

Halket Street Timeline.

[Last update: 19 February 2023]

Colour coding:

(1) Family of Daniel Kelly

(2) Family of John Kelly

(3) Family of Margaret, daughter of Daniel Kelly, who married David Grace

(4) Family of Margaret, apparently the sister of Daniel and John

[?]29 July 1853. Possible baptism of Margaret daughter of Daniel, at Ferns, Kilmore (RC parish register). Margaret, daughter of Daniel Kelly and Mary Murphy, travellers (Vagi).

28 May 1855. Birth of Mary daughter of Daniel Kelly and Mary (formerly Murphy) at 28 Court, Oriel Street, Liverpool. Daniel described as a Hawker, and the mother made a mark when she registered the birth.

On 24 Aug 1857 Daniel lived at 12 Adam Street, Cardiff.

[?]December quarter 1857. Birth registration of Julia Kelly (mother's maiden name Murphy), Cardiff.

[?]March quarter 1858. Death registration of Julia Kelly, aged 0, Cardiff.

Marriage 19 October 1859 Michael Foley, 21, bachelor, navy, 22 Severn Road, son of Patrick Foley, labourer, and Margaret Kelly, 20, spinster, servant, Severn Road, daughter of Denis Kelly deceased, labourer. St David's Chapel, Cardiff (Roman Catholic). Both made marks, as did the witnesses Daniel Jelly and Alice Foley.

Crime February 1860 Michael Foley and Margaret Foley were charged with being drunk and fighting at Canton. The former was fined 5s. and 8s. 9d. costs. The woman was discharged.

December quarter 1860 Birth registration of Bridget Foley (mother's maiden name Kelley), Cardiff. (Born 5 December at 27 Severn Road according to an Ancestry tree.)

[?]March quarter 1861. Birth registration of Dennis Kelley (mother's maiden name Murphey), Cardiff.

1861 census. Severn Road, Llandaff.

Michael Foley, 24, general labourer; b. Ireland, wife Margaret, 30, b. Ireland. Daughter Bridget, 5 months, b. Cardiff.

1861 census. Severn Road, Llandaff.

John Kelly, 30, general labourer; b. Ireland, wife Mary, 27, b. Ireland. Son John, 3, b. Swansea. Mother Elizabeth, widow, 60, superannuated, b. Ireland.

1861 census. Halket Street, Llandaff.

Daniel Kelly, 35, marine store dealer; b. Ireland, wife Mary, 30, b. Ireland. Children Elizabeth, 8, Margaret, 7, Mary, 6, all b. Ireland, Denis, 2, and Julia, 7 months, both b. Llandaff.

1861 census, Halket Street, Llandaff.

Mary Kelly, married, 40, hawker, b. Ireland, and daughters Mary, 7, b. Monmouthshire, and Margaret, 5, b. Glamorgan Pontypridd.

Crime 15 September 1862. *Mary Kelly and Amelia Jones, of Canton, were each fined 2s. 6d. and costs, or seven days, for selling coal by measure.*

[?]December quarter 1862. Birth *registration of Denis Kelly (mother's maiden name Wires), Cardiff [possible son of John].*

March quarter 1863. Birth *registration of Bridget Kelley (mother's maiden name Murphy), Cardiff.*

14 September 1863. Death *of Michael Foley, married man, Canton, one of three men killed in an accident at the Radyr Stone Quarry. (Death registered at Cardiff, aged 22.)*

Crime 21 September 1863. *Mary Kelly was fined 1s. and costs for hawking without a license at Llandaff.*

News 5 February 1866. *John Kelly, a neighbouring resident heard a scuffle and fetched a policeman after William Lloyd allegedly assaulted P. C. Williams near the corner of Halket Street and Severn Road. Kelly gave evidence in court.*

Crime 12 November 1866. *Mary Kelly summoned at Llandaff Magistrates' Court for an alleged assault against Sarah Strong in Halket Street. Case dismissed, as both appeared to be in fault.*

March quarter 1868. Death *registration of Mary Kelly, aged 40, Cardiff. [Probably wife of Daniel.]*

Crime 11 May 1868. *A Mary Kelly appeared at Llandaff Magistrates' Court as a witness to an alleged assault outside the Princess Royal beerhouse at Canton.*

Crime 20 April 1869. *Daniel Kelly, 45, hawker, charged with maliciously cutting and wounding Daniel McCarthy at Llandaff on this date. Also maliciously wounding William Quick at Llandaff on the same date. Found guilty 1 July and sentenced to 8 months at Cardiff Gaol. Kelly was said to live at Canton and to have come out of the Forester's Arms [on Cowbridge Road East, near Halket Street]. Also to be unable to read or write.*

Industrial school Around 8 May 1869. *Mary, Julia, Bridget and Ann Kelly were admitted to the Industrial Schools, Llandaff.*

Poor Relief 1870 *In the half year ending 29 September 1870 Daniel Kelly, 46, and 6 children, Halket Street, destitute, received poor relief in the form of food.*

Crime 1870. *Margaret Kelly was convicted jointly with her future husband David Grace, the first of a series of convictions up to 1879, usually for assault and drunkenness.*

Crime January 1871. *Daniel Kelly was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour for leaving his 4 children chargeable to the Cardiff Union. Also a fine of 10 shillings or 14 days imprisonment for leaving his cart in Halket Street, causing an obstruction.*

Marriage 1 April 1871. *Margaret Kelly married David (Patrick) Grace at St Mary's, Newport.*

1871 census. Halket Street [*immediately before John Kelly*]

Eliza B. Kelly, widow, 69, parish relief, b. Ireland, children Margaret, 30, ditto, b. Ireland, Bridget, 11, and Patrick, 5, both b. Canton. Lodger Mary Harrington, widow, 63, hawker, b. Ireland. [Presumably "Eliza B." is an error for "Elizabeth" who appears as John's mother in 1861 and Daniel's mother in 1881.

The children later used the surname Foley, though there is a possible 1881 census entry at Copperstone Road, Llandaff, for a Margaret, Bridget and William (not Patrick) of approximately the right ages, under the surname Rowland.]

1871 census. Halket Street.

John Kelly, 38, labourer, b. Ireland, wife Mary, 37, b. Ireland, children Denis, 8, John, 4, Daniel, 3 months, all b. Canton.

1871 Census Tredegar *42 George Street, Tredegar, Monmouthshire.*

Boarder Dan Kelly, widower; 46, dealer in wares, b. Ireland, "boy" Denis, 11, labourer and boarder Elizabeth, 18, sempstress, both b. Cardiff.

1871 census. Cardiff Union Industrial Schools, Ely, Llandaff.

Inmates Mary Kelly, 13, b. Liverpool, Julia Kelly, 11, Bridget Kelly, 9, and Ann Kelly, 6, all 3 b. Llandaff.

1871 census. St Woollos, Newport.

Margaret Grace, 18, b. Ireland. With husband in household of his "father" John Hurley.

Around October 1871. *Mary Kelly left Industrial Schools.*

Around April 1872. *Julia Kelly left Industrial Schools.*

News 18 August 1872. *Young woman Margaret Grace allegedly drunk and ritous at Cowbridge Road, Canton. Claimed she had been beaten and accused Mary Ann Grace, her sister-in-law, with assaulting her. Both were considered to blame and charged 10 shillings each.*

Around April 1873. *Bridget and Ann Kelly left Industrial Schools.*

[??]Crime 13 May 1873. *Tredegar magistrates granted a warrant for arrest of Hannah Kelly and Mary Kelly, accused of stealing coal at Nantyglo (near Merthyr) with two others.*

Poor Law Order June 1873 *made against John Kelly, who carried on business in Halket Street, for 1 shilling and 6 pence a week towards the support of his mother, who had become chargeable to Cardiff Union over a year ago. She resided in Halket Street.*

December quarter 1874. Birth *registration of Margaret Ann Grace (mother's maiden name Kelly) at Bedwellty (daughter of Margaret, born at Tredegar according to 1881 census).*

Poor law 1875 *Half year ending 25 March 1875. Mary Kelly, 40, Halket Street, destitute, received relief for 4 weeks. [Apparently the wife of John.]*

Crime [?]8 June 1875. *Two young girls, Mary Smith and Mary Kelly, daughters of rag and bone dealers, charged with stealing iron, the property of the Tredegar Iron Company, at Tredegar magistrates' court. Kelly had a previous conviction and sentenced to one month with hard labour at Usk; Smith to 14 days' hard labour.*

Mary Kelly's age is given as 20 in a calendar of prisoners at Usk, c. 29 June 1875.

Crime January 1876. *Julia Kelly charged with stealing iron, the property of the Tredegar Iron Company. Under 16. Sentenced to 14 days at Usk and two years in a reformatory. Father was a confirmed drunkard.*

Crime 4 September 1877. *Mary Kelly, a young woman, was caught her carrying away an apron full of coal from No. 8 pit, Tredegar. She had two previous convictions and was sent to Usk for one month with hard labour.*

Crime February 1878. *David and Margaret Grace, summoned at Newport for assaulting Hannah Mansfield but discharged.*

Crime June 1878. *Margaret Grace, a woman with a child in her arms, charged at Newport with being drunk and disorderly in Temple Street, and fined 5 shillings.*

Crime October 1878. *Margaret Grace, who bore the marks of serious mistreatment, with face and arms badly scratched, charged at Newport with having stolen a pig's cheek, apparently after a dispute over the weight. Described as the worse for drink and addicted to intemperate habits. Discharged. But David Grace, labourer, and Margaret subsequently convicted of assault on the shopkeeper and both sentenced to 28 days with hard labour.*

Crime [?]May 1879. *At Tredegar magistrates' court Mary Kelly pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing two brooches and a cap, value 10s, from the house of Charles Brown, engine-driver. Sentenced to 21 days at Usk.*

Crime October 1879. *Julia Kelly, a woman of masculine appearance, charged with creating a disturbance in Halket Street and assaulting two constables. Smashed glass in several houses with stones, and became so violent she had to be conveyed to the police station in a cart. Sentenced to 14 days. A relative, Dennis Kelly, also charged with assaulting the police by throwing stones, but dismissed with a caution. [Another report places this incident in Herbert Street and says she was sentenced to a month with hard labour. Also that similar charges were brought against her sister Margaret Grace (14 days with hard labour) and her cousin "James" Kelly (cautioned).]*

2nd quarter of 1880. *Edward Patrick Grace [son of David Grace and Margaret] birth registered at St George in the East.*

1881 census. 38 Halket Street.

John Kelly, 45, marine store dealer; b. Ireland, wife Mary, 45, b. Ireland, children Dennis, 19, John, 12, Daniel, 11, all b. Cardiff.

1881 census. 39 Halket Street.

Elizabeth Kelly, widow, 84, pauper, b. Cork, Ireland, son Daniel Kelly, widower, 55, marine store dealer; b. Cork, Ireland, granddaughters Julia, 20, marine store dealer; and Bridget, 17, domestic servant, both b. Cardiff.

1881 census St George in the East. *1 St George's Court, William Street, St George's in the East. David Grace and wife Margaret, 27, b. Cardiff. Children Ann [Margaret Ann?], 6, b. Monm Tredegar, Ellen, 4, b. Brecknorshire [sic] [?]Dukehowery [birth registered Crickhowell, which includes Dukestown], Edward, 1, b. [Middlesex deleted] London.*

Crime September 1882. *Julia Kelly, Canton, jailed for 10 days for assaulting Mary Ann Richards at Canton.*

27 January 1883 Army. *Denis Kelly, 20, b. St Mary's Cardiff, son of John Kelly, 38 Halket Street, joined South Wales Borderers at Brecon. [And see subsequent records, ending in discharge with a bad character.]*

Marriage 26 May 1883 *Andrew Keefe, 21, bachelor, labourer, 14 Halket Street Canton, son of William Keefe, labourer; and Bridget Foley, 22, spinster, 9 Hannah Street Cardiff, daughter of Michael Foley, labourer. St Mary's School Chapel, Canton (Roman Catholic). He made a mark, witnesses Mary Sheehan (made a mark) and MaryAnn Brian.*

Crime June 1883. *Mary Ann Brian, a young woman, residing in Halkett-street, was remanded till Friday on the charge of assaulting another woman, named Julia Kelly, by striking her on the head with a teacup. The case was remanded, as the police could not find the complainant.*

Crime June 1883 *Julia Kelly and Honorah Geary charged with fighting in Halket Street. Fined 20 shillings or 14 days' hard labour.*

2nd quarter of 1883. *Edith Ann Grace [daughter of David Grace and Margaret] birth registered at Greenwich.*

Crime July 1884. *Julia Kelly, a woman of bad reputation, jailed for 10 days for being drunk and fighting and assaulting the police. Nine previous similar convictions.*

Crime 31 December 1884. *Dennis Kelly charged with deserting from the South Wales Borderers at Waterford a year ago. Arrested at Canton, and initially denied being a deserter. Convicted and detailed in custody.*

[?]Possible deaths of John: *(i) March quarter 1885, aged 57, at Cardiff, (ii) June quarter 1890, aged 58, at Cardiff.*

Poor Relief 1885 and 86 *[?]Half years ending 2 October 1885 and 26 March 1886. Bridget Kelly, 19, Halket Street, ill/destitute, received relief in food and money.*

Marriage June quarter 1886. Marriage *of Julia Kelly to John Murray, at Cardiff.
[Possible deaths of John Murray at Cardiff in September quarter 1887 and December quarter 1890.*

Possible birth and death of son John James, September 1887, both at Cardiff]

Marriage[?]December quarter 1886. Marriage *of Bridget Kelly to Timothy Murry, at Pontypridd.
[Possible births of sons Edward, September quarter 1888, and John, December quarter 1890, at Cardiff.]*

Death 25 December 1888. *David Patrick Grace, general labourer [elsewhere meat porter] died at 30 Copperas Lane of Phthisis "about 10 months" aged 39. The informant was Margaret Grace, widow of deceased, same address.*

Workhouse 1889. *Margaret Grace twice in hospital when her children Edith and Edward admitted to workhouse.*

Crime Summer 1889 *Margaret Grace convicted of drunkenness and assault after leading a mob chasing the accused in the Deptford Poisonings case.*

1891 census. Cardiff Union Workhouse.

Inmate Daniel Kelly, widower, 64, general labourer, b. Ireland.

Possible Mary Kelly [??]1891 census. *HM Prison, Gaol Lane, Cardiff.*

Prisoner Mary Kelly, MARRIED, 37, no occupation, b. Cardiff.

1891 census. 6 Halket Street.

Julia Murray, widow, 29, laundering [etc], b. Cardiff. Sister Bridget Murray, married, 26, b. Cardiff and nephews Edward Murray, 2, and John Murray, 6 months, both b. Cardiff.

1891 census. 38 Halket Street.

Mary Kelly, widow, 50, b. Ireland, sons Daniel, 22, labourer, and John, 2[?], labourer, both b. S Wales.

1891 census. Glamorgan District Asylum.

Denis Kelly, single, 28, Soldier, lunatic, b. Cardiff.

1891 census. 13 Copperas Lane, St Paul Deptford.

Margaret Grace, widow, 37, charwoman, b. Glamorgan. Children Margaret A, 16, Servant, b. Monmouth[shire?], Ellen, 14, Servant/Dom, b. Breconshire, Edith, 7, b. Deptford.

December quarter 1893. Marriage *of Margaret Grace [daughter of Margaret] to Frederick Skeggs, at St Saviour.*

[Births of children registered December quarter 1893 to September quarter 1909 at Greenwich (except for one, September quarter 1903, at Lewisham.)]

Death 5 January 1898. *Margaret Grace died at 87 Railway Grove, Deptford, from long-standing valvular disease; inquest 7 January and burial at Lewisham cemetery 10 January.*

1901 census. 41 Springfield Place, Canton.

Bridget Murray, head, married, 33, b. Cardiff, and sons Timothy, 6, and Edward, 12, both b. Cardiff.

1901 census. 148 Milton Court Road, St Paul Deptford.

Edward Grace, head, single, 21, general labourer, b. London Shadwell, Ellen do, sister, single, 24, b. Wales, blind, and Edith do, sister, single, 17, charing, b. London Deptford.

Marriage 30 December 1901. *Edward Patrick Grace, 22, carman, 26 Trident Street, son of Edward [should read David] Patrick Grace (deceased) married Eliza Rachel Demuth at St Barnabas, Rotherhithe.*

Two daughters. Birth of one Rachel May Grace, registered September quarter 1909 at Southwark.

June quarter 1908. Death *of Timothy Murray [son of Bridget], aged 14, at Cardiff.*