

History of Butler County, Pennsylvania, with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers (1883)

Joseph Kelly emigrated from Perry County in 1798, and located on a large tract of land which had been taken up for settlement by his brother **Jonathan** one year previous. **Joseph's** special purpose in coming into this part of the country was to hold his brother's claim, while he pursued his occupation as a blacksmith. There was great demand for work in his line for miles around. His chief work was sharpening mattocks and coulter for plows. His brother received half his interest in the 400 acres of land, for helping to improve it. Their first crop was potatoes and turnips. Their provisions they obtained in Pittsburgh. **Joseph Kelly** died in 1828. His wife was a New Jersey lady named **Else Lacey**. They had a family of ten children—seven boys and three girls—**Joseph, Thomas, Aaron** and **Abner** lived in this county. The other boys were somewhat of a roving disposition. They all lived, however, to be quite old. **Thomas**, the father of **Thomas L.**, who resides on the old homestead, died in 1863, aged seventy-six years. **Thomas L. Kelly** married **Sarah Hogue**.

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