





## *About Ellen (Nellie) Gardner Kilty*

*Ellen Gardner Kilty was born in December 1865 in Connecticut. In the 1870 Census, she is living with her parents, George, age 40 (b. November 19, 1829 in England) and Margaret Hines Gardner, age 37 (b. August 4, 1834 in Ireland) in Hartford.*

*C. T. George was a store clerk, and his wife kept house. In the Hartford City Directory of 1865-66, a George Gardner, a clerk, is boarding at 34 Windsor Street. George Gardner died on July 2, 1872 and Margaret died on May 12th, 1875 per St. Patrick's cemetery records.*

*In the 1880 Census, Nellie, age 15 is living in Hartford, listed as a niece and living with Elizabeth and James Pillion. On April 30, 1896, Patrick Kilty (born on December 29, 1864 in Watergrass Hill, Cork, Ireland) married Ellen (Nellie) Gardner in East Hartford, Connecticut. Patrick had immigrated to the Castle Gardens, New York in 1873 with his father (Michael), mother (Ellen) and four other siblings on the ship "The City of Bristol" from Liverpool, England. In the Census of 1900, he is a tobacco farmer living in East Hartford with his wife.*

*In 1900, Ellen has had four children with three living. In the 1910 Census, Ellen is reported to having ten children with six living. Four of her ten children live to adulthood:*

- 1. Infant William, of Patrick and Ellen Kitty of East Hartford, was born and died July 21, 1897. This was their first child and according to East Hartford records was not named.*
- 2. Mary Kitty, born May 4, 1898. Mary appears in the 1900 Census (June 18) as two years old but dies prior to 1910.*
- 3. Ellen (Nellie, Helen) Kitty born April 11, 1899 and died March 13, 1979. According to Social Security Disability Information, she never married.*
- 4. Edward Kitty was born June 10, 1900 and died September 13, 1902.*
- 5. John Francis Kitty was born August 9, 1901. He died at five weeks old on September 11, 1901.*
- 6. Katherine (Catherine R) Kitty was born September 29, 1902 and died May 20, 1982. Katherine was born only nine days before Edward died. According to Social Security Disability Information, she never married.*

7. *John M. Kitty, born August 23, 1903 and died April 25, 1985. John married Nora Catherine (Catherine N.) Hurley on October 9, 1929 in East Hartford. John was a veteran of World War 1. He and Catherine had five children: John (Jack), Daniel, Elaine, William and Marion.*
8. *Joseph F. Kitty was born September 17, 1905 and died prior to 1919.*
9. *James (Jim) Edward Kitty was born April 10, 1907 and died July 19, 1992. He married Anna Tressia Meyer on October 18, 1937. She was born April 19, 1909 and died February 29, 1992. Anna was trained to be a nurse at Hartford Hospital at the age of 17 and was active as a nurse until the birth of her first child, Kurt, in 1942. She also had twins, Nancy and Karen, in 1945.*
10. *Daniel Joseph Kitty born May 5, 1908. Daniel died at age 14 on September 6, 1922.*

*Ellen Gardner Kitty died June 27, 1919. she is buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Hartford, Connecticut.*



*The Kilty Family home in E. Hartford, CT*



PARAGON  
Autograph  
Album.

The title is presented in three lines. The word 'PARAGON' is in a red, outlined, serif font. 'Autograph' is in a large, green, cursive script with a red outline, set within a blue rectangular frame with a decorative border. 'Album.' is in a red, outlined, serif font with a drop shadow. The entire text is framed by a decorative border of green foliage, red and blue flowers, and a blue ribbon. On the left, a red heraldic shield with a crown on top is partially visible, featuring a white cross and a red star.

Nellie M. Gardner.

Parkville.

To Nellie

May your path be of roses, free from a thorn  
May blessings surround you, each coming morn  
May God in his mercy, ever brighten thy way  
And may not a shadow darken thy days.

Your friend  
Nellie J. Farrell  
Hartford  
Conn

August 14<sup>th</sup> 1883;

To Nellie

When in the grave my head may lay  
Beneath the cold and silent clay  
Then read those lines and think of me  
That I your friend once used to be

Ever your friend  
Julia H. Berry

Hartford Ct Dec 24<sup>th</sup>/82.

Think of me

Be  
Merry and Happy

Dec. 24. 82.

J. F. Burns.

To Nellie

Yours in friendship

Delia F. Harney

Hartford Conn

To Nellie

I want to write something original  
But how shall I begin  
For there is nothing original in me  
Excepting original sin.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1884.

Your Sincere Friend  
Maggie E. Rice  
Hartford  
Conn

Remember me, when far away  
if only have awake,

Remember me, on your wedding  
day and send me a hunk cake.

Yours Truly  
Wm. M. McArthur  
Podunk.

To Nellie

Be what may thy earthly lot  
Seek thou the things of above  
Seek the friend that faileth not  
And the treasure of His love

Yours Truly  
Annie J. Quinn

Hartford Conn Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1888.

M. H. King

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> /<sub>11</sub> 1882.

Amanda S. Ham

Hartford,

Conn.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1883.

To Nellie

William J. Pease

sends compliments  
unknown

Nellie

5 Ford St

Hartford  
Conn

## Virtue

The triumphs that on vice attend  
shall ever in confusion end,  
the good man suffers but to gain,  
and every virtue springs from pain;  
as aromatic plants bestow  
no spicy fragrance while they grow  
but brushed, or trodden to the ground,  
diffuse their balmy sweets around.

Decr 14<sup>th</sup> 1883

Julia Gilbert  
Hartford Conn

## What maidens prize

there is many a thing that the maidens wish  
as they travel the road of life.

while they take their part in this busy world  
and sharing its cares & strife.

perhaps they may long for a busy home.

with its furniture spick and span

and to crown the whole they love the most,

for the love of an honest man,

Oh sweet little maiden wherever you are,

in palace or humble cot

and whether your life be fair and bright

or toil and trouble your lot;

and whether your name be flora may.

or homely Mary Ann

you will be in luck if you win that love

The love of an honest man.

A maiden may prize her diamond set,  
or dresses of latest style  
and live in a home of costly build  
with carpets of velvet pile;  
but the noblest thing in a woman's life  
let her gain it while she can  
from her golden curls to her silvery hair  
is the love of an honest man.

Decr 14<sup>th</sup> 1883

Alfred I Gilbert  
Hartford  
Conn

Your Friend

John L. Staples

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1882




Hartford  
Conn.

To knit, to spin, to sew,  
Was once a girl's employment,  
But now to flirt and catch a beau  
Is all they call enjoyment.

Clifford C. Staples  
Hartford  
Conn.

Dec. 27, 1882



If every kind wish was a gem.  
A rich & costly gem

I'd place it on the brow fair girl  
Of Royal Siam

J. P. S.

Yours Truly

W. J. Carroll

Parkville

Jan 15 1883

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Kellie.

Serve many, trust few  
And always paddle  
Your own canoe.

Jan 17 83  
Jan 13 1905  
L. H. H.

Yours truly  
M. A. Bunnigham

May there be just cloudy enough  
over your life to cause a  
glorious sunset,

Your friend,

Rosie Conran

Charter Oak  
Park

4- 8/86

Wells

Ah well! for us all, some sweet hopes lies  
Deeply buried from human eyes  
And in the hereafter angel's wing  
Roll the stone from its grave away.

Yours Truly  
Wm. H. Homer

Wilmington Apr. 7 1887

Yours Truly.

Thomas J. Birmingham.  
Hartford City

January 11<sup>th</sup> 83

To Nellie

Yours in friendship

Mary A Berry

Hartford Ct

May 13<sup>th</sup>/83

To Nellie

True friends are like Diamonds  
precious and rare.  
False friends are like autumn leaves  
found everywhere.

Ever your Friend  
Mamie E. White

Co. Hartford  
Ct

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>/<sub>11</sub> / 89

Samuel

Brainerd

Esq.

Dear

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1883

Sincerely your friend,  
Katie E. Boyle  
East Hartford  
Conn.

Aug. 20, 1893

Kelie

Many eyes may on you gaze  
Many hearts may soon forget you  
But hear is one that will not change  
From what it was when first I met you.

Your Friend

Mary Holloway  
Hartford  
Conn.

Nellie

In passing through lifes field of action  
Should we part before its end  
Take within your modest volume  
This memento from a friend

Yours Sincerely

Katie J White  
East Hartford  
Conn

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1901

To Nellie

As you turn those pages over  
And on loving names you sigh  
Then for the sake of old times Nellie  
Pass not mine unheeded by

Yours Truly  
Mary E. Dunn

Hartford Jan 16.<sup>th</sup> 1883

To Nellie

Remember me when this you see  
And ill always remember thee

Your Friend

J. S. W.

Portland May 19<sup>th</sup> 1879

Kellie

Your friend.

F. P. Bonnel.

Harford  
Conn

April 26<sup>th</sup> / 87

Beneath the rule of men entirely great  
The pen is mightier than the sword

Yours in friendship

Winnie Thies

Apr. 9/87

East Hartford Conn

July 31-1894

Cordially Yours

C. Anne Gow

Chicago

Illinois

L. W. Smith.

Wartford, Jan 1883.

Dear Belle

Think of me in the hour of leisure  
Think of me in the hour of care  
Think of me in the hour of pleasure  
Spare me one thought in the hour  
of prayer

Yours Truly

L. Kelly

Rose P. Heath.

Hartford  
Conn.

Feb. 18, 1883.

To Nellie

May your cheeks retain their roses  
May your eyes be just as gay  
Until some manly voice shall whisper  
Dearest will you name the day

Your true Friend  
Mary C. Fox  
Hartford

Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> 1883

Conn

To Nellie

Happy have we been together  
In those merry days gone by  
Why should cruel fate now sever  
Such good friends as you and I  
But let us hope in a future meeting  
On that bright eternal shore

Springfield Mass

Yours truly  
Julia M Berry

To Nellie

When twilight pulls the curtain down  
And pins it with a star  
Remember you have still a friend  
Though she be very far

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1884

Annie E. Holland

Compliments of

John T. Hale  
1905 Graduate  
Each Hartford  
Course

January 13, 1905

Compliments of

J. W. Packard.  
A. Williston Vermont.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883,

Kellie.

When distance will divide us  
And we no more each  
other see. Then view  
these lines and think  
of me. Think of a friend  
that thinks of thee.

yours truly  
Mary Boyle.

East Hartford  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1884.

To Nellie,

Remember the hope.

Stephie Dady

To Nellie,

Damn Nature, impartial in all her ends  
When she made man the strongest  
In justice then, to make amends,  
Made woman's tongue the longest.

Yours Very Truly,  
M. J. Kelly.

Kelley

May you never grow sad  
From sorrow or care  
But be always as now  
Good happy and fair.

is the wish of your friend  
Maggie Walsh  
Portland  
Conn

Aug. 18. 1893,

When roads & Hills divide us  
and you no more I see  
Just take your pen & paper  
and write a line to me

James F. Healy  
Goodwin St  
East Hartford  
Conn

July 19<sup>th</sup> 99

Margaret M. Moore

East Hartford

Conn

Stellie

Carlyle says in his advice  
To young men, if you are in  
doubt, to kiss a pretty girl  
Give her the benefit of the doubt

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> / 90 Andrew C. Gordon

Your Cousin  
Lizzie G. Jones

Jan 19, 1888,

Truly your friend

L A C Simonds

Hartford

Jan 19, 1888,

To Nellie

May you always be the same  
Changing nothing but your name  
May the man you chose for life  
Be as kind hearted as his wife  
Be his eyes black or blue  
May he always smile on you

Yours Truly  
Annie T. Lunn

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1884

To Zella.

Kindness by Secret  
Sympathy is tried for  
noble Souls by nature  
are allied,

yours friend

Delia Lacey  
East Hartford

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1894

Nellie

May your cares all fly away  
Like the dew before the sun  
And when you've nothing else to do.  
Just think of me for fun.

Your friend  
Katie J. Welch

Hartford Feb. 8/84



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