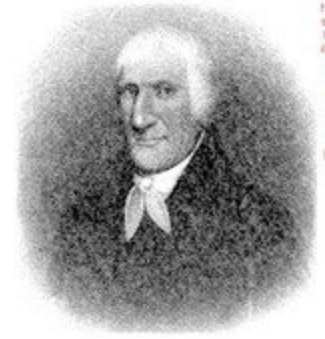


Allied Family Organizations: Kimball Family Association

<https://kimballfamilyassociation.com/>

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Despite having Towne genes, many descendants of **William Towne** and **Joanna Blessing** today do not carry the Towne surname.

A family association with relations to the Townes is the Kimball Family Association (*KFA*), established latter-1967-to-early-1968 to research the ancestry of their immigrant ancestor **Richard Kimball** (April 10 1595, in Rattlesden, Suffolk, England – June 22 1675, in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, Person ID 38000).

On the Kimball Family Association

According to their website, the Kimball Family Association is a “... non-profit association of the descendants of **Richard Kimball** – from whom nearly all American Kimballs ... are descended.”

The KFA was incorporated in 1972 and has nearly 400 members. According to the site, “All Persons of; Kimball, Kimbell, or Kimble ancestry are welcome to join.”

On the “Why join the KFA” page, we see a newsletter, and membership in the KFA annually costs \$20.00, though active-duty US military members get in for free, as Kimballs “have fought in every war since the Revolution.” A membership includes “genealogy, internet expenses, correspondence etc.” Of one’s \$20.00 membership fee, \$5.00 goes to a scholarship fund.

They hold annual reunions.

Not from the Kimball Family Association, but for those interested, another link-shortened reference to the Kimballs is < <https://bit.ly/3nFsEes> >.

On Towne-Kimball ties

Kimball is the 46th most common surname on the Towne Family Association website, with 148 entries. They are connected to the Townes in multiple ways.

On Richard Kimball

This section has three subsections, “Richard Kimball and his Descendants,” “The *Elizabeth*,” and “Richard Kimball’s Death.”

Richard Kimball and some of his Descendants found in the TFA Database

Richard Kimball and his wife **Ursula Scott** (February 4, 1598 – March 1, 1660, Person ID I15566) are both on the Towne Family Association and the Kimball Family Association's websites.

They married in either 1614 or 1615. Richard was a wheelwright, "as were some of his sons."

Their son **John** (1631 – May 6, 1698, Person ID I11360) married **Mary Bradstreet** (1633 – May 6, 1698, Person ID I11361).

- **John** and **Mary** had a daughter **Abigail** (before March 22, 1667 – February 12, Person ID I7354).
- **Abigail Kimball** married **Isaac Estie** (about 1656 – before May 3 – 1714, Person ID I7353). They had ten children named **Estie**, **Easty**, and **Esty**—back then, spelling was more tolerant than now, and their union led to many on the Towne Family Association website. Note the mother of **Isaac Estie** was **Mary Towne** (before August 24, 1634 – September 22, 1692, Person ID I7357).

We note, **Isaac Estie's** mother was **Mary Towne** (before August 24, 1634 – September 2, 1692, Person ID I7357), further tying Towne and Kimball blood. Their children had named, spelled **Estie**, **Easty**, and **Esty**.

We list some children of **Abigail Kimball** and **Isaac Estie**:

- **Abigail Estie** (before January 8, 1692/93, January 8 – 1692/93, Person ID I7365), who married **Joseph Cummings** (before January 26, 1689/90 – December 24, 1729, Person ID I6841). In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Smith**, **Perkins**, **Marble**, **Cummings**, **Sibley**, **Williams**, and **Adams**.
- **Mary Eastie** (before February 15, 1690/91 – November 18, 1781, Person ID I7364) married **John Perkins** (August 2, 1685 – June 22, 1750, Person ID I922). The mother of **John Perkins** was **Katherine Towne** (February 25, 1662 – July 2, 1714, Person ID I30353), whose father was **Jacob Towne** (before March 1, 1631/32 – March 11, 1631/32, Person ID I551), the son of **William Towne** (before March 18, 1598/99 – 1673, Person ID I72146) and **Joanna Blessing**.
 - **Isaac Perkins** (September 17, 1717, October 21, 1802 – Person ID I8570) married **Elizabeth Perkins** (June 7, 1723 – before September 6, 1787, Person ID I20993). She was the daughter of **Elizabeth Towne** (September 1, 1697 – November 26, 1772, Person ID I7110), who was the daughter of **Samuel Towne** (February 11 – 1672/73, March 22, 1713/14, Person ID I139) and the paternal granddaughter of **Edmund Towne** (before June 22, 1628 – before April 27, 1678, Person ID I550). In addition, **Elizabeth** was the daughter of **Robert Perkins**, the first cousin once removed from **Isaac Perkins**. All children of Isaac and Elizabeth Perkins are descended from **Edmund** as well as **Mary** and **Jacob**.

- **Mary** and **John** had a son, **Moses Perkins** (December 17, 1732 – August 7, 1807 – Person ID I8586), who married **Anna Cummings** (December 17, 1732 – August 7, 1807, Person ID I8586). Her paternal grandmother was **Susannah Towne** (December 24 – 1671, September 13, 1766, Person ID I6106), a paternal granddaughter of **William Towne** and **Joanna Blessing** (June 22, 1595 – 1682, Person ID I72147). All of Moses' descendants are descended from **Joseph** as well as **Mary** and **Jacob**.
- **Sarah Eastie** (October 4, 1694, September 1750 – Person ID I7366) married **Captain Joseph Cummings** (September 1, 1692, April 22 – 1794, Person ID I8676). In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Richardson, Kettle, and Lamson**.
- **Aaron Easty** (February 16, 1698/99 – April 21, 1783, Person ID I7341) married **Esther Richards** (July 7, 1705 – July 23 – 1805, Person ID I7342). In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Towne, Clark, Balch, Hooper, and Dwinell**.
- **Hannah Easty** (18 May 1702 – 23 Jun 1743, Person ID I7345) married **Isaac Cummings** (25 Dec 1695 – ?, Person ID I8553). She was the daughter of **Isaac Estie** and **Abigail Kimball**, and he was the son of **John Comings** (7 Jun 1666– before 16 Jul 1722, Person ID I14413) and **Susannah Towne**. In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Jepherson, and White**.
- **Richard Esty** (before April 7, 1706 – 1791 – Person ID I7370) married **Ruth Fiske** (August 20, 1707 – after April 20, 1787, Person ID I8217). In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Hazen, Barker, Hartt, and Brown**.
- **Rebecka Esty** (before August 8, 1708, February 22, 1777 – Person ID I7371) married 1st **Preserved Tucker** (before June 22, 1707 – before April 7, 1743, Person ID I22237). In their children's spouses, we see the names **Johnson** and **Dayton**. She married 2nd **Matthias Puffer** (1715/16 - ?, Person ID 24106) - spouses of children: **Boyden, Smith, Oliver**.
- **Moses Esty** (before September 6, 1712 – ?, Person ID I7372) married **Eunice Pengilly** (March 15, 1718/19 – ?, Person ID I8190). In their children's spouses, we see names such as **Branson, Wallace, Truman, Fearclo, Kirkpatrick, Thomas** and **Keene**.

Anna Cummings was the paternal granddaughter of **John Comings** (June 7, 1666 – before July 16, 1722, Person ID I14413) and **Susannah Towne** (December 24, 1671 – September 13, 1766, Person ID I6106).

Alice Lillian Perkins (July 5, 1887 – February 7, 1978, Person ID I77325) married **George Washington Kimball** (1856 – 1937), though this information is not reflected on the Towne Family Association's website.

John Comings was a paternal grandson of **Isaac Cummings** (1601 – 1677, Person ID I81726), the subject of the Isaac Cumming Family Association, < <https://www.isaacummingsfamily.org/> >. With him came Henry Kimball aboard the *Elizabeth* in 1634; see below. Perhaps Henry Kemball, a child of 15? He is not on the Towne Family Association's website.

Numerous other ties exist between the Cummings/Comings and the Kimball/Kemball families.

Richard Kimball and **Ursula Scott** were born and married in England, and we need to move them to the British American colonies.

The *Elizabeth*

On April 30, 1634, when **Richard** was 39, he and **Ursula** came to the British American Colonies aboard the *Elizabeth*, landing at Waterton with Ursula and “six” of their children. Drake’s *Founders of New England* records this.

Of **Ursula’s** parents, **Martha Scott** also came aboard the *Elizabeth*; her husband, **Henry Scott**, had died during or before 1624. I can find no record of Richard Kimball’s parents arriving on the *Elizabeth*.

On February 23, 1635, Richard was granted a house-lot and 40 acres of land “beyond the North River.” On May 6, 1635, Richard Kimball took the Freeman’s Oath. After a time in Waterton, he “... removed to Ipswich in 1637 or 1638.”

Richard and **Ursula** came during the Puritan Great Migration (1620-1640). Information about this ship is sparse, but it does not appear to have sailed in the Winthrop Fleet. Without reference, in the article “*James (ship)*,” Wikipedia notes, “*The ship James left King’s Road in Bristol on May 23, 1635, with master John Taylor at the helm. From England to Massachusetts in a fleet of five ships, the Angel Gabriel, the Elizabeth and Ann (Bess), the Mary and the Diligence. Six ships? It appears the Elizabeth shipped quite a few Puritans across the Atlantic, though there is a danger there may have been more than one Elizabeth, as more than one English woman named Elizabeth was a known figure at the time. The Internet has numerous images of the Elizabeth, but do not know of any that are copyright-free, and if any are the “right” Elizabeth is a good question.*

Richard Kimball’s Death

Richard Kimball died on October 23, 1675, in Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, having lived eighty years. A “link shortener” on his “Find a Grave” link reveals the easy-to-digest < <https://bit.ly/3Tliqpz> >, placed by the Kimball Family Association. It appears that where he was buried is “lost to the sands of time,” according to “Find a Grave.”

It was observed, “*Having thus made his will he waited for the coming of the messenger who would sunder all earthly ties and take him on his eternal journey. The angel delayed not long his coming. On the twenty-second of the following June the earthly pilgrimage of Richard Kimball ended, and, aged more than eighty years, he joined the great majority.*”

Richard Kimball also married, secondly, in Ipswich, October 23, 1661, Margaret (Cole) Dow. However, she is not on the Towne Family Association's website.

Where the Kimballs lived

According to the Towne Family Association's website, from the 1600s to the 1700s, the Kimballs lived in, or at least were baptized in (alphabetized):

- Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts
- Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts
- Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts
- Hopkinton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire
- Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts
- Middleton, Essex County, Massachusetts
- Preston, New London County, Connecticut
- Rattlesden, Suffolk, England
- Wenham, Essex County, Massachusetts

An interesting matter relating to the Kimballs

This section has two subsections, "Benjamin Ames Kimball's Ancestry" and "Benjamin Ames Kimball's Castle."

Here we time travel a bit. **Benjamin Ames Kimball** (August 22, 1833—July 30, 1920, at 86) was born in Boscawen, Merrimack, New Hampshire. In 1854 he graduated from what at the time was Dartmouth College.

Benjamin Ames Kimball's Ancestry

Ames was his mother's maiden name. He traces to **Richard Kimball**. Traced his ancestry, but could find no Towne blood. Well, not *direct* Towne blood:

- A son of one of **Richard Kimball's** sons, Caleb, had a son, **John Kimball** (December 20, 1699, – 1785) who married one **Abigail Lyford** (November 23, 1709 – February 12, 1737), neither of whom is on the Towne Family Association's website.
- **Abigail Lyford** is not on the Towne Family Association's website, though **Caroline E. Lyford** (May 8, 1859 – August 4, 1889, Person ID I51035) is. **Abigail** was a great-great-great-great aunt of **Caroline**, through
 - Her parents **Lewis Lyford** (1825 – 1914) and **Clarissa Lord** (1827 – 1905), and
 - His parents **John Lyford** (1797 – 1831) , and **Mary Shortridge** (1801 – 1834), and
 - His parents **James Lyford** (1765 – 1846) and **Deborah Lyford** (1769 – 1870), and
 - His parents **James Lyford** (1746 – 1846) and **Mary Hardy** (1748 – 1808), and now
 - **Abigail Lyford** was the sister of his father, **John Lyford** (1715 – 1795)

- On < <https://www.ancestry.com/> >, found a **Carrie E. Lyford** (8 July 1859 – 4 Aug 1889) who, just like Towne's **Caroline Lyford** married **William Seward Nourse**. He matched and traced to **Francis Nurse** (about 1618 – November 22, 1695, Person ID I46617).

Benjamin Ames Kimball's Castle

But **Benjamin Ames Kimball**. He made a great deal of money in the American railroad industry. In short, he donated money and did some liberal things for Dartmouth College.

Some information about **Benjamin Ames Kimball** is available at a link shortened to <https://bit.ly/3LWCd2K>. One thing this site notes "[i]n 1863 the news came that President Lincoln had freed the slaves and as the newest tender rolled out of the shops, Kimball took his chalk and wrote "Liberty" on its side. From then on, all the models of that equipment were known as Liberty engines."

In New Hampshire stands the **Kimball Castle**, built by **Benjamin Ames Kimball**; construction began in 1894.

According to the **Dartmouth Alumni Magazine**, link-shortened to <https://bit.ly/3Ke4ro4>, Benjamin Ames Kimball was "... in the eighth generation from Richard Kimball, who came to Ipswich, Mass., from England in 1634." Unfortunately, it appears his castle "is abandoned and boarded up."

Searches on the Internet reveal a great deal about him and his castle.