

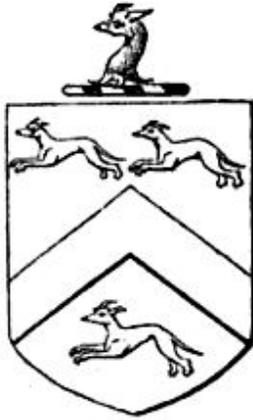
Hey Yeo

Going 'way, 'waaay back!

We've known for a long time that the Yeos are an ancient Cornish family, but I've found in recent weeks that some of the distaff lines go back into the mists of time.



For instance, we are descended from John and Katherine Keigwin of Madron, Cornwall, whose deaths were recorded in 1588 and 1578 respectively. Not much is known about them, but their son Jenkin Keigwin made history when he was killed during a raid by Spaniards on July 24, 1595, at a place called Mousehole on the southwestern tip of England.



The house in the picture above is Jenkin's home, now an historic site. One source says he was a publican, so Keigwin Arms may have been his pub. At right is a possible Keigwin coat of arms (coats of arms were awarded to individuals, not families, and I have no evidence that Jenkin or his father was awarded this design.)

Jenkin, sometimes recorded as Jenkyn, was born in 1531, and married a lady named Thomasine.

When the Spaniards landed at Mousehole they not only burned that village but also the church at nearby Paul. This prompted the vicar, John Tremearne, to make the following entry in his registers:-

Jesu spes et salus mea. 1595. A register of the names of all those that were baptized, married and buried in the Parish Church of St Pawle, in the Countie of Cornwall, from the 23rd Daie julie, the year of our Lord God 1595, on the which Daie the Church, towre, bells, and all other things pertaining to the same, together with the houses and goods, was Burn'd and spoil'd by the Spaniards in the said parish, being Wensdaie the daie aforesaid, in the 37th year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, defender of the Faith. Per me Johannem Tremearne, vicarium Ejus.

The first entry in the burial register read something like this:-

JENKIN KEIGWYN, of Mousehole, being killed by the Spaniards, was buried the 24th of Julie.



• Mousehole shown within Cornwall

From Google, I find this description of the house above:

Keigwin has an interesting gabled wing which projects out and is supported on pillars. Mousehole was destroyed in 1595 during a raid on Mount's Bay by Spaniard Carlos de Amésquita. This building is the only building that survives from before this date. It has a plaque with the wording "Squire Jenkyn Keigwin was killed here 23rd July 1595 defending this house against the Spaniards". Amésquita was a naval officer who raided Cornwall with four Spanish galleys during the Anglo-Spanish War. He also bombarded Penzance sinking ships in the harbour during what is known as the Battle of Cornwall. He eventually went back to Brittany, managing to avoid the counterattack by the English fleet, commanded by Francis Drake and John Hawkins.

So how are we connected to the Keigwin family?

- Starting with Emma Alberta Prout, whom some of us know as Grandma Yeo but few will remember as she died in 1939:
- Her mother: Emma Laura Everson 1852-1907, who married Edmund Prout Jr.
- Emma Laura's mother: Elizabeth Sanguine 1849-c1855, wife of Thomas Richard Everson
- Elizabeth's father: James Sanguine 1796-, who married Susannah Colwill
- James's father: John Sanguine 1734-, married Mary Gread
- John's father: Thomas Sanguine 1699-1733, married Elizabeth Paynter 1673-1754
- Elizabeth's father: Arthur Paynter 1633-, married Elizabeth Frayne
- Arthur's father: Arthur Paynter Sr 1608-1681, married Sarah Praed
- Arthur Sr's father: William Paynter, who married Jane Keigwin
- Jane's father: Richard Keigwin of Mousehole, died 1636, whose wife was Elizabeth
- Richard's father: The famous Jenkin Keigwin.

I have a lot more about the battle in which Jenkin was killed, but anybody who's interested can search for it on the Internet.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

The surname **Keigwin** (from old English, meaning "White dog" from the word "Kei" - a dog, and "gwyn" - white: and thus figuratively, a hero) might refer to: the name goes back to the 14th century, the name is from west Wales. They were traders and the house in [Mousehole](#) was built around the mid 15th-century. The name was Chy Gwyn originally Welsh (or Cornish) for White House, dogs are on the family crest.

Some more old ancestors I have found:

Roger Carminowe, had a son born in 1155 in Cornwall.

Gervas Hornicote lived from about 1188 to 1208 in Tintagel, Cornwall.

Roger de Polkinghorne, lived from 1289 to 1327 in Gwinear, Cornwall



This is Mary Ann Polkinghorne, direct descendant of Roger de Polkinghorne. She was the mother of Rosina Victor, wife of Richard Yeo, our immigrant ancestors. A tintype image of her was found in the effects of Keith and Alyce Yeo, 50 Odell St., Bowmanville, by our cousin Roxy Barnes.

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NOTE: This newsletter is the result of a fumbling attempt to understand the Word program on my computer. If I can figure out how to use the program, and if I can get an Internet mailing list of interested cousins, I will publish more HeyYeo newsletters in the future. It's a big IF. So if you or relatives who did NOT receive this email are interested, send me email addresses to alanilderton@gmail.com. Of course, if you didn't get this email, please raise your hand.

I will also need news from all the cousins if it is to be a success (and I do steal from Facebook, but I'd rather have your pictures sent directly to my email address)

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