

**DATE:** 28 January 2012

**TO:** [Private]

**SUBJECT or GOAL:** Locate Anthony and Mary Kelly in the 1920 and 1930 US Census data. Analyze findings and provide further research suggestions.

**BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Anthony and Mary Kelly were residents of New York City during the enumeration of the 1920 and 1930 US Census.

**RESTRICTIONS or LIMITATIONS**

1 Hour. Limited to information obtained from the 1920 and 1930 US Census data.

**REPOSITORIES USED**

**On-line resources used:**

Ancestry.com

**SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS**

Anthony and Mary were located on both the 1920<sup>1</sup> and 1930<sup>2</sup> US Census records. They emigrated from England to the United States in the early 1900's where they were originally renting an apartment in a city environment. They began a family and went on to own their own home in the suburbs. In 1920 there is a couple living with them, John R. and Mary J. Johnson. They are listed as Anthony's in laws. They are most likely the parents of Mary. There is some conflicting information contained in the two records, primarily the year that Anthony and Mary arrived in the US. By the 1930 census they were the parents of five children ranging in age from 9 years, 10 months to 8 months old.

**ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS**

1920 US Census<sup>1</sup>:

- The household consists of Anthony Kelly, age 24 [born c. 1896]; his wife Mary Kelly, age 18 [born c. 1902]; Anthony's father-in-law John R. Johnson, age 42 [born c. 1878]; and Anthony's mother-in-law Mary J. Kelly, age 42 [born c. 1878]. All are listed as being born in England. Presumably Robert and Mary Johnson are the parents of Mary Kelly but may be the parents of a previous spouse of Anthony's.
- They are living in what seems to be a medium size apartment building, as there are 14 families listed for their building, in Manhattan, New York. The neighborhood is mostly working class immigrant families who speak English with the heads of households in a variety of occupations. Anthony's occupation is listed as a packer in a leather business while John Johnson's is listed as a blacksmith in a blacksmith shop.
- Anthony is listed as arriving in the United States in 1910 while Mary Kelly is listed as arriving in 1912. Both Robert and Mary Johnson are listed as arriving in 1919.

1930 US Census<sup>2</sup>:

- The household consists of Anthony Kelly, age 34 [born c. 1896]; his wife Mary Kelly, age 28 [born c. 1902]; and children Mary, age 9 yrs. 10 mths. [born c. Jul 1920]; Winifred, age 8 yrs. 5 mths. [born c. Dec 1921]; John, age 6 yrs. 10 mths. [born c. Jul 1923]; George, age 3 yrs. 10 mths [born c. Jul 1926]; and Walter, age 8 mths [born c. Sep 1929].

Anthony and Mary are again listed as being born in England while the children are all listed as being born in New York.

- The family now owns a home in a working class neighborhood in Kings County, New York. The neighborhood consists mostly of families owning their homes. The value of the home is listed at \$6300 which is slightly higher than the value of the surrounding homes. Today, the value would equal approximately \$80,000.00. There is a mixture of immigrants as well as natural born citizens. Anthony is now working as a stenographer for the railroad. John R. Johnson and Mary Johnson are living in their own home that they own on the same block as Anthony and Mary. John Johnson also works for the railroad as a blacksmith. This would indicate that they most likely are the parents of Mary Kelly since they remained in close proximity.
- Anthony is listed as arriving in the United States in 1913 and is a naturalized citizen while Mary is now listed as arriving in 1919 (the previous census<sup>1</sup> had 1910) and is also a naturalized citizen. This census now has John Johnson arriving in 1920 as opposed to 1919, with his naturalization application pending while Mary Johnson is still listed as having arrived in 1919 and is still an alien.
- This census listed the age all married people were at their first marriage. Anthony is listed as being 23 and Mary as 17. This would indicate that they married c. 1919 although there is no indication as to where the marriage occurred.

### **FURTHER RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS**

I would begin with the following research directions. Other avenues of research would then be needed once it is determined if the information for these avenues can be obtained.

- Verify the date in which Anthony and Mary arrived in the United States. Mary Kelly may or may not be the daughter of John R. and Mary J. Johnson. She most likely is their daughter and arrived in the US in 1919, as stated on the 1930 census, along with her mother. This information could possibly include the location of their births.
- Investigate the marriage date and location of Anthony and Mary Kelly. Anthony may have settled in the US as early as 1910 as stated on the 1920 census but returned to England and married there or the couple may have married in the US after Mary arrived. They most likely married between 1918 and 1920.
- Locate birth records for Anthony and Mary Kelly. This can prove or disprove the identity of Mary's parents as well as provide information on Anthony's parentage.
- Seek out the naturalization records for Anthony and Mary Kelly as well as John Johnson if he does indeed prove to be Mary's father.

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2. Anthony Kelly household, 1930 US Census, Kings County, New York, Assembly District [AD] 2, enumeration district [ED] 24-1287, supervisor's district [SD] 32, sheet 66B, dwelling 499, family 501; digital image, *ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>); citing National Archives microfilm publication T626, roll 2667.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

74 (191-278) SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 1 SHEET NO. 2 A  
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 449 WARD OF CITY Manhattan  
 NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE New York DAY OF January, 1920. ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 5 DAY OF January, 1920. ENUMERATOR 3751

PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	TIME	FEDERAL RESERVE	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE						OCCUPATION
							FATHER		MOTHER		OTHER		
							Place of Birth	Mother tongue	Place of Birth	Mother tongue	Place of Birth	Mother tongue	
4-19	Heiss Alice	Wife					Canada	English	Canada	English	Canada	English	None
	Carroll	Son					New York	English	New York	English	New York	None	
	Brooklyn	Son					New York	English	New York	English	New York	None	
	Wright	Son					New York	English	New York	English	New York	None	
	Alice	Daughter					New York	English	New York	English	New York	None	
5-30	Mullen Mary	Head					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Edwards	Boarder					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	William James	Boarder					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Conrad Thomas	Boarder					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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	Blanch	Boarder					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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	John	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Thomas	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Stephen	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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	Thomas	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Thomas	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	James	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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	Thomas	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
4-26	Wright David	Head					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Marion J.	Wife					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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	John	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
	Thomas	Son					Ireland	English	Ireland	English	Ireland	None	
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