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Lt. Col G. C. Gornshaw,
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Dear Mr & Mrs Gornshaw,

We are writing to thank you very much indeed for all the help that you gave us and for your kind hospitality when we visited you last Sunday, it was most appreciated.

We have taken the opportunity of writing to Mr A. C. Cottrell ^{at} ~~and~~ Wrexham, it was remarkable that he was seeking information on the Kelly's and we hope that we may be able to assist him.

You showed us a document which actually detailed all the land owned by George Kelly but when we visited the Devon Record office later in the week they were unable to trace it.

We should very much appreciate a photocopy of this if possible and would of course be pleased to meet any costs involved in obtaining this.

If you do come across any information on the identity of the "Bear Cottage" please

let us know!
We had meant to tell you that in the 1851
census return George Kelly was described as
a farm labourer and was living at "Rengmore
Cottages" - are these still standing & whereabouts
are they?

One cannot help wondering ^{how he was able to}
~~buy the farm~~ ~~purchase the farm~~ ~~purchase the farm~~
purchase ^{according} Middle Farm as it was obviously a
very big step ^{to the description} in the 1861
census return 10 years later which describes him
as a "Farmer, employing 1 boy & 1 man".

When we were at the Devon Record Office we
were able to look at the old school records
for Rengmore and found the following 3 entries
which we thought might interest you:-

Kelly Charles - date of birth 4. 7. 1872. Date of
admission 3. 5. 1875 age 2 yrs 10 months. Exam
taken May 1882 - standard passed 2. Father

George Kelly - date of leaving 29. 9. 1882.

Kelly John date of birth 7. 2. 1874. Date of
admission 9. 4. 1877. age 3 years 2 months. Exams
taken - standard 1 - 5/81 and standard 2. - 5/82
standard passed - 0. Date of leaving
29. 9. 1882.

KELLY - Emily - Date of birth. 8. 8. 1875.

Date of admission 16. 9. 77. age 3 years 1 month.
Exams taken - Standard 1 - 5/84 and Standard 2
- 5/86. Standard passed 0 - date of leaving
4. 10. 1878.

KELLY Fanny Blanche - date of birth 23. 11. 1877.

Date of admission 2. 5. 82. Age 3 years 0. months.
grade 0 - no exams taken. Date of leaving
19. 1. 83.

Obviously Charles was the brainy one! One
can also reach a number of interesting conclusions
from dates, ages etc as to life at that time.

One final point - I see that the 1866
Kellys P. O. directory of Devonshire lists Mrs
Betsy Randle of High Farm as a farmer
- I assume that she was the mother of Thos
Randle of the New Farm?

Thank you once again for all your help
With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalind Dicken
(DICKEN)

1630 Ann Kelly = John Caskey 15 April. 1630.

George Kelly = Betsy Ann Randle
b. 1854.

1886 George S. Kelly son of Elias Kelly in Jane Trepps
aged 27 d. of James Trepps
Husband in d. of James Trepps
Farmed.

1866 George Kelly occupying Riddle Farm.

1870 Mrs Jane Kelly.

1873

