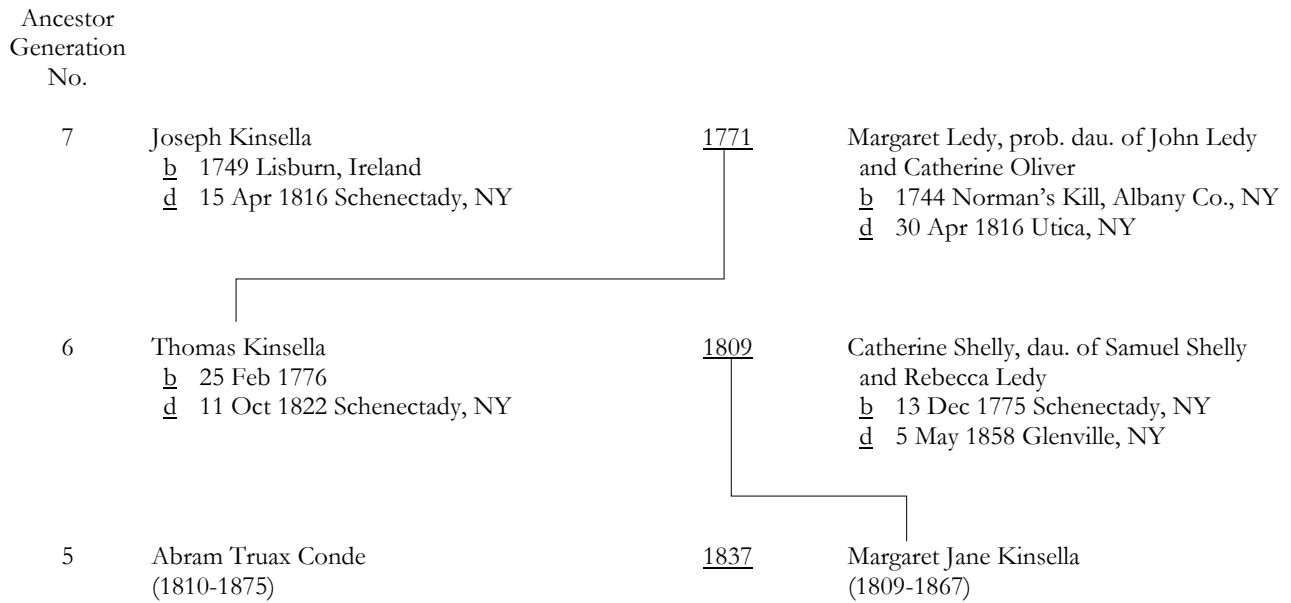


Chart 1: Kinsella ancestors in the Magnusson-Lawsing family



(See Conde)

Joseph Kinsella⁷ (1749-1816)

Joseph Kinsella⁷ is thought to have been the immigrant ancestor in this part of the Magnusson-Lawsing family (see Chart 1, opposite). He was born, 1749, at Lisburn, Ireland; and he died, 15 Apr 1816, at Schenectady, N.Y. He married, 25 Apr 1771, at Schenectady, Margaret Ledy, who was born, 1744, at Norman's Kill and who died, 30 Apr 1816, at Utica, N.Y. Joseph was buried in St. George's Churchyard, Ferry St., Schenectady.

A Kinsella Bible record reported that Margaret "Lydius" was born, 1744, at Norman's Kill, a place now known as the Gilderland area, south of the city of Albany, N.Y. In her *Biographical Sketches, Schenectady* (c.1865), Harriet Bowers Paige wrote that a Kinsella or Kingsley or Kinsela married a Leddy or Liddy from Norman's Kill and that her sister was the Mrs. Shelly with daughters Mrs. Richard Cooke and Mrs. Howes. This Mrs. Shelly was Mrs. Samuel Shelly, nee Rebecca Ledy, or Ledics, or Lydius (see SHELLY), whose parents were John Ledy and Catherine Oliver. Most probably, Margaret had the same parents.

The marriage records of St. George's Episcopal Church, Schenectady, reported:

Apr. 25, 1771. Joseph Kingsley (to) Margaret Lydia.

St. George's records indicate that Joseph's surname was later corrected, or changed, to Joseph Kinsela. When Joseph's daughter Jenny married in 1794, however, she was reported as Jenny Kingsley (records of 1st Reformed Dutch Church, Schenectady); and, years later, Joseph's then widowed daughter-in-law was known as Mrs. Kingsley (see below). I speculate that Kinsella may have been pronounced Kin'sla, and that phonetic spellers may have written it in the more familiar form of Kingsley, or Kinsley. Or, it might be, Joseph actually changed his name from Kingsley to Kinsella. In any case, gaining acceptance for the surname Kinsella seems to have been an uphill job.

In his *A History of Schenectady During the Revolution*, Willis T. Hanson, Jr., reported (p. 176):

KINSELA, JOSEPH: Born at Lisburn, Ireland, in 1749 [the Bible record reported Joseph, b 1749, Ireland]; died April 15, 1816. His name appears on the rolls of the 2d Albany County Militia, Land Bounty rights.

Hanson also reported (p. 175):

KINGSLEY, JOSEPH: On February 8, 1776, he stated to the Committee of Safety under examination that "he differed with them in sentiments in regard to the present dispute between Great Britain and the Colonies." He was ordered committed to the Albany jail to await trial at the next general meeting of the Committee. He returned to Schenectady on his release and on April 27 was summoned and ordered to pay twenty shillings, the amount expended in connection with his imprisonment, for a sled and two minute men to carry him to Albany. On his refusal to pay he was given a chance of so doing or of again being confined in the Albany jail. On May 1 the chairman reported the amount paid.

I speculate that Tory Joseph may have been the father of Joseph Kingsley/Kinsella. If so, Tory Joseph's presence in Schenectady may have impeded the acceptance of his son as Joseph Kinsella; and Tory Joseph, too, was an immigrant ancestor in this part of the family. In any case, Tory Joseph's story illustrates the cost of unpopular beliefs in Schenectady in 1776.

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The (Schenectady) Cabinet of Wed., 8 May 1816, reported:

DIED—In this city on 15th ult. Mr. JOSEPH KINSELLA, aged 67 years; and on the 30th ult. at Utica, Mrs. MARGARET KINSELLA, aged 72 years.

I imagine that Margaret, probably in failing health when Joseph died, spent the last few days of her life in the Utica household of her son-in-law James Delvin (see below).

Children of Joseph Kinsela and Margaret Ledy—Kinsella⁶

The will of Joseph Kinsela of the City of Schenectady, dated 30 Mar 1816 and probated 22 Apr 1816 (Schenectady Co. Wills, Book A) named six children: three sons—George (youngest), Thomas and William; and three daughters—Jenny (wife of Jacob Lyon), Catherine (wife of Rev. James Murphy) and Frances Mary Ann (wife of James Delvin). The will also mentioned five grandchildren, the children of twice-married Jenny: John, Margaret, Ann and Catherine De Graaf, and Mary Jane Lyon.

Four more sons—John, Henry, William and Joseph, Jr.—died before Joseph wrote his will.

1. Jane (Jenny), b 8 Oct 1771, bap 13 Oct 1771 at St. George's, d 10 Dec 1851 at Washington D.C. She m (1st) 8 Jan 1794 at Schenectady, Harmanus Johannes DE GRAAF, son of Johannes I. De Graaf and Annatje Peek. Harmanus, b 1772, d 1802, leaving four children. He was buried in St. Mark's Cemetery, Niagara, Canada.

Jane m (2nd) 5 Feb 1807, at Schenectady, Jacob LYON, with whom she had one child.

Jenny's De Graaf children were: Johannes, b 5 Sep 1794; Margarieta, b 14 May 1796; Annatje, b 11 June 1799; and Catherine, b 28 May 1801, d 20 Nov 1864, Schenectady, unmarried. The birth date of Jenny's Lyon child, Frances Mary Jane, is unknown.

2. John, b 28 Feb 1773, bap 7 Mar 1773 at St. George's, d Apr 1807. Buried at St. George's.

3. Henry, b 5 Nov 1774, bap 13 Nov 1774, d 10 Sep 1795. He was buried in the cemetery of Fort Herkimer Reformed Church, German Flats, Herkimer Co., N.Y.

+ **4. Thomas**, b 26 Feb 1776, bap 10 Mar 1776 at St. George's, d 11 Oct 1822, m Catherine Shelly. Three children: Margaret Jane, b 31 Oct 1809, m Abram T. Conde; Rebecca, b 30 July 1813, did not marry; and Frances Mary A., b 7 Nov 1815, d in infancy.

Of principal interest in this account, Thomas is more fully reported below.

5. William, b 23 Nov 1777, evidently d in infancy (see next below).

6. William, b 13 Apr 1779, living 30 Mar 1816.

7. Joseph, Jr., b 10 July 1784 (Bible record), d Mar 1812, buried 22 Mar 1812 at St. George's.

8. Catherine "Caty," b 13 Jan 1783 (Bible record—15 Jan, church record), bap 5 July 1785 at St. George's, m 14 Nov 1814 at Schenectady Rev. James MURPHY, who d 13 Jan 1857 at Herkimer, N.Y. No children.

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9. Frances Mary Ann (called Mary), b 21 Oct 1785 (Bible record—26 Oct 1786, church record), bap 25 May 1789 at St. George's, d c.1826, m 9 Sep 1812 at Schenectady James DELVIN of Utica, N.Y., who was b c/1766 at Derry, Ireland, and who d 19 Dec 1825. No children.

10. George, b 13 Apr 1789, bap 25 May 1789 at St. George's, was living c.1860 when he taught piano to my grandmother. He may have been a professional musician and/or piano teacher.

Margaret B. Lawsing wrote to me (21 May 1977):

...I'm sending you a painting on ivory of Mother's great Uncle George Kinsella. When Mother gave it to me it was unframed and broken in half. It's a beautiful job of mending—I can't see where it was broken. He was her music teacher. Came every week and stayed all night. Had to have a bath every day, and she had to haul in the water and haul it away again. She had a big book about 9 x 11 and an inch and a quarter thick, with his name imprinted on the cover, containing music for the piano forte. Since Mother never said how she like him, I don't believe she did. But her mother must have for she named a son after him. And that son was Mother's favorite (brother), and she named a son after him.

The miniature of George that my aunt gave me shows a young man with curly, reddish hair and wide-apart eyes. Considering that my grandmother would have had to be strong enough to haul bath water at the time, I imagine that she had her piano lessons in her early teens, around 1860.

George seems to have been close to his brother Thomas and his family: Thomas mentioned George in his will; and George probably gave his miniature to Thomas's wife Catherine (a favorite sister-in-law and cousin?) or to their daughter Margaret (a favorite niece?). I failed to find George in the indexes of N.Y. censuses, 1820-1850, which suggests that he may have been out of the state, at least in census years. Aunt Margie's report, however, suggests that George probably lived in Schenectady around 1860. It might be that he was in the area in earlier years as well; and that either he was missed by the census or I missed his census reports.

Thomas Kinsella⁶ (1776-1822)

Thomas Kinsella⁶ was born 26 Feb 1776 (Bible record—25 Feb, church record) and he was baptised 10 Mar 1776 at St. George's Episcopal Church, Schenectady, N.Y. He died 11 Oct 1822 and was buried in St. George's Churchyard. Thomas married 7 Jan 1809, at Schenectady, Catherine Shelly (St. George's church record). Catherine was born 13 Dec 1775 (Bible record —14 Dec, church record) and she died 5 May 1858 at Glenville (now West Glenville) N.Y. She was buried in the cemetery of the Dutch Reformed church there.

Catherine, or Catharine—she was baptised Catharine, but her gravestone reads Catherine—was the daughter of Samuel Shelly and Rebecca Ledy (see SHELLY). The mothers of Thomas and Catherine were sisters, so Thomas and Catherine were cousins.

In Pearson's *First Settlers of Schenectady* it was reported (p. 101) that Thomas Kinsela's Schenectady location was on the north side of State Street, from Wall Street to the Canal.

The will of Thomas Kinsela of the City of Schenectady, dated 27 July 1822 and probated 14 Oct 1822, spoke of wife Catharine; daughters Margaret Jane and Rebecca; brother George and sister Caty, wife of Rev.

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Mr. Murphy (Schenectady Co. Will Book A). The executors of his will were John(?) De Graff, Henry R. Teller and Jos. Lyon.

When Thomas died in 1822, Catherine, then about 47 years old, was left with two young daughters: Margaret, about 13, and Rebecca, about 9. The 1830 Schenectady census reported a Catherine Kingsley (indexed "Kinslop") as the 40-50 year-old head of a household that otherwise contained three males—1, 5-10; and 2, 15-20. This household does not fit widow Catherine's expected household; but I half-think that it may have been hers and that it was mis-reported or that I mis-read the report (which was very dim). If the household was not that of widow Catherine, then it would seem that, after Thomas died, Catherine and her daughters joined some other household.

In 1837, daughter Margaret married Abram T. Conde of Glenville, N.Y.; and, apparently, widow Catherine and daughter Rebecca joined the Conde household in Glenville. When they died, young Mary Malissa Knights of Glenville wrote in her diary:

March 8 1857.	Miss R. Kingsley died last evening.
" 10 "	I attended the funeral of Miss R. Kingsley Aged 43 years.
May 6 (<i>sic</i>) 1858.	Old Mrs. Kingsley died this afternoon.
" 7 "	Mrs. Kingsley funeral at two.

Children of Thomas Kinsella and Catherine Shelly—Kinsella⁵

In his will, Thomas mentioned two daughters: Margaret Jane and Rebecca—evidently named for their paternal and maternal grandmothers, respectively. In addition, Thomas and Catherine had one other daughter, Frances Mary A., who died in childhood.

+ **1. Margaret Jane**, b 31 Oct 1809, was baptised 11 Mar 1811 (St. George's Episcopal Church, Schenectady). She married, 12 Jan 1837, Abram Truax Conde; and she died 16 Jan 1867 at Glenville, N.Y.

Of principal interest in this history, Margaret is more fully reported in my CONDE account.

2. Rebecca, b 30 July 1813, bap 2 Sep 1813 (St. George's). d 7 Mar 1857 (gravestone—1 Mar, Bible record). She was buried in the cemetery of the West Glenville Dutch Reformed Church.

The Schenectady Cabinet of Tues., 10 Mar 1857, reported:

Died: In Glenville, at the residence of A. T. Conde, Esq., after a short illness, REBECCA KINSELLA, in the 43d year of her age.

3. Frances Mary Ann, b 7 Nov 1815, bap 20 Oct 1816 (St. George's), d 31 Aug 1821. She was buried in St. George's Churchyard, Ferry St., Schenectady, N.Y.

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Donald A. Keefer's Kinsella file, the principal source for the above account, contained a transcription of a Kinsella Bible record that was in the possession (1933) of Mrs. Frank Conde. This transcription reported: "Margaret Lydins, b. at Normans-Kill in 1744." Among the family history notes of Margaret B. Lawsing was one reading: "Margaret Lydius, b. at Normans-Kill, 1744." Evidently her note reflected the same Bible record and another transcriber read Margaret's last name as *Lydius* instead of *Lydins*. Margaret's sister, Rebecca Shelly, stated that she was born Rebecca Lydius.