



## O'Kelley Logo/Crest Proposed Design Update By Joyce Ann Huston O'Kelley Family Historian/Webmaster

After research concurred with verbal information provided by Beatrice Thomas in regard to Amos' last name being Mathews instead of O'Kelley, a redesign of the family logo/crest was proposed and accepted by the 2004 Reunion Hosts. Its purpose was to reflect the actual O'Kelley named children of Ellen Fisher. That design was presented in the 2004 family newsletter distributed, and addressed at each reunion thru 2010 in Anaheim, CA. *Please note: Amos was born @1874. James E. O'Kelley died in 1867 so he could not have fathered Amos.*

According to Ellen's marriage certificate to William Fisher in 1878, her last name preceding their union was Mathews. Additional census records, school records, and census records listing Amos as head of household, *recent finding of his marriage certificate*, are consistent in showing his last name as Mathews.

In consideration of those who have voiced concern about Amos' removal from the original logo, and to acknowledge Ellen's daughters, an updated design by Joyce Ann Huston was presented at the St. Louis, MO picnic by her mother, Loyce Huston and co-chair of the 2012 St. Louis reunion. Loyce advised Joyce Ann to move forward with this crest/logo following review and discussions at the St. Louis Picnic in August 2010. *Since discussions are still underway, "proposed" has been added to the logo until changes and/or final acceptance is received.*

The goal is to keep the new design in place and used on reunion materials (i.e., name badges, T-shirts, banners, programs, correspondence, etc.) until such time that additional information may surface that would warrant further alteration.

### **Changes made reflect the following:**

1. An additional circle border has been added.
2. The first circle layer retains the text "O'Kelley Family Reunion" on top,
  - a. The reunion year remains on the bottom.

3. The second circle layer has extended our matriarch's (Ellen Fisher) name to include her name prior to marriage as: Ellen Mathews Fisher.
  - a. The year "1843" was also added in 2004 which represents the year Ellen was born. It has been moved to the bottom of the second circle layer. It now ties in to reflect the birth of the family matriarch, to the reunion year being celebrated. (i.e., for the 2012 reunion, that is showing **169** years of our family's lineage.)
    - i. A thin layer of green has been added around Ellen's name and her birth year to help show a tie to those two items.
  - b. Ellen's daughters have been added to the second circle on each side.
  - c. Theresa Fisher O'Neal on the left, and Cordelia Fisher on the right.
    - i. Note: No historical records have been found showing Cordelia in the household. School and census records found shows Theresa from infancy forward. Family verbal history insists on Cordelia's existence with her dying in her teen years. Including stories passed down from her sister, Theresa Fisher who lived in St. Louis in her later years.
  - d. The second circle also encompasses all of the females.
4. The third circle (center) layer encompasses all of the male children of Ellen. Amos Mathews is listed at the top and directly below his mother's full name. This helps to display his last name relation to Ellen.
  - a. The four leaf clover remains with Dan, Will & Charles names returned to their original positions in order of oldest to youngest.
  - b. An ampersand (&) has been added to help clarify their tie to one another.
  - c. And the word "O'Kelley" has been added to the fourth clover replacing the historical placement of "Amos". The intent is to depict who the O'Kelleys are from which we descend and that the reunions are in honor of (i.e., Daniel, Will, & Charles O'Kelley) Note: Historical records also show the name spelled as O'Kelly (without the 'e' on the end).
  - d. The bottom banner across the loop of the four leaf clover retains the area to display the hosting city of the reunion.

Should you have questions or comments on the logo, please send an email to [info@blackokelleys.org](mailto:info@blackokelleys.org) or call (702) 391-3040.

Sincerely,

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