 1837
1838	Antrim	Kesey Peter 2 acres pat land (improved) 1 horse		
1839	Antrim	Kesey Peter 2 ac pt land 1 horse, 1 cow		
1840	Antrim	Kesey Peter 1 horse		
1841	Antrim	Kesey Peter, tenant 1 horse		First instance that Peter is listed as a tenant
1842	Antrim	Kesey Peter, tenant		
1843	Antrim	Kasy, Peter, tenant 1 horse		Peter left personal property in trust on 12 January 1843

SEARCHES WITH NO RESULTS

- Published and non-published family histories for Kesey at the Franklin County Historical Society
- Kesey inquiry to executive director, Denise Ommert, at Shippensburg Historical Society
- Fendrick and Palmer Papers, compiled by local genealogists for Kesey
- Histories on line, OCR search for William in
 - *History of Franklin County, Pennsylvania*, 1887
 - *History of Wyandot County, Ohio*, 1884
 - *History of Seneca County, Ohio*, 1886
- Kesey cemetery records for parents of William at
 - John F.W. Pfleuger, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Franklin County, Pennsylvania*, 31 vols. (The Petticoat Press, 1988), at the Franklin County Historical Society, particularly in Antrim
 - *FindaGrave* for Kesey in Ohio, particularly Wyandot
- Land records at *FamilySearch* for John and Alexander Kesey that may list William
- Tax records for William Kesey at *FamilySearch* and the Pennsylvania State Archives, 1845-1850
- Peter Kesey at *Daughters of the American Revolution* database
- Probate records for Peter Kesey in Sacramento at *FamilySearch* and the Franklin County Archives
- Court records for Peter Kesey at the Franklin County Archives
 - 1827-1833 Quarter Sessions dockets
 - 1847-1850 Court of Common Pleas dockets
- Newspaper articles at *Newspapers*, *ChroniclingAmerica*, and *AccessibleArchives* for William, John, and Peter Kesey in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and California
- Mexican War military records for William Kesey
 - *Fold3* website
 - Mexican Border Campaign Veteran's Card File at the Pennsylvania State Archives website
 - Pennsylvania Archives sixth series, volume 10
 - United States Mexican War Index and Service Records, 1846-1848 at *FamilySearch*
 - Hugh Robarts, compiler, *Mexican War Veterans: A Complete Roster* (Washington, D.C.: Brentano's, 1887)

NEXT STEPS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Peter Kesey was located in various Franklin County records. William was not found, so further research for William and Peter Kesey may name additional Kesey family.

- Lancaster County Tax records, c. 1840-1845, for William Kesey at the Pennsylvania State Archives
- Ohio records, particularly Wyandot and Seneca Counties for William and Peter, especially tax records, c. 1845-1850 (not available on line at *FamilySearch*)
- Research William Kesey's associates in the *History of Lake County, California* to see if any came with William and Peter from Ohio or Pennsylvania, or may have served with him in the Mexican War
- Additional research of Peter Kesey
 - Research the associates in land records to determine if any may be related and give clues to the wife of Peter and mother of William
 - Research Henry Kesey Sr. and Thomas Kesey in Washington and Antrim Townships
- Autosomal or Y-DNA testing to determine if there is a common Kesey ancestor

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EXHIBITS:

NO.	EXHIBIT	REPOSITORY
1	1830 U.S. Census – Peter Kesey, Antrim, PA	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
2	1840 U.S. Census – Peter Keasy, Greencastle, PA	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
3	1850 U.S. Census – Peter Kasey, OH	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
4	Peter Kesey Cemetery Record – CA	<i>FindAGrave.com</i>
5	Sarah J. Pew Cemetery Record – OH	<i>FindAGrave.com</i>
6	Kesey-Pew Marriage Record – OH	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
7	List of Letters – William Kesey, OH	<i>Newspapers.com</i>
8	Peter Kesey Obituary – OH	Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library, OH
9	Mrs. Samuel Pew Obituary – OH	Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library, OH
10	Peter Kesey 1815 Land Warrant – Washington Twp, PA	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
*11	Peter Kesey 1837 Deed – Antrim Twp, PA	<i>FamilySearch.org</i>
*12	Peter Kesey 1843 Assignment – Greencastle, PA	<i>FamilySearch.org</i>
13	1814 Septennial Census – Peter Kesey, Antrim, PA	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
14	1842 Septennial Census – Peter Casey & William Casey, Antrim, PA	<i>Ancestry.com</i>
15	1814-1843 Tax Records – Peter, Henry, Thomas Kesey, Antrim & Washington Townships, PA	Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg
* Records that will also be sent digitally		

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