

A detailed black and white illustration of a busy harbor scene, likely from the mid-19th century. The foreground is filled with a large crowd of people, including men, women, and children, many wearing hats and coats. In the background, several large sailing ships with multiple masts and rigging are docked at a pier. The scene is set on a waterfront with a body of water visible in the distance.

John Kelly

Arrived Brisbane 1865

A Research Challenge

A man named John Kelly arrived in Brisbane with his young family by ship in 1865.

- Can you find his age?
- And his occupation?

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The starting point for information on people who arrived in Queensland from overseas before 1901 is the Immigration Collection at the Queensland State Archives.

Locate the webpage where the indexes are collected and select the card for Immigration.

Click the down arrow to open up the detailed contents.



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Assisted Immigration 1848-1912 is the largest dataset, so start there.

Immigration



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The index must be searched one term at a time. So begin with the surname of interest.

When you see some results displayed, click on any one of them that shows the correct surname (in this case, Kelly).

This will filter out any entry in the index that does not match.

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Passenger lists of immigrant ships with departure and arrival dates and ports, surgeons and masters on board and types of passage; includes links to scans of the registers

269545 records available in this topic.


 


Now you can refine your search, by filtering on another search term, such as the year of arrival.

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Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly [← Back](#)





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Given names	Last name	Date	Ship	
Wm	KELLY	1882-06-17	Camorta	

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You now have 30 entries for people with the surname Kelly who arrived in Queensland by ship during the year 1865.

1 Select a topic 2 Search the records 3 Results

Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly
Filtered by: 1865 ← Back

Showing 1-10 of 30 results. Refine your results 

<u>Given names</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ship</u>	
<u>Bridget</u>	<u>KELLY</u>	<u>1865-12-31</u>	<u>Ancilla</u>	↓
<u>Caroline</u>	<u>KELLY</u>	<u>1865-01-03</u>	<u>Golden City</u>	↓
<u>Catherine</u>	<u>KELLY</u>	<u>1865-08-16</u>	<u>Golconda</u>	↓
<u>Catherine</u>	<u>KELLY</u>	<u>1865-10-15</u>	<u>Venilia</u>	↓
<u>Catherine</u>	<u>KELLY</u>	<u>1865-10-15</u>	<u>Venilia</u>	↓




You may be tempted to further refine the results with another search term, such as the given name John.

Do NOT do that.

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Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly
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Showing 1-10 of 30 results.


 

Adding that third search term gives you a list of 69 men called John Kelly but has lost the restriction on the year of arrival.

It appears that you can only have two search terms active at one time; so go back to the previous list (because it was shorter) and browse through it till you reach the Js (for John).

1 Select a topic 2 Search the records 3 Results

Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly
Filtered by: john ← Back

Showing 1-10 of 69 results. Refine your results 

<u>Given names</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ship</u>
John	KELLY	1899-02-10	Banffshire ↓
John	KELLY	1885-02-10	Quetta ↓
John	KELLY	1884-06-25	Duke of Westminster ↓
John	KELLY	1878-10-12	Caroline ↓




You will see that there are five entries, and that four of them appear to have come on the same voyage (the Venilia, arriving 15 October).

As before, the down arrow on each card will open up more detailed information concerning that particular entry.

1 [Select a topic](#) 2 [Search the records](#) 3 **Results**

Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly
Filtered by: 1865

Showing 1-10 of 30 results.

Refine your results 

Given names	Last name	Date	Ship	
James	KELLY	1865-11-13	Samarang	↓
John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia	↓
John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia	↓
John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia	↓
John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia	↓
John	KELLY	1865-11-13	Samarang	↓
Joseph	KELLY	1865-08-04	Montmoren	↓



Click on any one of them to reveal that there is a little more information on each card; but not enough to draw any definite conclusions.


You need to gather all the information from each card into a format where you can compare them.

1 Select a topic 2 Search the records 3 Results

Your search: in Assisted immigration 1848-1912 for kelly
Filtered by: 1865

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Showing 1-10 of 30 results.

Refine your results 

Given names	Last name	Date	Ship
James	KELLY	1865-11-13	Samarang ↓
John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia ↑

Age: 1

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Item ID: 18474

Microfilm 1: Z1957

Microfilm 2: M1696

Description: Passenger lists of immigrant ships with departure and arrival dates and ports, surgeons and masters on board and types of passage; includes links to scans of the registers

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John	KELLY	1865-10-15	Venilia ↓
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John KELLY 1865-10-15	<i>Venilia</i>	Age: 1 Page: 229	Item ID: 18474 Microfilm 1: Z1957 Microfilm 2: M1696
ditto	ditto	Age: 25 Page: 229	ditto
ditto	ditto	Age: 1 Page: 268	ditto
ditto	ditto	Age: 25 Page: 268	ditto
John KELLY 1865-11-13	<i>Samarang</i>	Age: 20 Page: 274	ditto




- All the records are drawn from a single dataset (184-74) that has been copied onto just one microfilm (Z1957).
- The five records are on just three different pages of the document.
- It is possible that the Venilia records have been duplicated.
- It appears that the five entries probably represent just three different people.
 - An adult and a child (father & son?) aboard the Venilia
 - An adult aboard the Samarang



There is no need to visit QSA to view the microfilm because a digital image is available online.

Click the lime green button on the bottom right corner of any card to see the linked image for that record.

[John](#) [KELLY](#) [1865-11-13](#) [Samarang](#) 

Age: 20


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Item ID: 18474

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On page 274, John Kelly is shown travelling with James and Ellen.

"PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS ACTS OF 1880-1892." SAMARANG						REGISTER OF RE-ARRANGEMENTS.				
NO. OF EDWARD PASSENGER LIST.	NATIVE NAME OF SEAMAN, ALSO KNOWN (IF ANY).	DEPART.	FIRST EMPLOYER.	LAST EMPLOYER.	NAME OF SHIP BY WHICH INTRODUCED.	DATE OF AGREEMENT.	EXPRESSION OF AGREEMENT.	WAGES.	ENTIRE SALARY WHEN PAID AND BY WHOM.	GENERAL REMARKS, SUCH AS TRANSFER, DIRECTION, EXACT, ETC., WITH DATE OF EVENT AND BRIEF PARTICULARS.
	Basson	Alexander 22	Gleeson	Budget 27	Kelly	James	23	Mitchell	Isabella 21	
	Foggo.	Thomas 40	"	William 7	"	Ellen	23	Maguire	Mary 25	
	Thompson	Patrick 24	"	Martin 5	"	John	20	M. Fenzie	Christine 18	
	Fern	Matthew 33	Green	George 22	Lee	Henry	32	Wier	Agnes 20	
	"	Jan 30	Hardy	Margaret 24	Loftus	John	24	Manson	Jessie 17	
	"	James left	Hunter	Elizabeth 25	"	Sarah	18	M. Mahon	Mart 31	

Ellen could be his wife, but it is equally likely she is a sister or even a cousin.

The expression "a young family" usually implies small children.



Page 229 shows "both" Johns on the Venilia listed together.

"FACTS ISLAND LABOURERS ACTS OF 1880-1892."				REGISTER OF ARRANGEMENTS			
VENILIA				arrived Brisbane 15 th October 1865			
NO. OF THE PARTY	NAME	AGE	SEX	NO. OF THE PARTY	NAME	AGE	SEX
Avery	Charles 26	Shaw	Joseph 8	Brown	Samuel 20	Sullivan	Budget 24
"	Susan 23	"	Nicola 10	"	Phanna 19	Stewart	Margaret 24
Baucke	James 27	Landford	May A. 23	Brown	Oliver 21	Tobin	Budget 25
"	John 24	Walker	Edward 20	Castello	Harry 23	Thomas	Thomas 20
Bono	George 26	Rurigho	William 20	"	Allen 20	Wigham	Elizabeth 21
"	Margaret 25	Brook	Thomas 22	Byrne	Margaret 20	Williams	Ann 26
Baucke	Alfred 32	Barber	Benjamin 27	Clare	Budget 19	Walker	Fanny 22
"	Miee 30	Corsine	Joseph 19	Castogan	Harry 23	White	Martha 21
"	Michael 14	Chandler	William 22	Callaway	Budget 23	Williams	Caroline 25
Benstead	Joseph 25	Crano	Samuel 20	Cusack	Harry 20	Coyle	Thomas 34
"	Emma 22	erguson	Robert 21	Colin	George 24	"	Harry A. 34
"	John 24	Holloway	William 18	Davin	Allen 21	"	Thomas 5
Brane	Thomas 29	Irishman	Michael 24	Downs	Budget 20	"	William 2
"	Harriet 27	Legitt	John 23	Downley	Sam 22	"	Harry A. 24
"	Joseph 1	Miles	Robert 22	Higgins	Ann 22	Rae	John 36
Faus	Frederick 5	Moloney	Isabel 25	Hawke	Susan 19	"	Harry 20
Edvall	Henry 22	"	Thomas 23	Hendy	Ellen 22	"	Catherine 1
"	May A. 26	M. Ager	James 19	Johns	Ann 18	Ford	Charles 55
Eastham	James 27	Molloy	John 24	Keays	Ann 23	"	Catherine 50
"	May A. 27	M. Ager	Edward 21	Hannison	Harry 20	"	Catherine 14
Early	Patrick 22	Roche	John 20	Holton	Ellen 24	Henderson	Thomas 45
"	Budget 20	Reilly	Christopher 24	Moore	John 23	"	John 46
Feherick	John 37	Thompson	William 16	Molloy	Anna 26	"	Euphemia 18
"	James 33	Walford	George 23	"	Ellen 18	Hudson	John 58
"	John 26	Williamson	James 21	McCahon	Budget 24	"	Sam 56
"	Susan 35	Young	George 19	Meade	Catherine 21	"	John D. 52
"	John 1	"	James B. 22	Moore	Harry Ann 23	Love	Patrick 45
"	Elizabeth 24	Ahern	Margaret 31	M. Wright	Catherine 22	"	Harry 43
Magill	William 26	Alister	Margaret 21	Mauley	Elizabeth 23	"	Patrick 11
"	Erny 21	Allen	Ellen 21	M. Ager	Harriet A. 18	"	Ann 9
"	Walker 39	"	May 22	O'Brien	Harry Ann 24	"	Francis 7
"	Harry 37	Branton	Harry 18	O'Connor	Cannah 26	Nolan	Patrick 31
"	David 14	Bard	May A. 21	Roche	Ann 18	"	Budget 23
"	George 11	Barnett	Budget 21	"	"	"	John 3
"	"	Browne	Ellen 21	"	"	"	Budget 1



John 25
 Susan 25
 John 1
 Elizabeth infant

"FACTS ISLAND LABOURERS ACTS OF 1880-1892."				REGISTER OF ARRANGEMENTS			
VENILIA				arrived Brisbane 15 th October 1865			
NO. OF THE HOUSE	NAME OF THE LABOURER	AGE	SEX	NO. OF THE HOUSE	NAME OF THE LABOURER	AGE	SEX
	Avery Charles 26	Shaw Josiah 8		Brown Samuel 20	Sullivan Budget 24		
	" Susan 23	" Victoria 10		" Phanna 19	Stewart Margaret 24		
	Bourke James 27	Landford Amy A. 23		Brown Eliza 21	Tobin Budget 25		
	" John 24	Baker Edward 20		Castello Mary 23	Thomas Joanna 20		
	Bonin George 26	Burroughs William 20		" Ellen 20	Wigham Elizabeth 21		
	Bourke Margaret 25	Burd Thomas 22		Byrne Margaret 20	Williams Ann 26		
	" Patrick 32	Burke Benjamin 27		Clair Budget 19	Walker Fanny 22		
	" Alice 30	Corsine Joseph 19		Castogan Mary 23	White Martha 21		
	Michael 14	Coardley William 27		Callinan Budget 23	Williams Caroline 25		
	Benstead Joseph 25	Crano Samuel 20		Cusack Mary 20	Coyle Thomas 34		
	" Emma 22	Crawson Robert 21		Colin Mary 24	" Mary A. 34		
	" John 21	Holloway William 18		Davin Ellen 21	Thomas 5		
	" Thomas 29	Kirkpatrick Elizabeth 24		Downs Budget 20	William 2		
	" William 27	Legg John 23		Downey Sarah 22	" Mary A. 21		
	" Joseph 1	Miles Robert 22		Duggins Ann 22	" John 36		
	" Patrick 5	" Moloney Hayden 25		" Susan 19	" Mary 20		
	" Mary 22	" Thomas 23		" Ellen 22	" Catherine 1		
	" John 26	" James 19		" Ann 15	" Charles 55		
	" James 27	" John 24		" John 23	" Catherine 50		
	" John A. 27	" Edward 21		" Ann 20	" Catherine 14		
	" John 22	" John 20		" Ellen 24	" Thomas 45		
	" Budget 20	" Christopher 24		" John 23	" Jane 46		
	" John 37	" William 16		" Maria 26	" Sophia 18		
	" Susan 25	" George 23		" Ellen 15	" John 58		
	" John 1	Williamson James 21		" Budget 24	" Sarah 56		
	" Elizabeth 21	" George 19		" Catherine 21	" John D. 52		
	" William 26	" James B. 22		" Mary Ann 23	" Patrick 45		
	" Essey 21	" Margaret 31		" Catherine 22	" Mary 43		
	" Walker 39	" Margaret 21		" Elizabeth 23	" Patrick 11		
	" Mary 37	" Ellen 21		" Ann 18	" Ann 9		
	" David 37	" Mary 22		" Mary Ann 24	" Francis 7		
	" Mary 37	" Mary 15		" Hannah 26	" Patrick 31		
	" David 37	" Mary A. 21		" Ann 18	" Budget 23		
	" Mary 37	" Budget 21		" Rachel 20	" John 3		
	" David 14	" Brown Ellen 21			" Budget 1		

Kealy Patrick 22
" Budget 20
" Elizabeth John 37
" James James 33
" Kelly John 25
" Susan Susan 25
" John John 1
" Elizabeth Elizabeth 21
" William William 26
" Essey Essey 21
" Shaw Walker 39
" Mary Mary 37
" David David 14



Page 268 provides the same information on the young family of John Kelly; supporting the inference that an original list of Venilia passengers was copied twice.

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"PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS ACTS OF 1880-1892,"

VENILIA

NO. OF PASSENGERS LIST.	NATIVE NAMES & ISLANDS, ALSO ENGLISH (IF ANY).	AGE.	SEX.	DATE DEPARTED.	NAME OF SHIP BY WHICH INTRODUCED.
	Kealey	Patriot 22	M.	Feb	Edward 21
	"	Bridget 20	F.	"	John 20
	Ketherwick	John 37	M.	"	Christopher 24
	"	Agnes 33	F.	"	William 16
	Kelly	John 25	M.	"	George 23
	"	Susan 25	F.	"	James 21
	"	John 1	M.	"	George 19
	"	Elizabeth 21	F.	"	James B. 22
	Magill	William 26	M.	"	Margaret 31
	"	Evy 21	F.	"	Ellen 20

Information drawn from shipping lists in the Immigration Index can often be supported by newspaper reports concerning the arrival of ships in Moreton Bay.

A search in Trove for Venilia AND Kelly in Queensland papers around October 1865 could provide this additional evidence.



There is documentary evidence of Kelly passengers arriving on this voyage, but their given names are Catherine (or Katharine) and Valentine.

Are these people included in the shipping list?

THE following is a List of Persons nominated for Assisted Passage to this Colony, who have been embarked in the Ship *VENILIA*, which sailed from Plymouth, for Moreton Bay, on the 12th June last:—

Name of Emigrant.	Age.	Name of Emigrant.	Age.
Coyle, Thomas	24	Murphy, John	21
Mary A.	24	Murphy, Peter	26
Thomas	2	Moylan, Anthony	24
William	2	Newport, James	21
Mary A.	inf.	O'Donoghue, Thos.	20
Dacy, John	20	O'Sullivan, Daniel	26
Mary	20	Park, Andrew	25
Catherine	1	Ryan, John	23
Ford, Charles	55	Ryan, Daniel	25
Catherine	50	Sullivan, Jeremiah	27
Catherine	14	Sennin, John	25
Henderson, Thomas	45	Swan, David	28
Jane	46	Towey, Michael	26
Euphemia	13	James	24
Hudson, John	68	John	23
Sarah	66	Tobin, Michael	21
John F.	5	Tyrrill, Thomas	21
Lore, Patrick	45	Walsh, Patrick	31
Mary	43	White, Thomas	18
Patrick	11	Whiteside, Richard	18
Ann	9	Dwyer, Sarah	19
Francis	7	Dunovan, Johanna	17
Nolan, Patrick	31	Margaret	16
Bridget	28	Donnelly, Elizabeth	65
Peter	3	Elliott, Elizabeth	24
Bridget	1	Fannon, Rebecca	22
O'Brien, Patrick	46	Fisher, Agnes	20
Bridget	41	Fitt, Emma	18
White, James	44	Gleeson, Mary	17
Helen	42	Green, Honoria	19
Augusta	14	Halpin, Catherine	37
Helen	10	Henderson, Jane	15
Peter	inf.	Hudson, Harriet	18
Wood, Thomas	28	Elizabeth	26
Jane	26	Kavanagh, Anne	19
John	6	Kelly, Catherine	24
Ashcroft, William	39	Lahay, Alicia	20
Boles, William	25	Leyhane, Honora	19
Casey, Eugene	26	Mooney, Margaret	26
Clifford, Timothy	25	Moloney, Johanna	26
Curry, Robert	19	Mac, Hannah	20
Condon, Daniel	20	Moore, Ann	20
Condon, Martin	21	Mylan, Margaret	20
Dannery, Edward	25	Miller, Margaret	23
Downey, Thomas	24	Mary A.	24
Dereaux, John	20	O'Neill, Bridget	14
Daly, John	19	O'Brien, Margaret	21
Dwyer, Daniel	24	O'Dea, Ellen	23
Donnelly, John	28	Bridget	20
Donovan, Timothy	18	Pritchard, Elizabeth	20
Dunne, Michael	25	Ryan, Johanna	18
Dixon, John	20	Tanner, Mary A.	26
Fannon, Alexander	19	McCarthy, Honora	24
Ford, Martin	23	William	14
Thomas	20	Margaret	11
Timothy	17	Ellen	8
Finlaypatrick, Hugh	23	John	8
Flood, Bernard	28	Michael	8
Graham, David	25	Bramhall, Isabella	40
Guilford, John	21	Heil, Isabella	20
Harvey, Thomas	21	Hawkins, George	26
Henderson, William	17	Mary A.	24
Hall, James	25	Elizabeth	9
Hayden, Michael	26	William H.	7
Keizer, John	21	Mary A.	6
Kelly, Valentine	25	George	3
Lyons, Jeremiah	20	John A.	2
Love, Terence	16	Hodge, Anna M.	20
M'Gahan, Thomas	27	Lambert, Edward	1
M'Inerney, Daniel	23	Richards, Henry	25
Peter	20	Elizabeth	20
Moloney, Michael	25		

Immigration Office, Brisbane,
September 26, 1865. 4416

JOHN SALOON, from Killarney, County Kerry,—Your Cousins, **KATHARINE KELLY** and **TIMOTHY CLIFFORD** have arrived by the Ship *Venilia*, and will be glad to hear from you. Pray write or send to the Government Immigration Depot, South Brisbane. 5977

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The Brisbane Courier
27 September 1865 page 5



"PACIFIC ISLAND LABOURERS ACTS OF 1880-1892,"

VENILIA

TO-WHICH FORWARD PASSAGE LIST.	NATIVE NAME OF ISLANDER, ALSO BY NAME (IF ANY).	ISLAND	TEST WITNESSES	TASK WITNESSES	NAME OF SHIP BY WHICH LISTED.
O'Brien	Patrick	46	Silfoyle	John	21
"	Bridget	41	Barney	Thomas	21
White	James	44	Henderson	William	17
"	Helen	42	Hall	James	25
"	Augusta	14	Coyden	Michael	36
"	Helen	10	McLiker	John	21
"	Peter	Infant	Kelly	Valentine	25
Wood	Thomas	28	Kipps	Jeremiah	20
"	Janr	26	Love	Edence	16
"	Janr	6	McKehan	Thomas	27
Ashcroft	William	39	McNery	Daniel	22
Boles	William	25	"	Peter	29
Casey	Eugene	26	McLoney	Michael	25
Clifford	Timothy	25	Murphy	John	21
Curry	Robert	19	Murphy	Peter	26
Condon	Daniel	20	Mylan	Anthony	24
"	Martin	21	Napport	James	21
Dammery	Edward	25	O'Donoghue	Thomas	20
Downey	Thomas	24	O'Sullivan	Daniel	26
Deveause	John	30	Past	Andrew	25
Pake	John	10	Ryan	John	23

REGISTER OF RE-ARRANGEMENTS.

DATE OF ARRIVAL.	EXPIRING ARRANGEMENT.	NAME	RETURN PASSAGE BY NAME OF SHIP AND BY WHOM.	GENERAL REMARKS, SUCH AS TRANSFER, DEPARTURE, RE-ARRANGEMENT, NAME OF SHIP AND BRIEF PARTICULARS.
Donovan	Johanna	17	McCarthy	Ellen 8
"	Margaret	16	"	John 5
Donnelly	Elizabeth	55	"	Michael 3
Elliott	Elizabeth	24	Brankhall	Isabella 49
Fannon	Rebecca	27	Bell	Isabella 20
Fisher	Agnes	29	Hawkins	George 38
Fit	Emma	18	"	Mary A. 34
Blason	Mary	17	"	Elizabeth A. 9
Green	Honoraria	19	"	William 7
Halpin	Catherine	37	"	Mary A. 5
Henderson	Jane	15	"	George 3
Hudson	Harriet	26	"	John A. 1
"	Elizabeth	26	Hodge	John M. 20
Kavanagh	Annie	19	Lambert	Edward 20
Kelly	Catherine	24	Richards	Henry 25
Kelley	Maria	20	"	Elizabeth 26
Leghane	Honora	19		
Mooney	Margaret	26		
McLoney	Johanna	26		
Mac	Hannah	20		
Moore	Ann	27		

If Catherine and Valentine, John and Susan were all aboard the ship when it arrived, why are only two of them listed in the news report?

The table in the Brisbane Courier listed those nominated for Assisted Passages. This refers to a special type of ticket paid for by someone in Queensland (either the colonial Government or an individual or business).

The fact that John Kelly and his family were not included in that list suggests that he purchased their tickets himself in England.



The search so far indicates that there were two men named John Kelly who sailed into Brisbane during 1865. It is most likely that the one "with a young family" arrived aboard the Venilia aged 25 years.

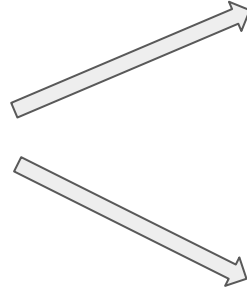
BUT

We have no evidence concerning his occupation.

It is clear that QSA document 18474 was not made aboard the ship. Copies of that original record were made (at least twice) in the early twentieth century and did not include all of the information in it (specifically, in this case, the passengers' occupation).

There may be another document that contains more information about the voyage of the Venilia.





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QFHS has developed 2 CDs that index ships' records from the National Archives (rather than the QSA) and has licenced the content to subscription sites.

If you had access to the Strathpine Library collection, you could search those CDs for Kelly Venilia 1865.

The results would be as shown in the next few pages.



Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1899: Passengers and Crew

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Target	Search text	Sort by	2nd Sort	Match
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Given Names	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Whole Field ▼
Title	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Whole Field ▼
Age	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Anywhere in Field ▼
Status	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Whole Field ▼
Occupation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Anywhere in Field ▼
Nationality	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Whole Field ▼
Comments	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Whole Field ▼
Ship	<input type="text" value="venilia"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Anywhere in Field ▼
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KELLY	Elizth.		Infant			English	Page damaged	Venilia	Plymouth	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	Elizth.		Under 14y				Via Plymouth	Venilia	London	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	Jno.		25y	Married	Gardnr. & Shphrd.	English		Venilia	Plymouth	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	Jno.		1y			English		Venilia	Plymouth	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	John		Above 14y				Via Plymouth	Venilia	London	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	John		Under 14y				Via Plymouth	Venilia	London	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	Susan		Above 14y				Via Plymouth	Venilia	London	19 Oct 1865
KELLY	Susan		25y	Married		English		Venilia	Plymouth	19 Oct 1865
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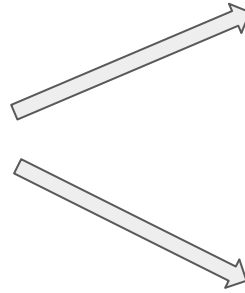


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So 25 year old Jonathon (Jno) Kelly was a married Gardener and Shepherd of English nationality (not Irish like Valentine and Catherine, apparently no relation) when he migrated with his wife Susan and children Jonathon Jnr and Elizabeth.





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The Customs Houses indices are not freely available, but what about the original records?



Images of shipping lists held in the NAA can be browsed (not searched) using a technique that was demonstrated at a meeting in 2017.

11 April 2017 Where do you look for 19th C shipping lists?

11/4/2017

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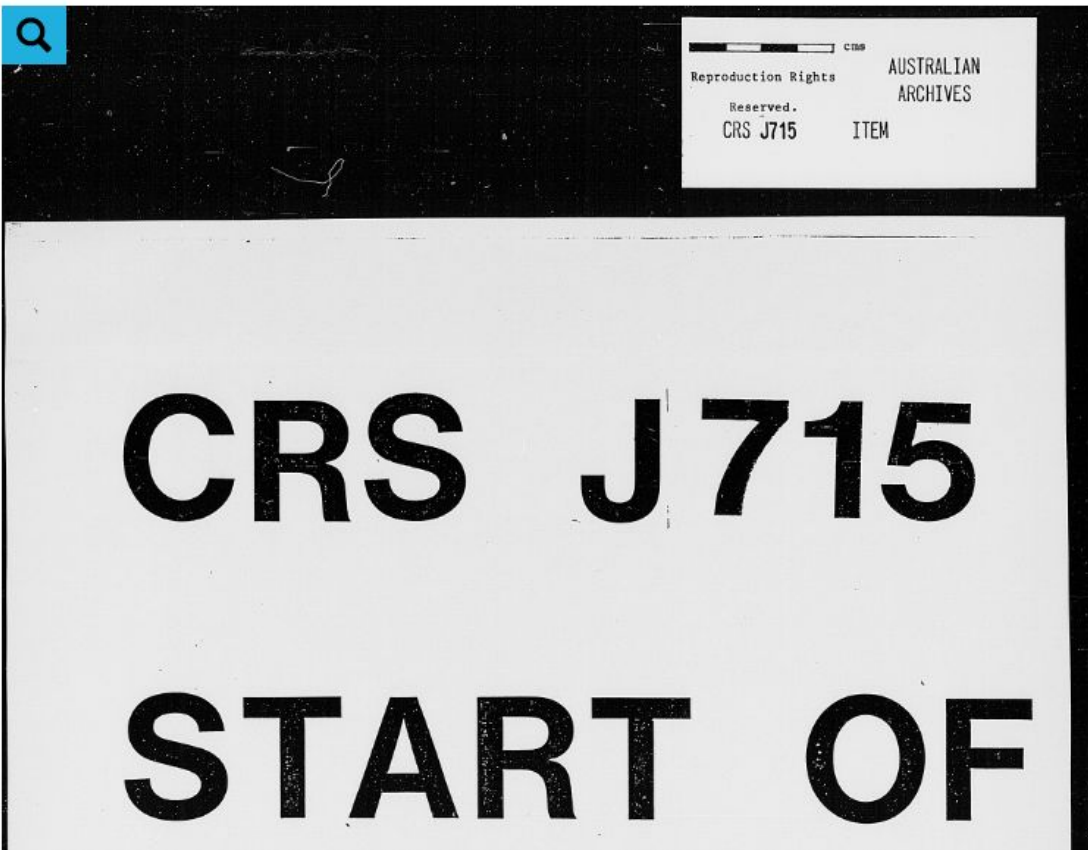


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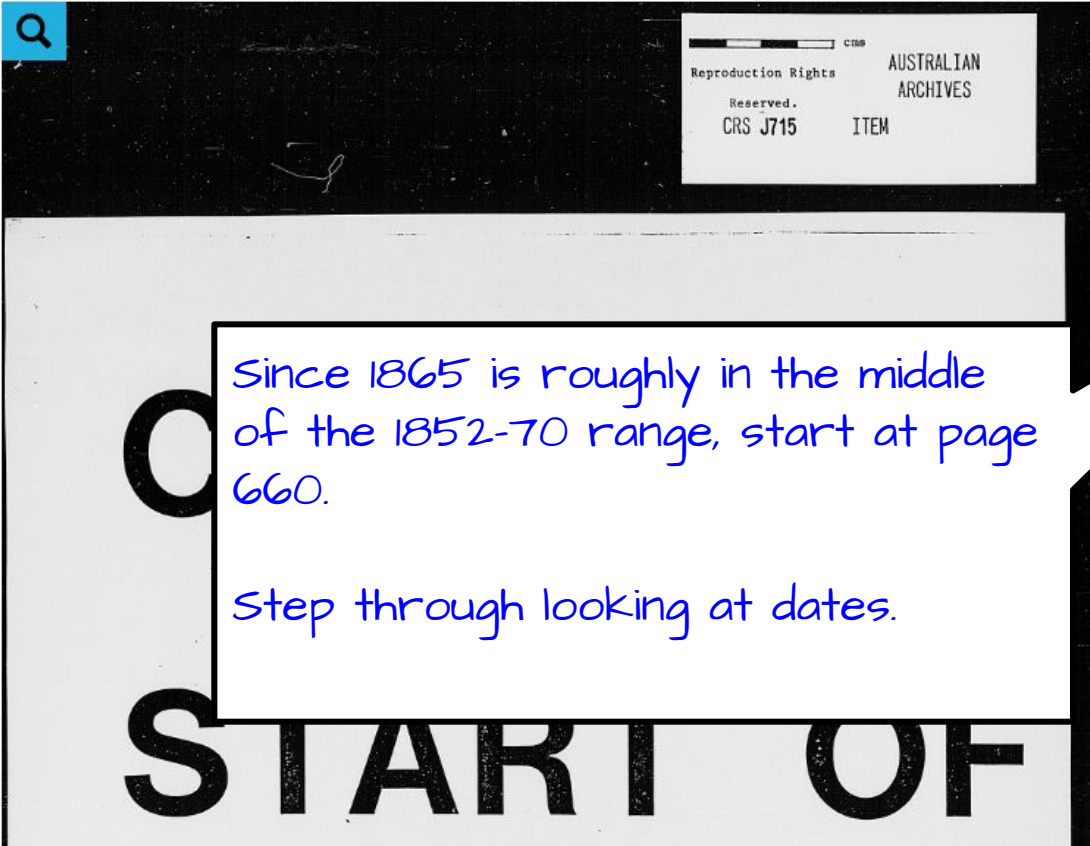
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JAMES B. WILCOCKS, PLYMOUTH.

SCHEDULE B.—FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

At page 769

Ship's Name	Masters Name	Tons per Register	Aggregate number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Passengers, other than Cabin Passengers	Total number of Stowage Adults, exclusive of Master, Crew, and Cabin Passengers, which the Ship can legally carry	Where Bound
"Venilia"	Edw. Pavey	646	3675	245	Brisbane

I HEREBY Certify that the Provisions actually laden on board this Ship are sufficient, according to the requirements of the Passengers' Act, for 245 Statute Adults, for a Voyage of 140 Days.

Date 17th June 1865

(Signature)

Edw. Pavey

Master.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF PASSENGERS.

Ports of Embarkation	Names of Passengers	Age of each Adult of 12 years and upwards				Children between 1 and 12 years		Infants		Profession, Occupations, or Calling of Passengers	English			Scotch			Irish			Foreigners			Port at which Passengers are to be Landed
		Married		Single		M.	F.	M.	F.		Adults	Children	Infants	Adults	Children	Infants	Adults	Children	Infants	Adults	Children	Infants	
		M.	F.	M.	F.																		
	Boyle									Labr.													
	Thos. Maryd.																						



And then on page 770 ...

Ports of Embarkation	Names of Passengers	Age of each Adult of 12 years and upwards				Children between 1 and 12 years		Infants		Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	English			Scotch			Irish			Foreigners			Port to which Passengers are to be Landed	
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		M.	F.	M.	F.																			M.
PLYMOUTH	Heatherwick	Jno.	37																					
		Aynes		33																				
	Kelly	Jno.	25							Gardner. <i>Apple!</i>														
		Susan		25																				
		Jno.																						
	Shone	Wm.									Labr.													
	Richardson	Mary	37																					
		David		14																				

Brisban

Notice that Jonathon Junior may not be exactly 1 year old. The mark may simply be a tick in the column indicating a male child between 1 and 12 years.



This collection of records also includes other documents from the same ship.

Such as this certificate that the mail carried from London had been delivered correctly.

1853
647
J. H. Harris
Agents

POST OFFICE

SHIP MASTER'S DECLARATION.

15 Victoria, No. 12, sec. 34.

VENILIA
RECEIVED BUSINESS
19th Oct 1965

I, *Edward Davis*
commander of the *Venilia*, arrived
from *London via Australia*, do, as required by
law, solemnly declare, that I have to the best of my knowledge and belief,
delivered, or caused to be delivered, to the person duly authorised to receive
delivery thereof, every letter, bag, package, or parcel of letters, or packets
that were on board the *Venilia*
except such letters as are exempted by law from postage.

Made and Signed at the Office of the Office, Sydney,
this 19th day of October 1853.

Edward Davis
W. Harris



And this list, apparently made upon arrival, cross-checking people actually on board against the lists of crew and those passengers who embarked.

Details like nationality, occupation and exact age were omitted. Passengers are grouped simply as male or female and adult (above 14 years) or child.

INWARDS.

QUEENSLAND.

PORT OF BRISBANE.

A LIST OF THE CREW AND PASSENGERS THAT EMBAKED IN THE *Unita*

From *Sydney* on the *2nd inst.*

NAME OF CREW.	CLASS.	NAME OF CREW.	CLASS.
<i>William Ogden</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>J. Hoffmeister</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>John Hall</i>	<i>3rd Cook</i>	<i>George Price</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>Charles Buchanan</i>	<i>3rd Cook</i>	<i>Michael Mott</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>John Labadie</i>	<i>Boatman</i>	<i>J. Campbell</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>N. Black</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>W. Morrison</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>James Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>Andrew Cameron</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>A. Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>John Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>A. Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>Robert Ferguson</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>John Anderson</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>Robert Thompson</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>William Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>	<i>Robert Wright</i>	<i>Stew.</i>
<i>John Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>		
<i>A. Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>		
<i>James Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>		
<i>John Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>		
<i>John Macfarlane</i>	<i>Stew.</i>		

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

ADULTS		CHILDREN	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
<i>Boyle, John</i>	<i>Boyle, Mary A.</i>	<i>Boyle, James</i>	<i>Boyle, Mary A.</i>
<i>Boyle, John</i>	<i>Boyle, Mary</i>	<i>Boyle, James</i>	<i>Boyle, Catherine</i>
<i>A. Macfarlane</i>	<i>A. Macfarlane</i>		
<i>Anderson, John</i>	<i>Anderson, John</i>	<i>Anderson, John</i>	<i>Anderson, Catherine</i>
<i>Macfarlane, John</i>	<i>Macfarlane, John</i>	<i>Macfarlane, John</i>	<i>Macfarlane, John</i>
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So by drawing together two collections of images and the indexes associated with each, we have (with reasonable confidence) identified the man John Kelly who travelled to Brisbane from London (via Plymouth) aboard the Venilia between June and October 1865..

He was a 25 year-old Gardener and Shepherd.

