William & Patrick Keely: Architects of Catholic Churches





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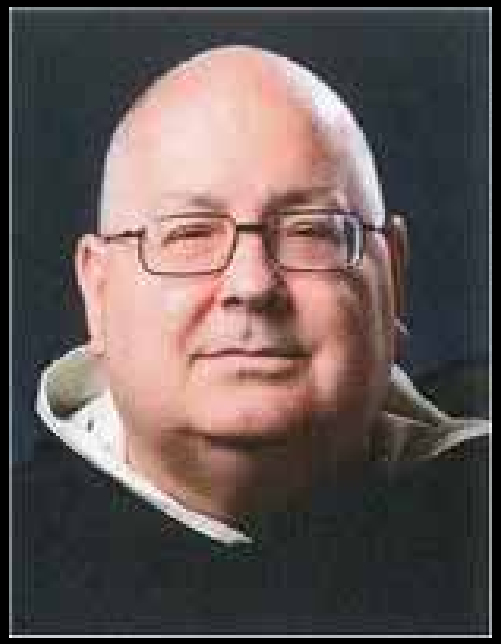
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Retired: end of 2019



Dedicated to

Rev. Kevin McGrath, O.P.

1964 – 2023

Pastor

St. Rose Catholic Church,

Springfield, Kentucky

Credits:

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Tim Tomes, Archdiocese Archivist

David Allen, Archdiocese Archivist

PeWee Valley Historical Society

Catholic Cemeteries St. Louis Cemetery

Sam Thomas, "Architectural History of Louisville"

Alex Luken, Historical Researcher

Jack Koppel, Cemetery Historian

Internet Google, Wikipedia, Websites

Patrick C. Keely's Legacy to the Catholic Church in America & St. Mary's Church in Newport, R.I.

Edward H. Furey, President, Keely Society

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church ~ Spring Street & Memorial Blvd, Newport

Patrick Charles Keely (1816-1896) designed and built an estimated 700 ecclesiastical structures including churches, cathedrals, schools, colleges, and other parish buildings. He left Thurles, Ireland, for America in 1842, and arrived in Brooklyn, NY where he began to practice his carpentry skills gleamed from his father and brother, who had both worked on the building of St. Patrick's College, Thurles. Keely arrived in the United States just as the Roman Catholic Church was experiencing unprecedented expansion.

A chance meeting with Fr. Sylvester Malone of Brooklyn led to designs for Keely's first church in America -- the highly acclaimed Church of St. Peter and Paul in Brooklyn, 1848 (demolished 1957), designed in the Gothic Revival style, fast becoming a hallmark of Catholic Church design. The Brooklyn commission spawned a succession of designs for churches, cathedrals, and institutional buildings that distinguished Keely as America's leading Catholic architect of the 19th century. This career eventually led Fr. James Fitton, legendary New England pioneer priest, to bestow on Keely the title of "Prince of American Catholic Architects."

In 1848, Patrick Keely would begin the design for "Church of the Holy Name of Mary," in Newport Rhode Island. Fr. Fitton was the first pastor of St. Mary's and he later called upon Keely to design Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston, where Fr. Fitton remained until he died.

The Power Point presentation will focus on what is known of the (Kiely) Keely family in Ireland, their contribution to the Catholic Church in America, on through the building career of Patrick Keely, and the legacy of his monumental career of ecclesiastical structures in America.

William & Patrick Keely

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Edward “Ted” Furey

1938-2020

Enfield, Connecticut

Ted Furey was born on August 13, 1938. After graduating from Cathedral High School in Springfield, he attended Fairfield University and Elms College. He taught multiple generations of students at St. Bernard Catholic School in a career that lasted more than 50 years.

For many years, he was associated with the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, including roles in creating a liturgical museum for the Cathedral and directing its liturgical decorations under the Rectorship of Rev. John J. Connolly.

One of his abiding passions was learning and teaching others about the ecclesiastical architecture of the 19th Century Irish-American architect Patrick Keely, who designed hundreds of churches and cathedrals throughout the United States.

Ted founded the Keely Society in 1996, held numerous events celebrating the architect's life, and presented many programs on Keely's architecture over the last 25 years.

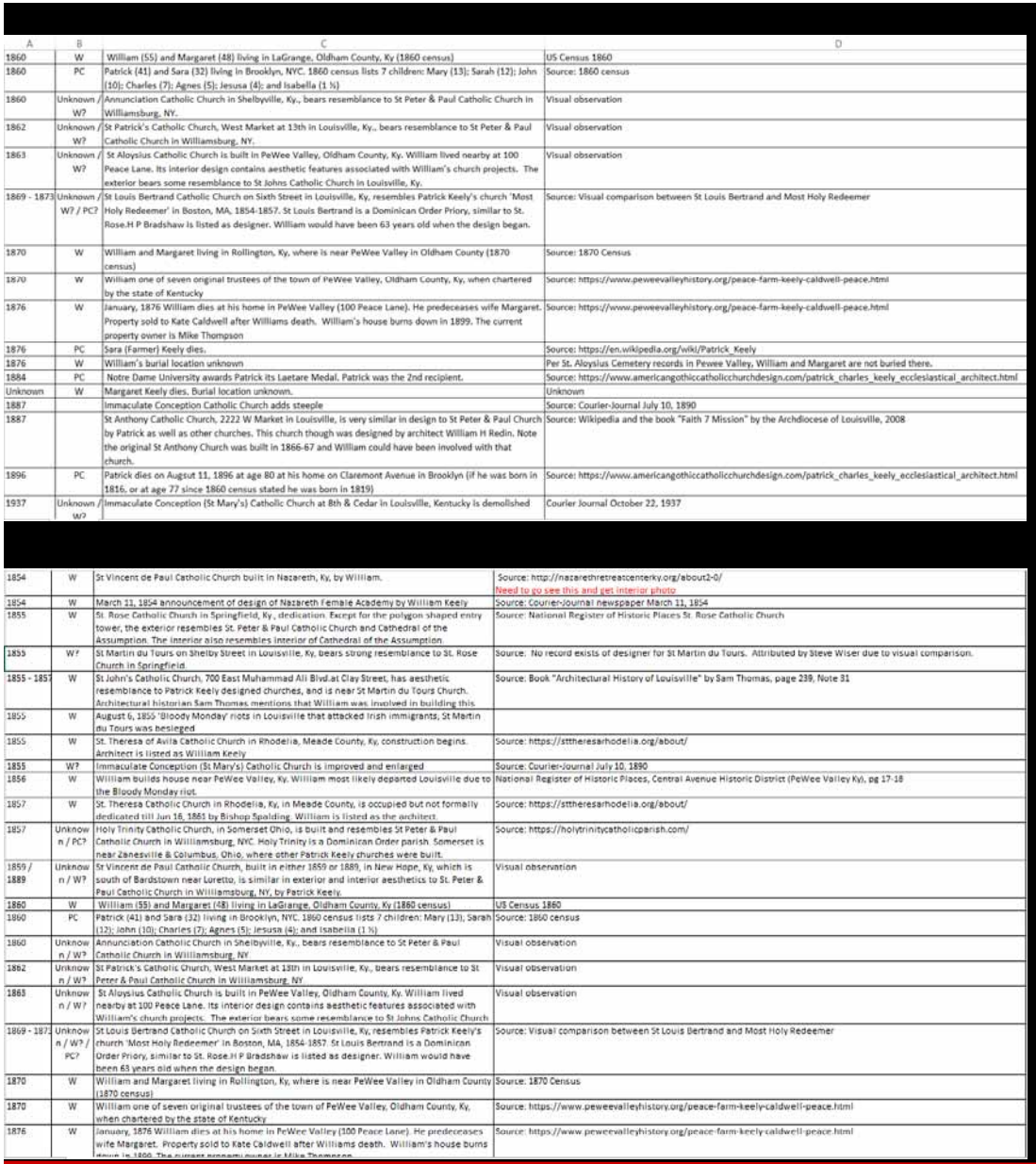
Edward H. "Ted" Furey is the founder and president of the Keely Society, dedicated to the art and architecture of Patrick Charles Keely (www.PatrickKeely.com). Mr. Furey is the Historical Curator of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and the Cathedral Liturgical Museum. He is Head of the Art Dept. of St. Bernard School, Enfield, CT and a Board Member of the Enfield Historical Society. He has been an expert witness at historic landmark hearings regarding Patrick Keely. He has hosted a number of Keely Congresses in both Boston and Brooklyn. Ted also was called upon to write an extensive article on Patrick Keely for the Pugin Society, UK, which was published in their quarterly publication.

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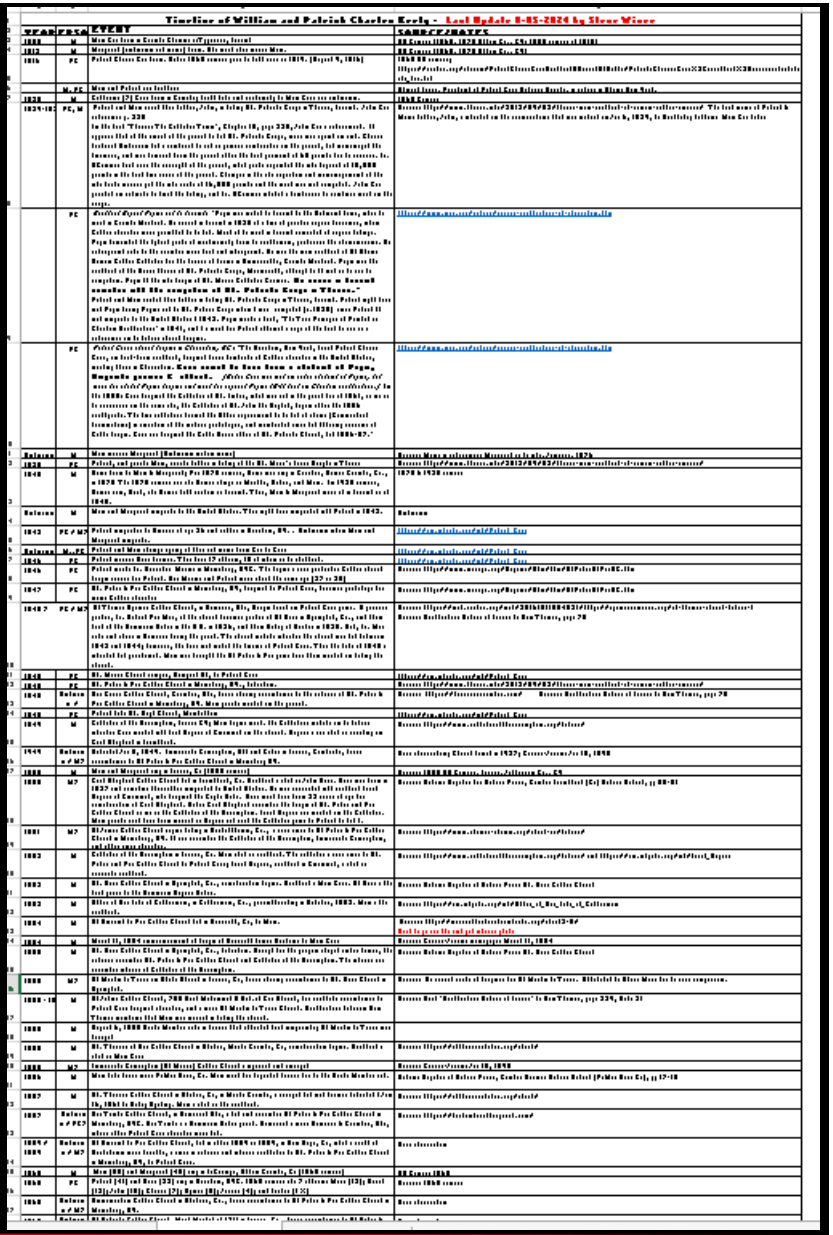
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1870	W	William and Margaret living in Rollington, Ky, where is near PeWee Valley in Oldham County (1870 census)	Source: 1870 Census
1870	W	William one of seven original trustees of the town of PeWee Valley, Oldham County, Ky, when chartered by the state of Kentucky	Source: https://www.peweevalleyhistory.org/peace-farm-keely-caldwell-peace.html
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1876	PC	Sara (Farmer) Keely dies.	Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Keely
1876	W	William's burial location unknown	Per St. Aloysius Cemetery records in Pewee Valley, William and Margaret are not buried there.
1884	PC	Notre Dame University awards Patrick its Laetare Medal. Patrick was the 2nd recipient.	Source: https://www.americangothiccatholicchurchdesign.com/patrick_charles_keely_ecclesiastical_architect.html
Unknown	W	Margaret Keely dies. Burial location unknown.	Unknown
1887		Immaculate Conception Catholic Church adds steeple	Source: Courier-Journal July 10, 1890
1887		St Anthony Catholic Church, 2222 W Market in Louisville, is very similar in design to St Peter & Paul Church by Patrick as well as other churches. This church though was designed by architect William H Redin. Note the original St Anthony Church was built in 1866-67 and William could have been involved with that church.	Source: Wikipedia and the book "Faith 7 Mission" by the Archdiocese of Louisville, 2008
1896	PC	Patrick dies on August 11, 1896 at age 80 at his home on Claremont Avenue in Brooklyn (if he was born in 1816, or at age 77 since 1860 census stated he was born in 1819)	Source: https://www.americangothiccatholicchurchdesign.com/patrick_charles_keely_ecclesiastical_architect.html
1937	Unknown / W?	Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) Catholic Church at 8th & Cedar in Louisville, Kentucky is demolished	Courier Journal October 22, 1937

1854	W	St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church built in Nazareth, Ky, by William.	Source: http://nazarethretreatcenterky.org/about2-0/ Need to go see this and get interior photo
1854	W	March 11, 1854 announcement of design of Nazareth Female Academy by William Keely	Source: Courier-Journal newspaper March 11, 1854
1855	W	St. Rose Catholic Church in Springfield, Ky., dedication. Except for the polygon shaped entry tower, the exterior resembles St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and Cathedral of the Assumption. The interior also resembles interior of Cathedral of the Assumption.	Source: National Register of Historic Places St. Rose Catholic Church
1855	W?	St Martin du Tours on Shelby Street in Louisville, Ky, bears strong resemblance to St. Rose Church in Springfield.	Source: No record exists of designer for St Martin du Tours. Attributed by Steve Wiser due to visual comparison.
1855 - 1857	W	St John's Catholic Church, 700 East Muhammad Ali Blvd.at Clay Street, has aesthetic resemblance to Patrick Keely designed churches, and is near St Martin du Tours Church. Architectural historian Sam Thomas mentions that William was involved in building this.	Source: Book "Architectural History of Louisville" by Sam Thomas, page 239, Note 31
1855	W	August 6, 1855 'Bloody Monday' riots in Louisville that attacked Irish immigrants, St Martin du Tours was besieged	
1855	W	St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church in Rhodelia, Meade County, Ky, construction begins. Architect is listed as William Keely	Source: https://sttheresarhodelia.org/about/
1855	W?	Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) Catholic Church is improved and enlarged	Source: Courier-Journal July 10, 1890
1856	W	William builds house near PeWee Valley, Ky. William most likely departed Louisville due to the Bloody Monday riot.	National Register of Historic Places, Central Avenue Historic District (PeWee Valley Ky), pg 17-18
1857	W	St. Theresa Catholic Church in Rhodelia, Ky, in Meade County, is occupied but not formally dedicated till Jun 16, 1861 by Bishop Spalding. William is listed as the architect.	Source: https://sttheresarhodelia.org/about/
1857	Unknown / PC?	Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Somerset Ohio, is built and resembles St Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Williamsburg, NYC. Holy Trinity is a Dominican Order parish. Somerset is near Zanesville & Columbus, Ohio, where other Patrick Keely churches were built.	Source: https://holytrinitycatholicparish.com/
1859 / 1889	Unknown / W?	St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, built in either 1859 or 1889, in New Hope, Ky, which is south of Bardstown near Loretto, is similar in exterior and interior aesthetics to St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Williamsburg, NY, by Patrick Keely.	Visual observation
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Keely Timeline – Excel Spreadsheet

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William Kiely born 1805

Source: US Census (1860, 1870 Oldham Co., KY; 1850 census)

Patrick born 1816

Source: US Census (1860, 1870 Oldham Co., KY;)

County Tipperary, Ireland

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John Kiely, (from County Kilkenny), came to Thurles (County Tipperary) as skilled carpenter and builder

(Possibly John Kiely of Stradavoher Street, Thurles, whom history records list as carpenter and builder.)

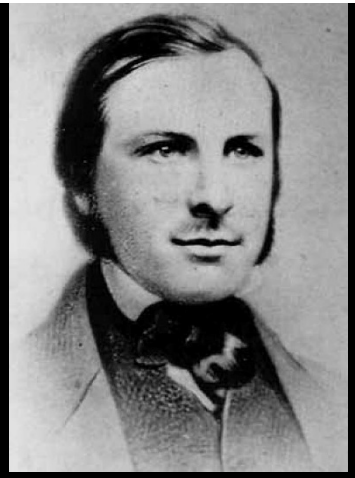
John Kiely is credited with building St. Patrick's College in 1829-37 and the Thurles St. Mary's Fever Hospital begun in 1838-40.

Patrick and William Kiely apprenticed with their father John.

Source: http://www.thurles.info/2013/09/02/thurles-man-architect-of-roman-catholic-america/

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Augustus Pugin,
1812 - 1852



St. Mary's Cathedral
Killarney, Ireland

English architect August Pugin's visit to Ireland:

Pugin was invited to Ireland by the Redmond family, initially to work in County Wexford. He arrived in Ireland in 1838 at a time of greater religious tolerance, when Catholic churches were permitted to be built. Most of his work in Ireland consisted of religious buildings.

Pugin demanded the highest quality of workmanship from his craftsmen, particularly the stonemasons. He was the main architect of St Aidan's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

Pugin did the initial design of St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney.

Pugin's arrival in Ireland coincides with the completion of St. Patrick's College in Thurles (built by John Kiely and his two sons).

Source: https:// www.nps.gov/articles/religious-architecture-of-charleston.htm

Patrick Keely & Augustus Pugin

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St. Aidan's Catholic Cathedral
Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland
1843-1885

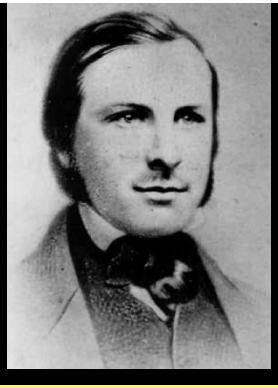


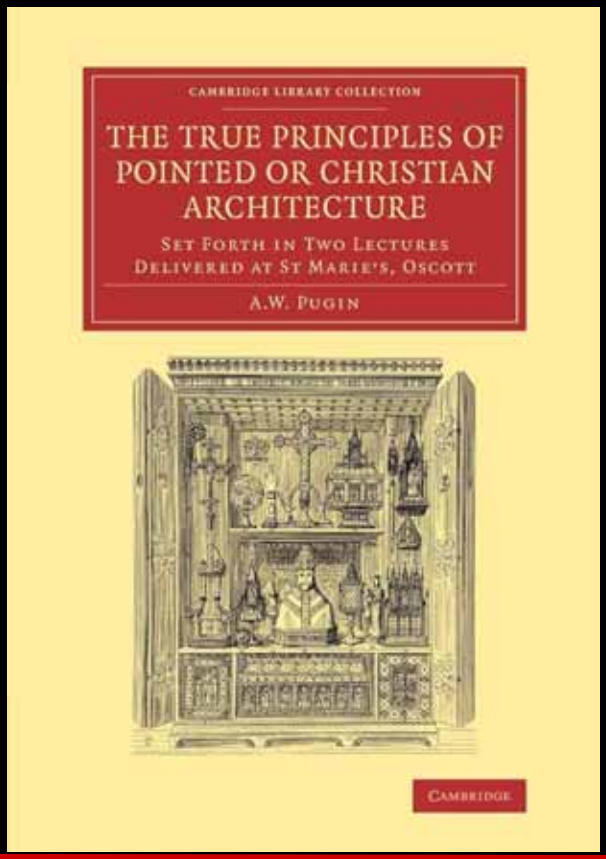
St. Chad's Catholic Cathedral
Birmingham, England
1839-1841

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Patrick Keely might have met Pugin during Pugin's visit to St. Patrick's College when it was completed (c.1838)

Pugin wrote: "The True Principles of Pointed or Christian Architecture" in 1841.

It is most likely Patrick obtained a copy of this book, since he did not immigrate to the United States till 1842, to use as a reference on his future church designs.

Patrick Keely claimed to have been a student of Augustus Pugin, England's premier Gothicist.

Keely was not an actual 'student' of Pugin's, but more likely studied Pugin's designs and most likely acquired Pugin's 1841 book on Christian architecture.

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TIMELINE: PATRICK & WILLIAM KEELY

1805: William Kiely (Keely) born

1816 Patrick Kiely (Keely) born

1829-37 St. Patrick's College built in Thurles, Ireland, by their father John Kiely

Unknown William marries Margaret (maiden name unknown)

Unknown William & Margaret have a son, Daniel

1838 Patrick (and possibly William) might have met English architect Augustus Pugin in Thurles

1838-40 John Kiely builds Thurles St. Mary's Fever Hospital

1841 Augustus Pugin writes "The True Principles of Pointed or Christian Architecture"

1842 Patrick Immigrates to America at age 26 and settles in Brooklyn, New York. (Unknown: William, Margaret and Daniel might also have immigrated with him)

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TIMELINE: PATRICK & WILLIAM KEELY

Unknown: Patrick and William change their last name from Kiely to Keely (possibly during immigration process)

1846 Patrick marries Sara Farmer (They have 17 children, 10 of whom live to adulthood)

1846 Patrick meets Fr. Sylvester Malone in Williamsburg, NYC.
This begins a very productive Catholic church design career for Patrick.
Rev Malone was 25 and from Ireland. Patrick was 30, also from Ireland.

1847-48 St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Williamsburg, NY, designed by Patrick Keely, becomes prototype for many Catholic churches

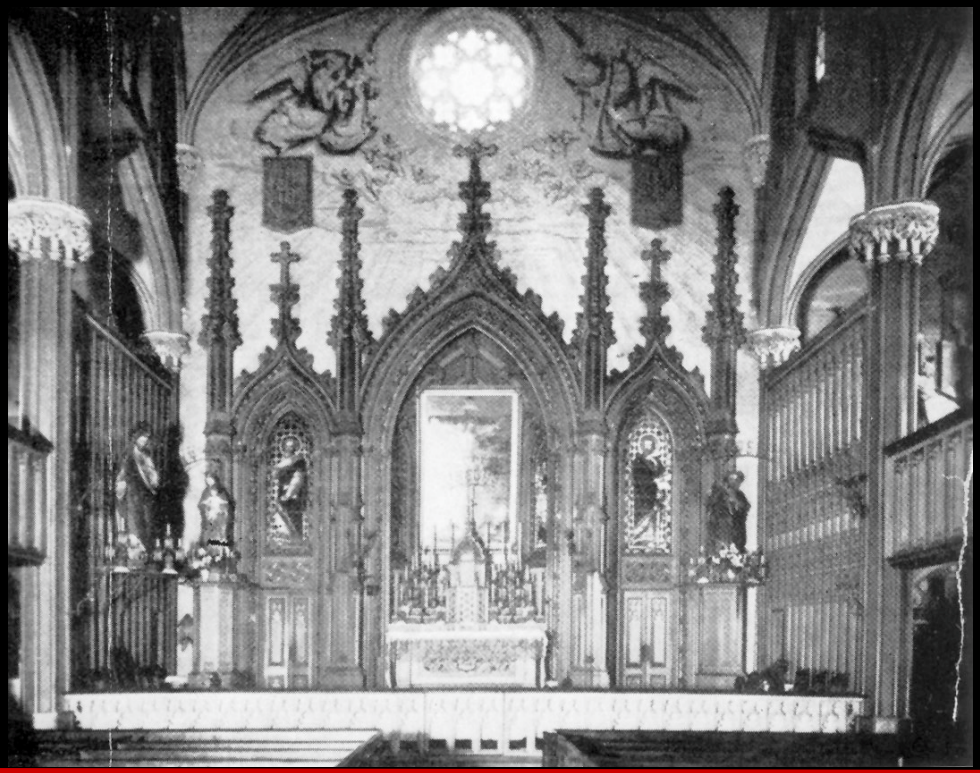
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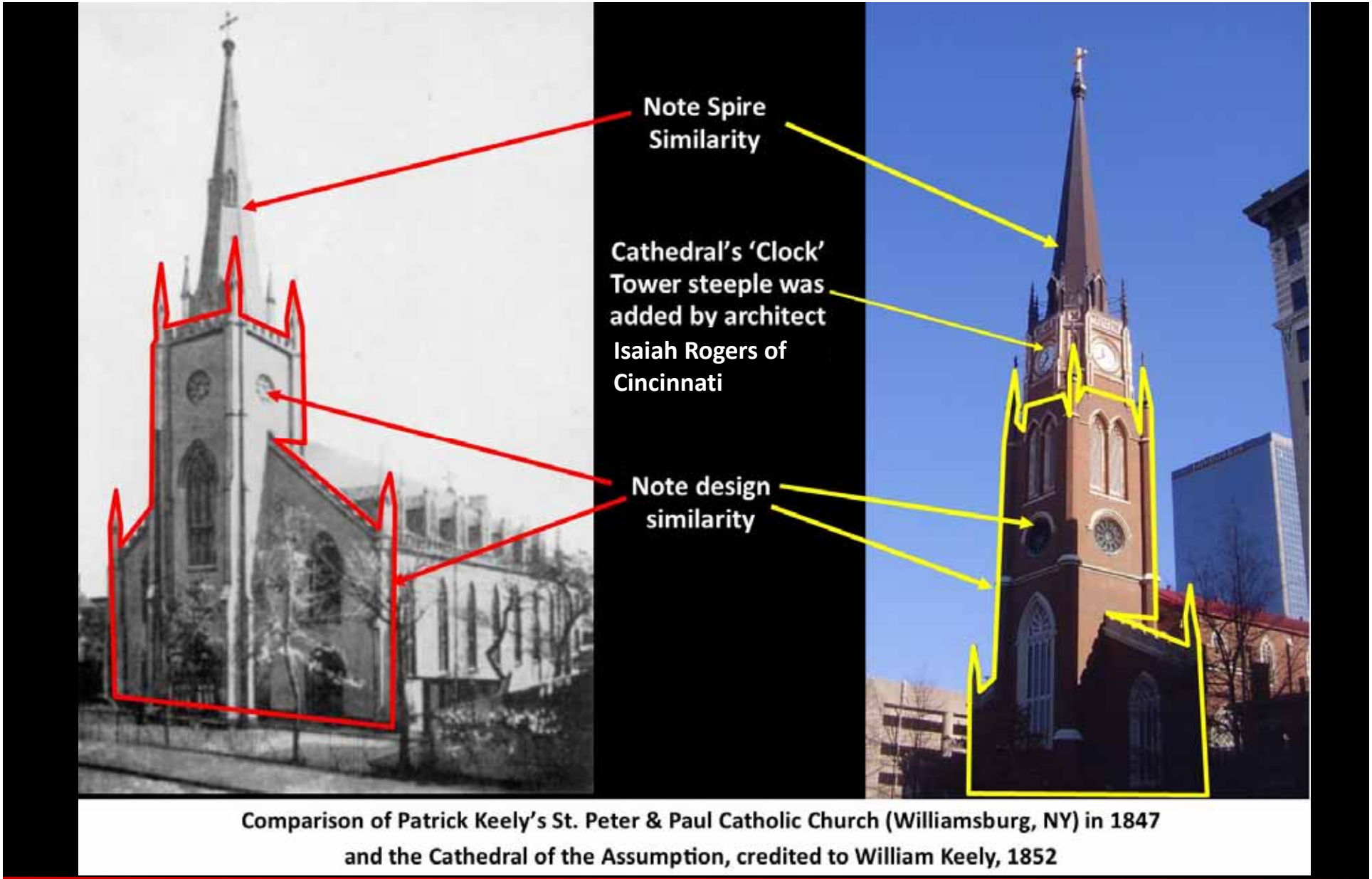
St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Williamsburg, New York
Built 1847
Demo'd 1957



St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
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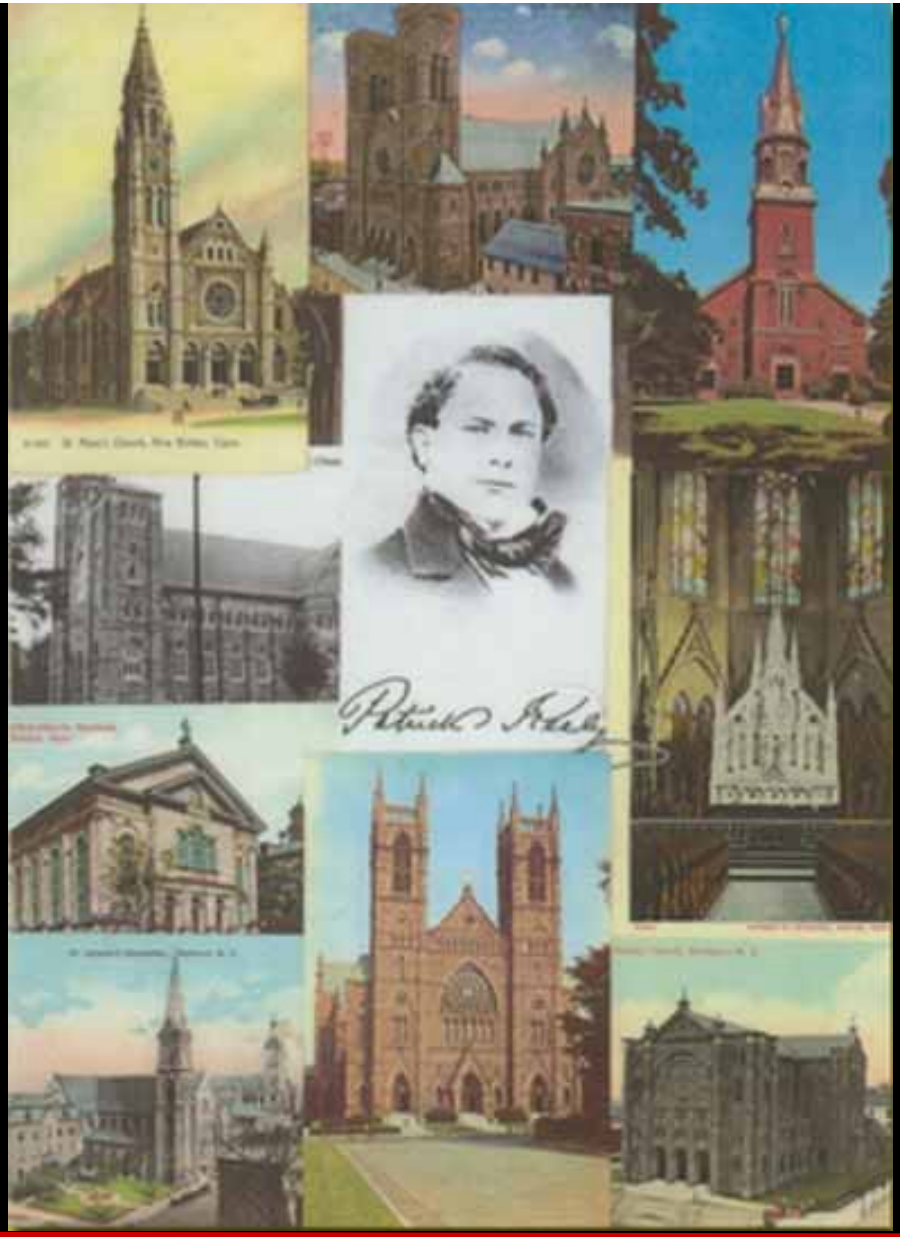
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Comparison of Patrick Keely's St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (Williamsburg, NY) in 1847 and the Cathedral of the Assumption, credited to William Keely, 1852

Comparison : Cathedral of the Assumption and St Peter & Paul

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Patrick Charles Keely*

(August 9, 1816 — August 11, 1896) was an Irish-American architect based in Brooklyn, New York, and Providence, Rhode Island.

Keely was a prolific designer of nearly 600 churches and hundreds of other institutional buildings for the Roman Catholic Church or Roman Catholic patrons in the eastern United States and Canada, particularly in New York City, Boston and Chicago in the later half of the 19th century.

Keely designed every 19th-century Catholic cathedral in New England.

**Wikipedia*

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Patrick Keely
in the 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Patrick Keely
Age:	41
Birth Year:	abt 1819
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	Ireland
Home in 1860:	Brooklyn Ward 5 District 1, Kings, New York
Post Office:	Brooklyn
Dwelling Number:	348
Family Number:	1092
Occupation:	Architect
Real Estate Value:	4000
Personal Estate Value:	8000

Household Members:

Name	Age
Patrick Keely	41
Sarah Keely	32
Mary Keely	13
Sarah Keely	12
John Keely	10
Charles Keely	7
Agnes Keely	5
Jesusa Keely	4
Isabella Keely	11/12
James Farmer	34
Mary Daily	17
Margaret Hasey	30

Patrick Keely: 1860 Census

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Parital List of Patrick Keely Catholic Churches

(per Wikipedia)

Arkansas

Cathedral of St. Andrew, Little Rock

Connecticut

Church of St. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Derby
Sacred Heart Church, Waterbury
Cathedral of St. Augustine (1868), Bridgeport
Assumption Church, Ansonia
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Baltic
St. Peter Church, Danbury (Keely and Murphy)
Cathedral of St. Joseph Hartford (burned 1956)
St. John's Church, Middletown

District of Columbia

St. Dominic Catholic Church (Washington, D.C.) (1865)

Illinois

Cathedral of the Holy Name, Chicago (1874)
St. James Church, Chicago (demolished, 2014)
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Chicago (1868)
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Chicago (1871)
St. Mary Carmelite Church, Joliet

Louisiana

St. Joseph Church, New Orleans (1869-1875)

Maine

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (1869), Portland
St. Joseph's Church (1865), Lewiston
St. John's Church (1855), Bangor

Maryland

Corpus Christi Church, Baltimore
St. Joseph's Monastery's Shrine Church Baltimore
Congregation of the Passionists' Rectory Baltimore

Massachusetts

Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport
Holy Trinity Church, Boston
Our Lady of Victories Church, Boston
St. James Church, Boston
St. Mary's Church, Boston (demolished 1977)
St. Mary's Church, Taunton
St. Francis De Sales Church, Roxbury
St. Francis de Sales Church, Charlestown
St. Augustine Church, South Boston
St. Vincent de Paul Church, South Boston
Sts. Peter and Paul Church, South Boston
St. Peter Church Dorchester
St. Margaret Church, Dorchester (with Thomas Houghton)
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Jamaica Plain
Church of the Holy Redeemer, East Boston
Church of the Assumption, East Boston
St. John Church, Cambridge (with James Murphy)
Sacred Heart Church, Cambridge (with Patrick W. Ford)
Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth (burned 2005)
Sacred Hearts Church, Malden
Sacred Heart Church, Lynn
St. Mary Church, Lawrence
St. Patrick's Church (1853), Lowell
St. Michael Church, Lowell
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lowell
St. Peter Church, Lowell (demolished)
St. Paul Church, Hingham
St. Joseph's Church, Fall River
St. Patrick's Church, Fall River
St. Lawrence, Martyr Church, New Bedford
Cathedral of St. Michael, Springfield
Holy Name of Jesus Church, Chicopee
St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield
St. Jerome Church, Holyoke

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Michigan
Most Holy Trinity Church, Detroit
New Hampshire
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Manchester
New Jersey
St. Bridget Church, Jersey City
St. Patrick Church, Jersey City
St. Peter Church and College Jersey City
St. Michael Church, Jersey City
Church of the Sacred Heart, New Brunswick
St. Peter the Apostle Church, New Brunswick (1856)
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson (1865)
Church of the Sacred Heart Mt. Holly
St Patrick's Pro-Cathedral Newark
St. Mary Church, South Amboy
New York
St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn (1860),
St. Anthony of Padua's Church (Greenpoint, Brooklyn)
Church of St. Stephen (Brooklyn, New York)
St. Bernard's Church (New York City)
St. Boniface Church, Brooklyn
St. Charles Borromeo Church (1868), 21 Sidney Pl, Brooklyn
Church of the Holy Innocents, Manhattan
St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo
St. Joseph's Church, Albany (1855-1860, closed)
St. Mary Church, Yonkers (an early church by Keely, replaced in 1880)
St. Mary Church, Auburn, 1867–70
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Brooklyn
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn

Ohio
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland
St. John the Baptist Church, Canton
Church of St. Francis de Sales, Toledo
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church (Sandusky, Ohio)
St. Martin's Catholic Church, Valley City
Pennsylvania
St. Peter Cathedral (1873–1875), Erie
St. Joseph Church, Erie
Church of the Assumption, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
Saint John the Baptist, Philadelphia, PA
Rhode Island
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (1878), Providence
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Woonsocket (1867)
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (Providence, Rhode Island) (1851)
St. Mary Church (1848), Newport (NRHP)
South Carolina
St. Patrick Church, Charleston
Cathedral of Saint John
Vermont
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Burlington (burned 1972)
St. Peter's Church, Rutland, Vermont
St. Bridget Church, West Rutland, Vermont
West Virginia
St. Francis Xavier Church, Parkersburg
Wisconsin
St. Bernard's Church, Watertown
Canada
Blessed Virgin's Chapel, Saint John, NB
Church of Le Gesù (1865), Montreal, Quebec
St. Mary's Basilica (1820–1899), Halifax, Nova Scotia
St. Michael's Basilica, Miramichi, Chatham, New Brunswick

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Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Boston

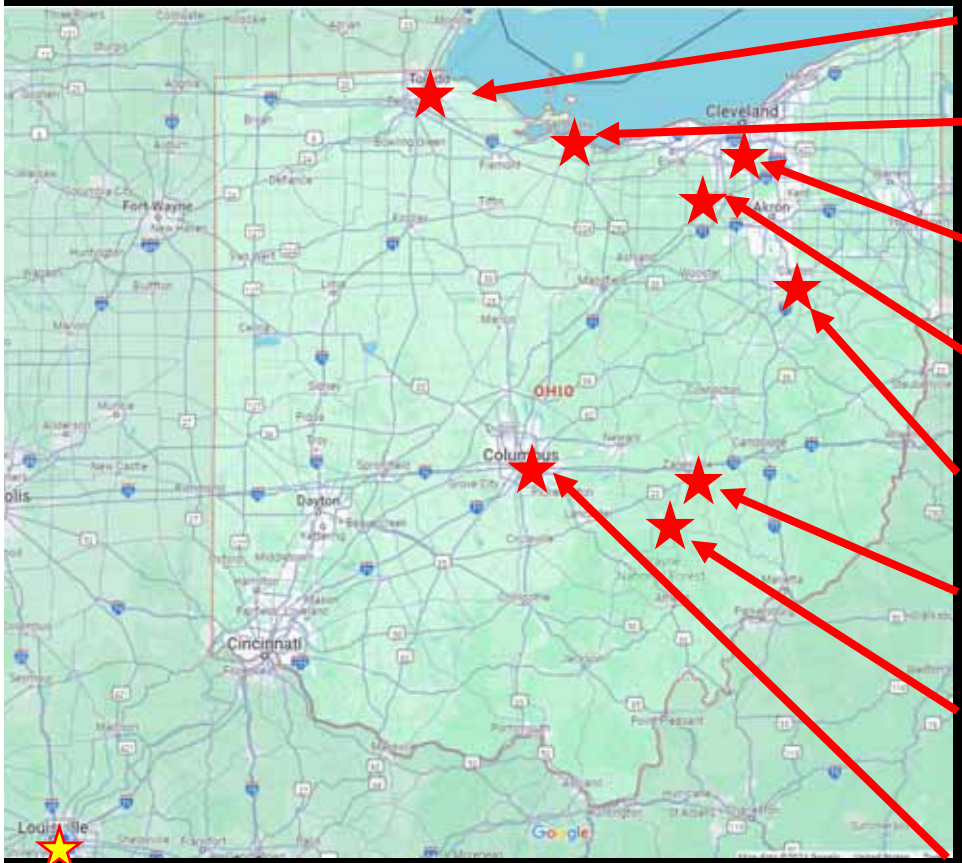
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Ohio Catholic Churches by William (& Patrick?) Keely



Church of St. Francis de Sales, Toledo*

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Sandusky*

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland*

St. Martin's Catholic Church, Valley City*

St. John the Baptist Church, Canton*

St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville *(per website)*
Dominican parish

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Somerset
Dominican parish; resembles other Patrick Keely churches

Holy Cross, Columbus 1848 *(attributed by Steve Wiser)*

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
Zanesville, Ohio
1842-1871
Architect: Patrick Keely (William Keely?)



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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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A previous pastor, Fr. Richard Pius Miles, at St. Thomas, becomes pastor at St Rose in Springfield, Ky., and then head of the Dominican Order in the U S. in 1836, and then Bishop of Nashville in 1838.

St. Thomas website indicates it was built between 1842 and 1871.

William may brought the St Peter & Paul plans here then worked on building the church.

William & Patrick Keely

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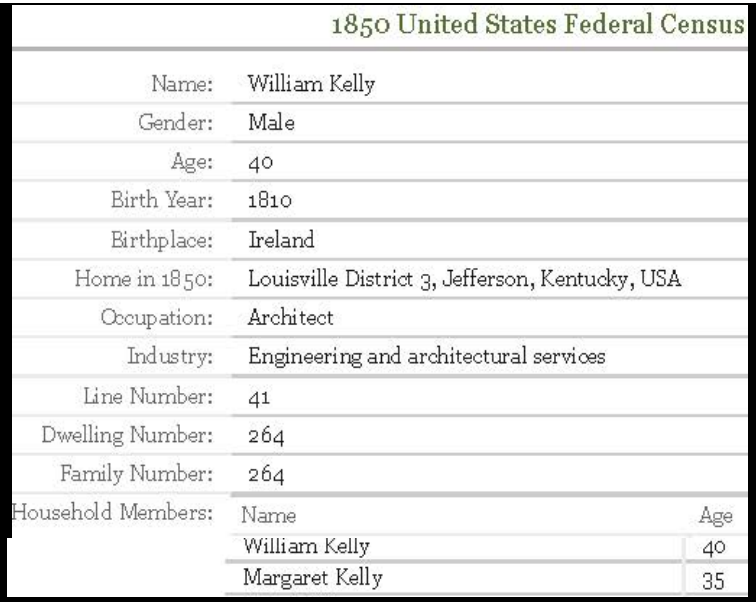


Holy Cross Catholic Church
Columbus, Ohio
1848
Architect: Unknown (Patrick Keely & William Keely?)

William & Patrick Keely

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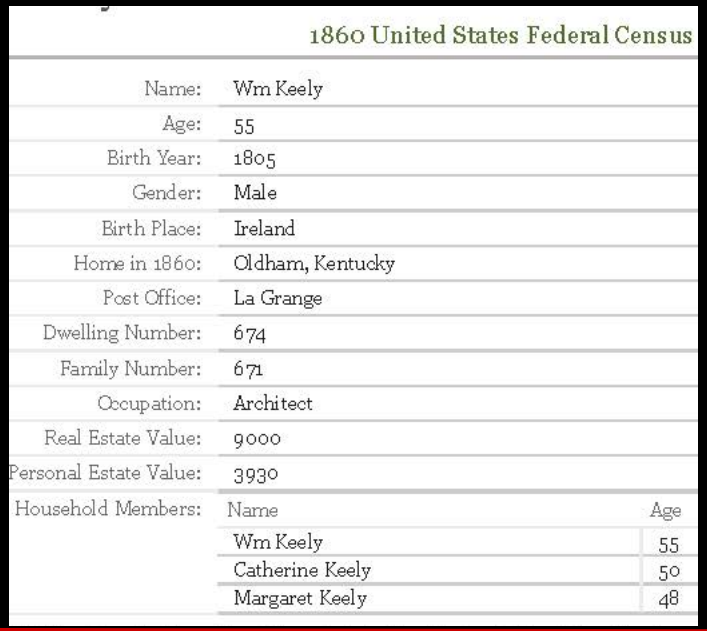
William and Margaret Keely's 1850, 1860, and 1870 Census info



1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	William Kelly
Gender:	Male
Age:	40
Birth Year:	1810
Birthplace:	Ireland
Home in 1850:	Louisville District 3, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA
Occupation:	Architect
Industry:	Engineering and architectural services
Line Number:	41
Dwelling Number:	264
Family Number:	264

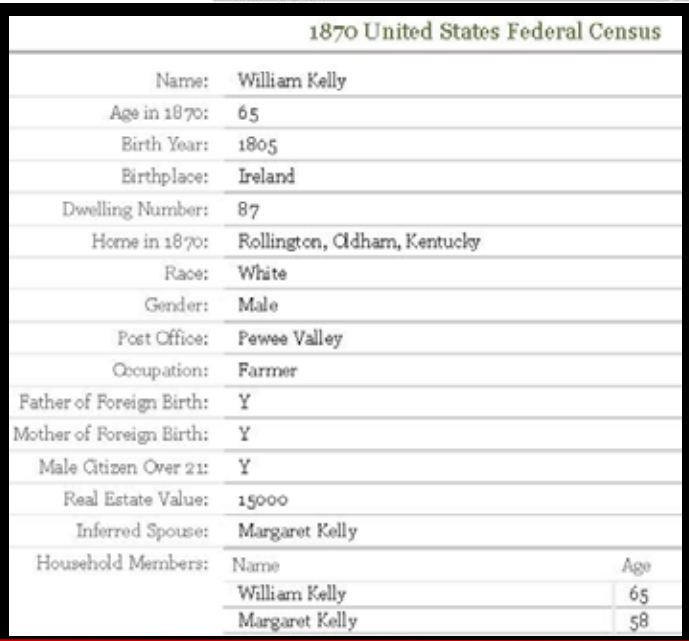
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Kelly	40
	Margaret Kelly	35



1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Wm Keely
Age:	55
Birth Year:	1805
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	Ireland
Home in 1860:	Oldham, Kentucky
Post Office:	La Grange
Dwelling Number:	674
Family Number:	671
Occupation:	Architect
Real Estate Value:	9000
Personal Estate Value:	3930

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wm Keely	55
	Catherine Keely	50
	Margaret Keely	48



1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	William Kelly
Age in 1870:	65
Birth Year:	1805
Birthplace:	Ireland
Dwelling Number:	87
Home in 1870:	Rollington, Oldham, Kentucky
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Post Office:	Pewee Valley
Occupation:	Farmer
Father of Foreign Birth:	Y
Mother of Foreign Birth:	Y
Male Citizen Over 21:	Y
Real Estate Value:	15000
Inferred Spouse:	Margaret Kelly

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Kelly	65
	Margaret Kelly	58

Census: William and Margaret Keely

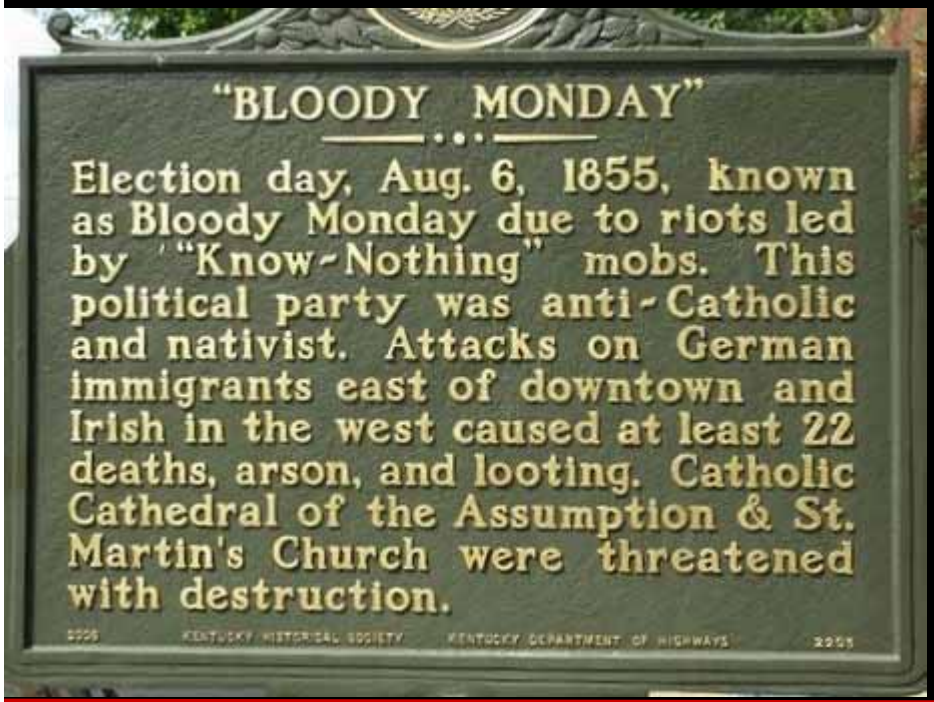
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Why did William & Margaret Keely move from Louisville to Pewee Valley?

William Patrick Keely

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Bloody Monday
anti-Immigrant /
anti-Irish /
anti-German /
anti-Catholic

William and Margaret Keely

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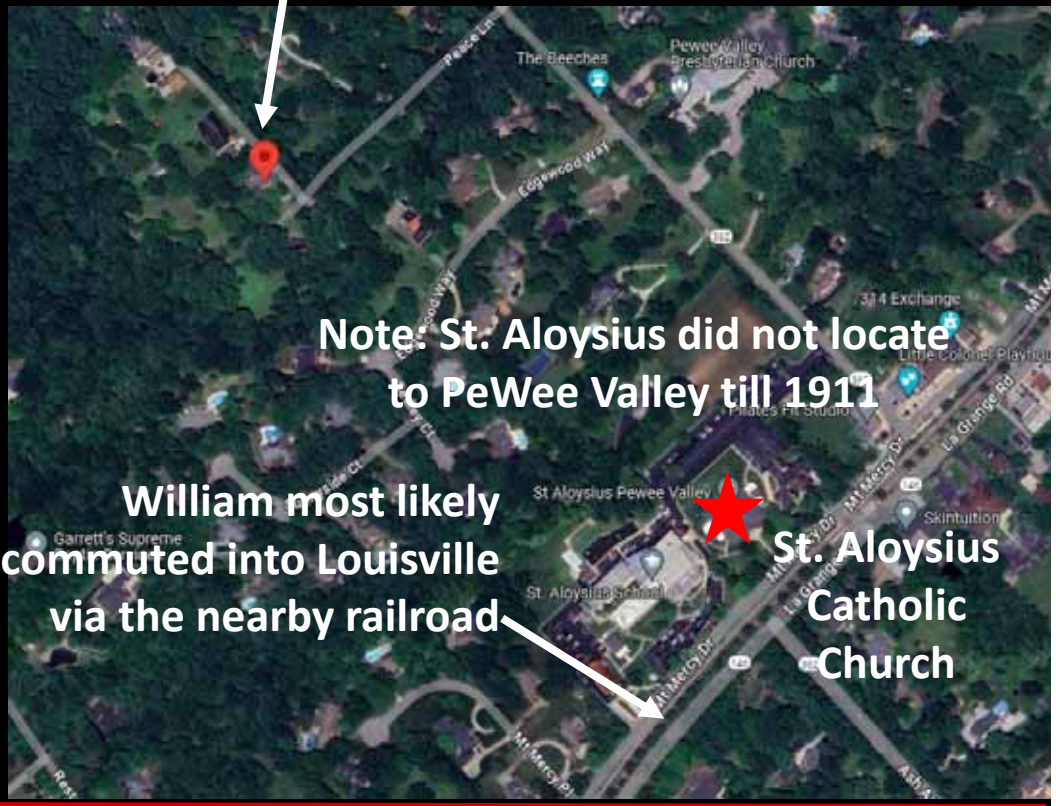
William and Margaret Keely House

PeWee Valley
100 Peace Lane
1857; burned 1899



Current house on the former Keely farm;

But, not the original Keely house which burned in 1899.



William Keely

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St. John’s Catholic Church

700 East Muhammad Ali Blvd.
Built 1857
Louisville
Architect: William Keely



St. John the Evangelist Church (photo #136) at the corner of Clay Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard, is a brick Gothic Revival church designed by William Keeley and constructed in 1858. It is a relatively modest design, with most ornament contained in corbelling and stone window surrounds. Twin towers were unusual in Louisville at mid-century. Stained-glass windows between butresses extend the length of the church on both sides. Behind the church on Clay Street is the old St. John's School, built in 1884 in the Italianate style, with a bracketed door hood and stone lintels and sills. A modern school, 1949, was built next to the church on East Muhammad Ali Boulevard and a ca. 1900 glazed brick rectory is to the east of the school. A parking lot separated the rectory from the residences in the middle of the block. 720-24 are three residential structures which represent three different styles. 720 is a frame Victorian structure, ca. 1890. 722 is a 1855, late Federal residence which sits directly on the sidewalk and appears to hug the ground. It is a modest structure, but the proportions are classical. 724 is a brick shotgun ca. 1870. 738-40 is a Federal style, double commercial structure at the southwest corner of Muhammad Ali Boulevard & Shelby Street.

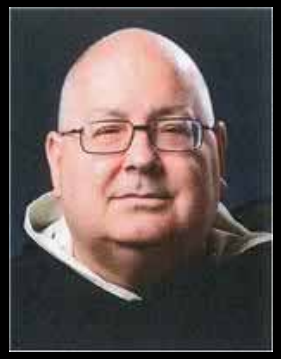
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St. Rose Catholic Church

Built 1855
Springfield, Kentucky
Architect: William Keely



Rev. Kevin McGrath, O.P.
1964 – 2023
Pastor, Dominican Order





William Keely

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St. Teresa of Avilia Catholic Church

Built 1855

Rhodelia, Kentucky

Architect: William Keely





William Keely

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NAZARETH FEMALE ACADEMY.—We are gratified to learn that all sickness has disappeared from this flourishing academy, and that the classes were resumed on Monday last. The new buildings, the largest and most complete in their arrangements of any in the United States, are far advanced toward completion, and will be ready for occupancy during the summer of this year. These buildings are ample for the accommodation of four hundred pupils. We shall, at an early day, publish a description of the buildings, which has been promised us by the architect, Mr. Wm. Keely.

St. Vincent de Paul Church

Nazareth, Kentucky
1854
Architect: William Keely

William Keely

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Mother Catherine Spalding, SCN
1793-1858



St. Vincent de Paul Church
Nazareth, Kentucky
1854
Architect: William Keely

William Keely

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Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani
Gethsemani, Kentucky
1852
Architect: William Keely

William Keely

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William Keely

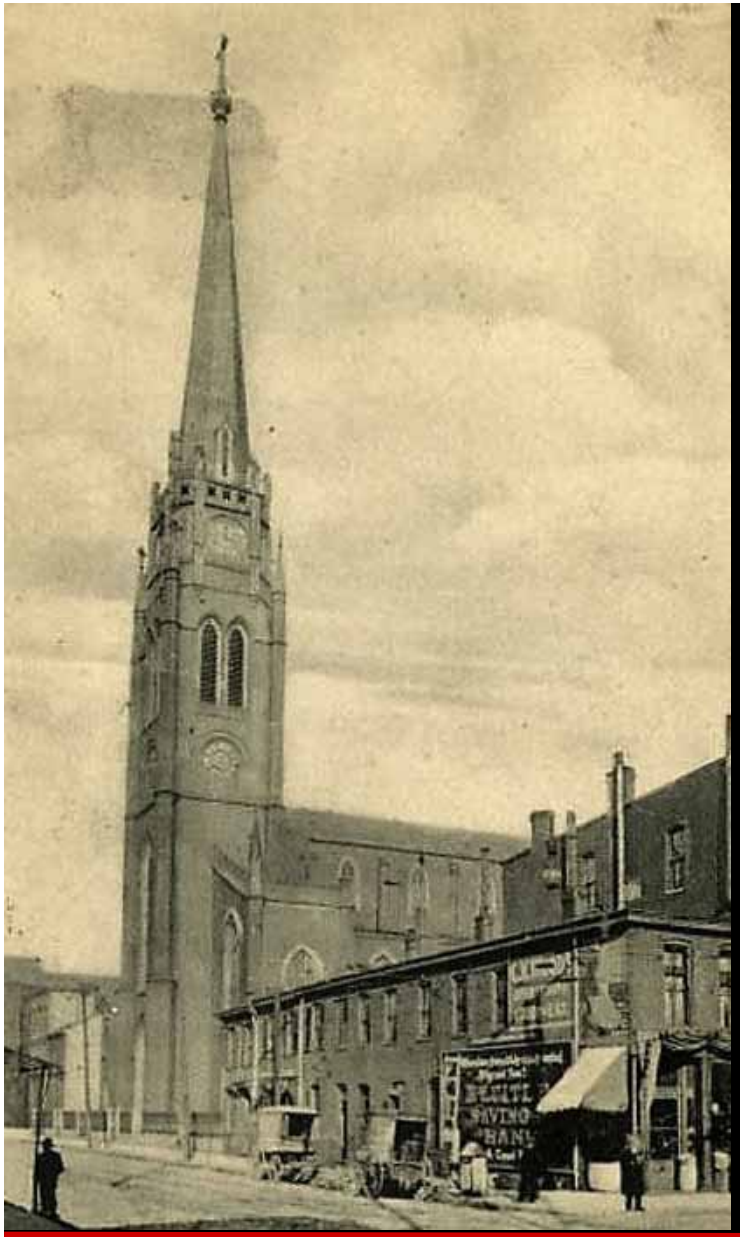
Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani

Gethsemani, Kentucky

1852

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Cathedral of the Assumption

Louisville, Kentucky

1852

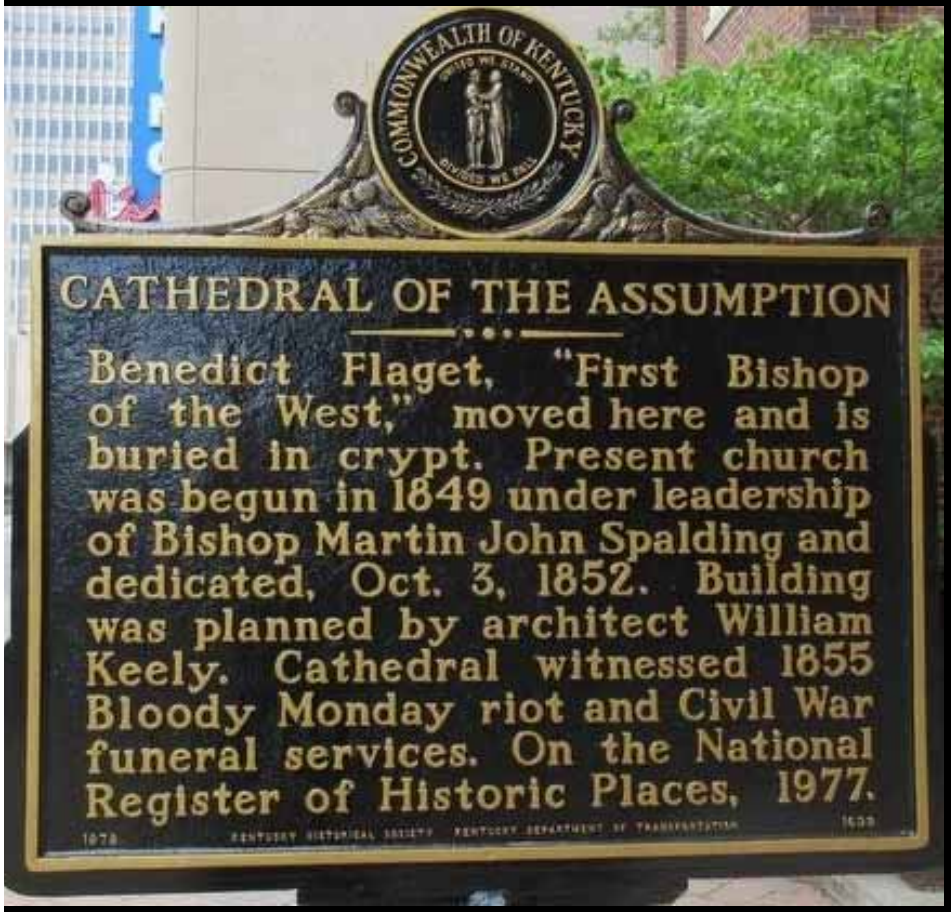
Architect: William Keely (Isaiah Rogers of Ohio & Henry Whitestone)

"The Cathedral is designed in Neo-Gothic style by William Keeley and Isaiah Rogers, two of America's finest 19th century architects. Completed in 1852."

Cathedral website

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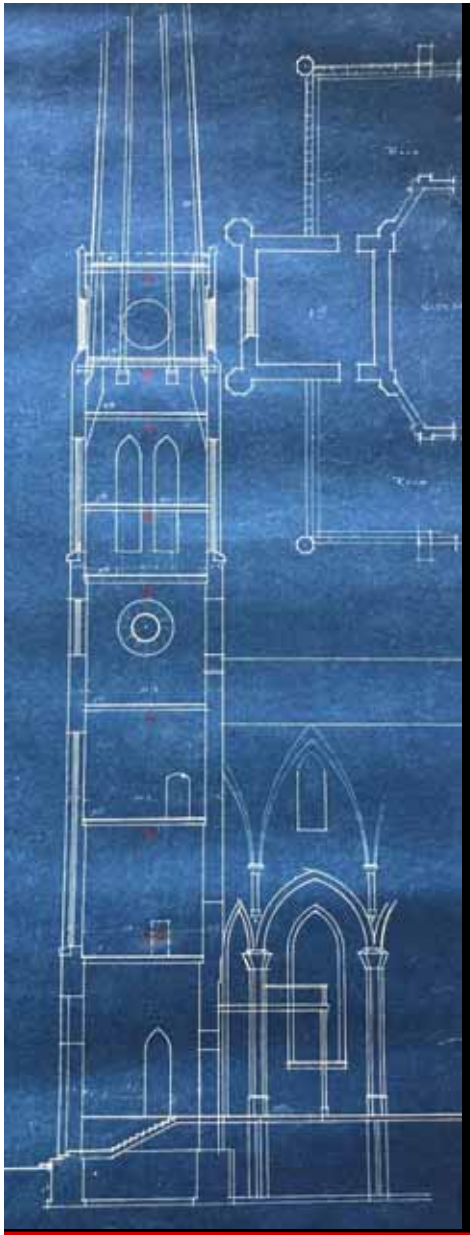
Cathedral of the Assumption

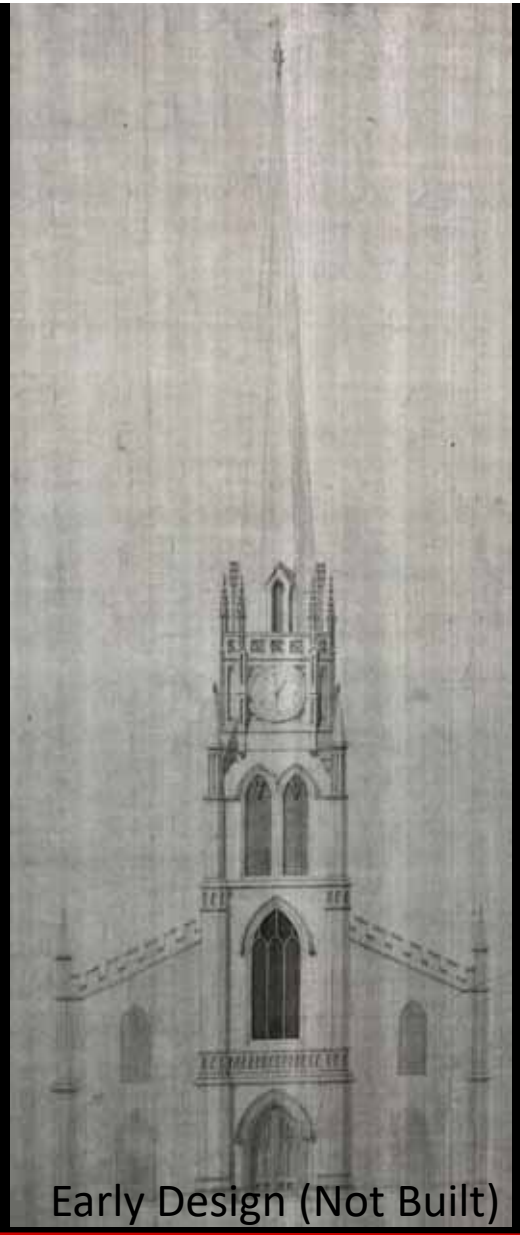
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Early Design (Not Built)



Cathedral of the Assumption

William Keely

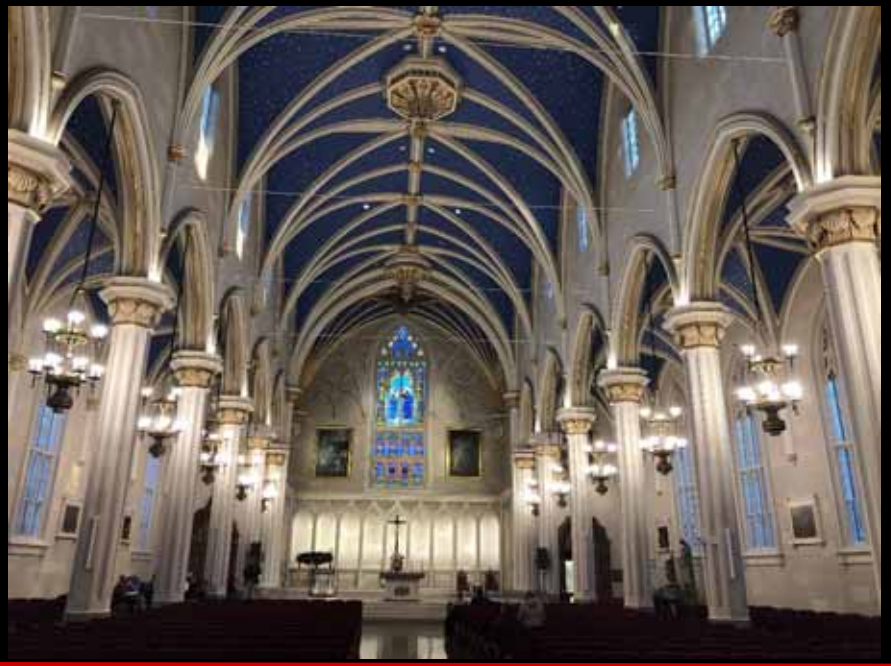
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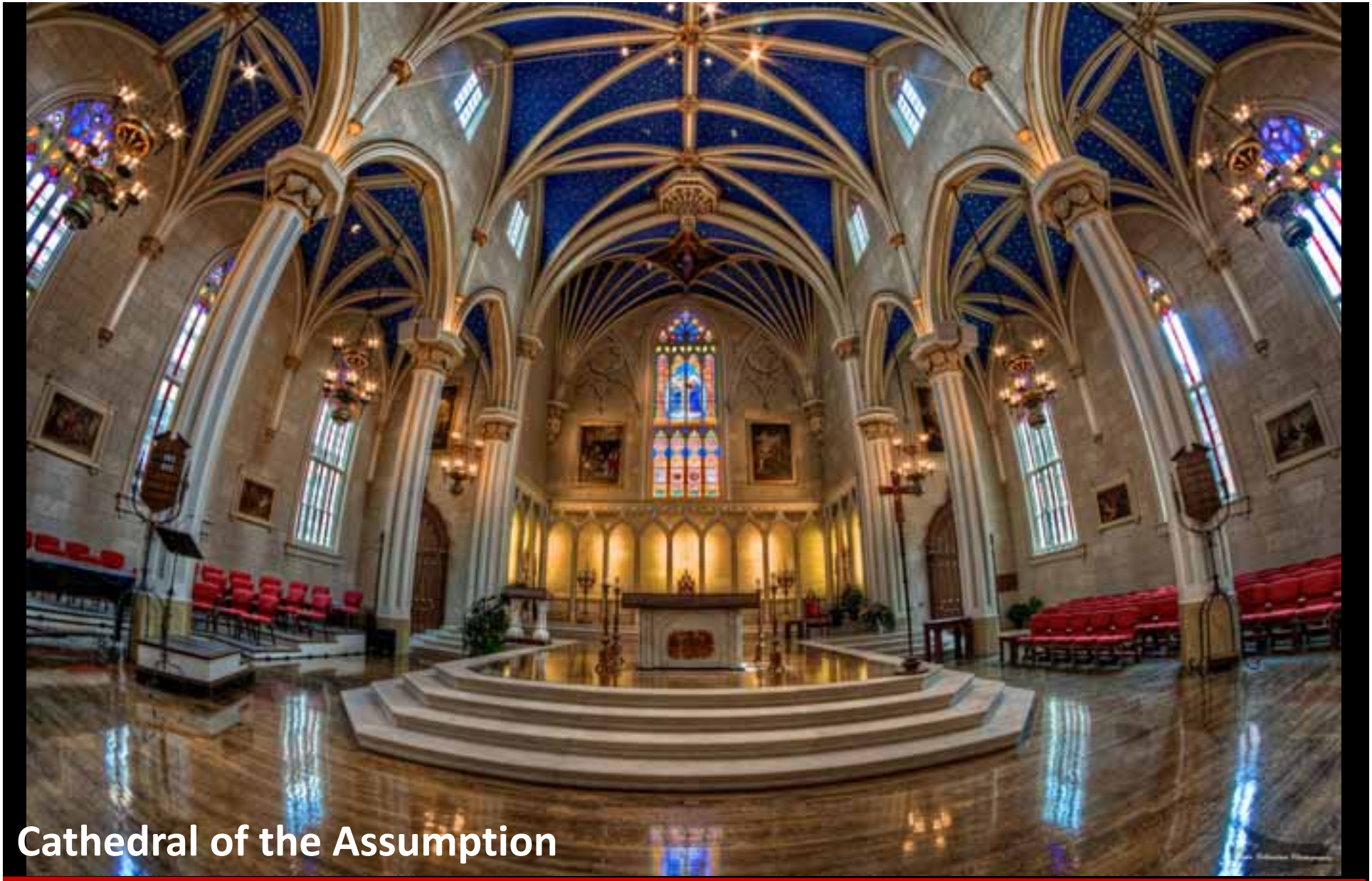
Cathedral of the Assumption





William Keely

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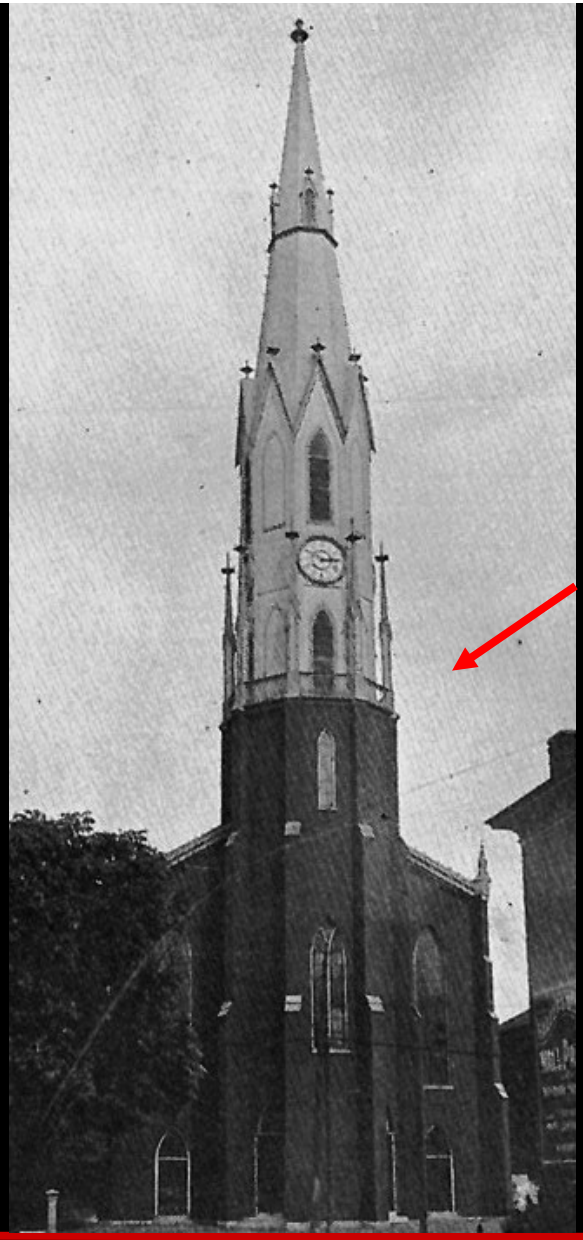
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Was William Keely involved in the design of other Catholic Churches in Louisville / Kentucky?

William Patrick Keely

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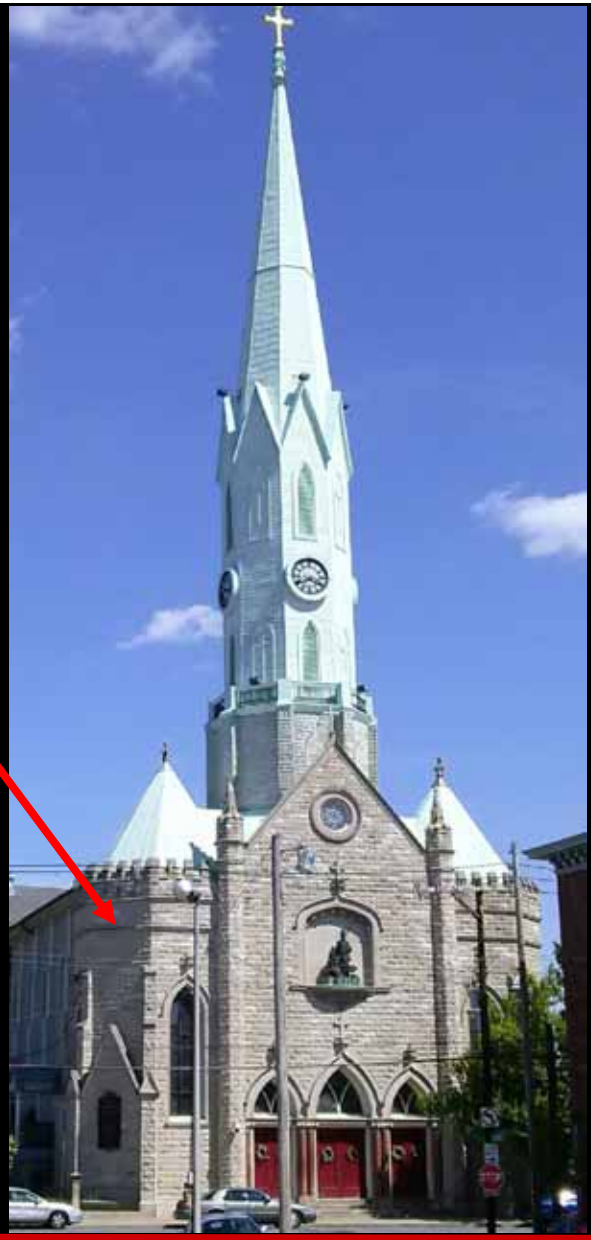


St. Martin du Tours

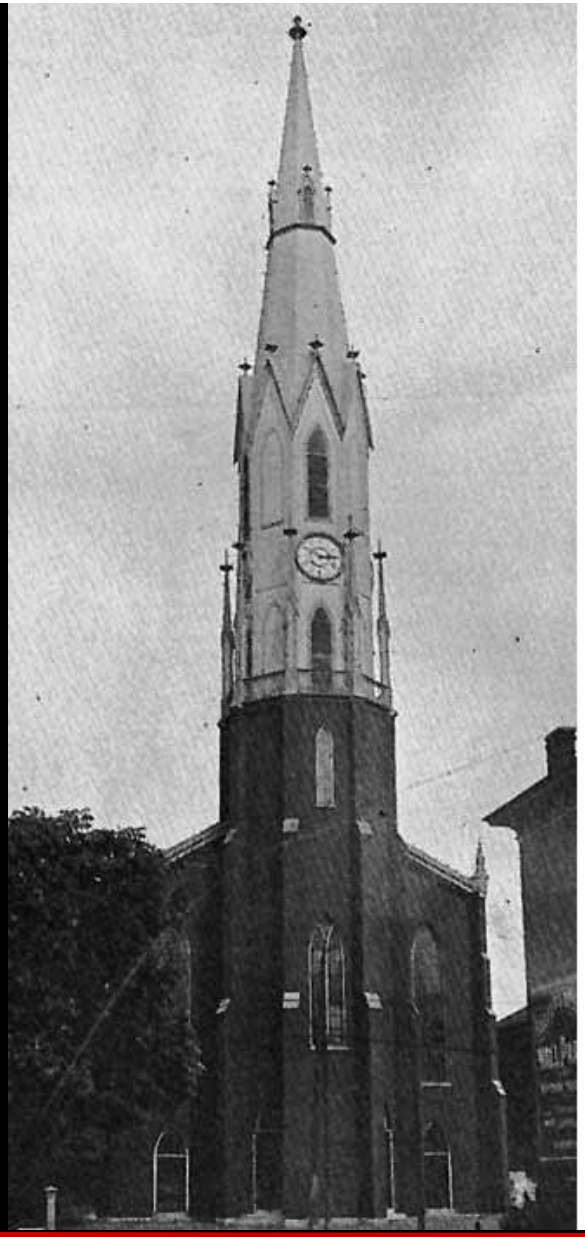
Architect: Unknown

Original built: 1853

Front addition designed by Fred Erhart in early 1900s



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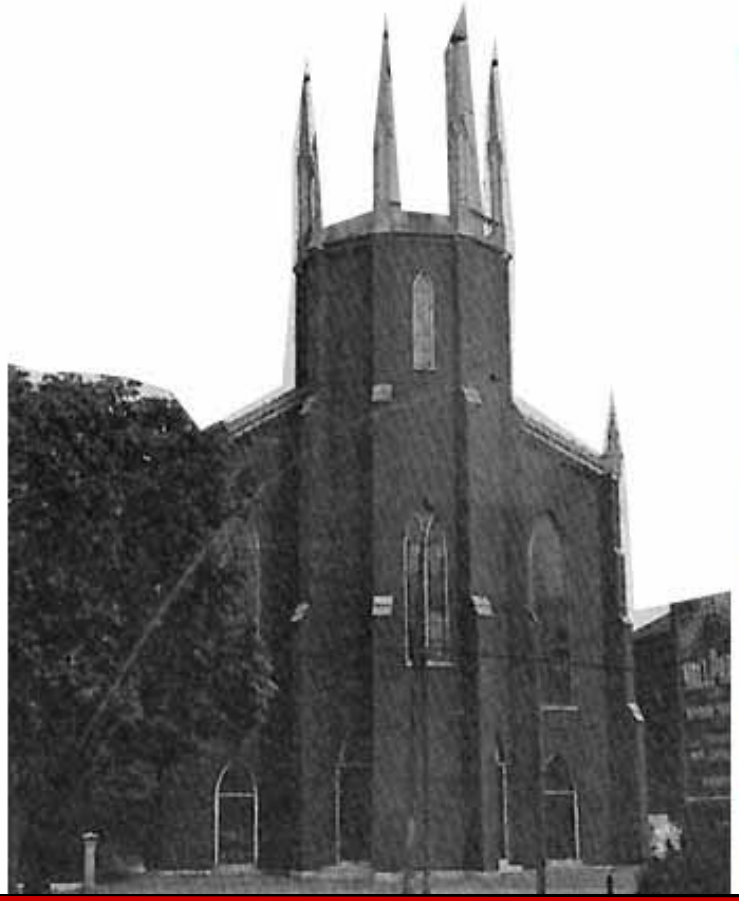
St Martin du Tours Catholic Church,
1853—1854, Louisville, Ky
Architect: Unknown

St Rose Catholic Church,
1852—1855, Springfield, Ky
Architect: William Keely



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St Martin du Tours Catholic Church,
1853—1854, Louisville, Ky
Architect: Unknown



St Rose Catholic Church,
1852—1855, Springfield, Ky
Architect: William Keely



William Keely ?

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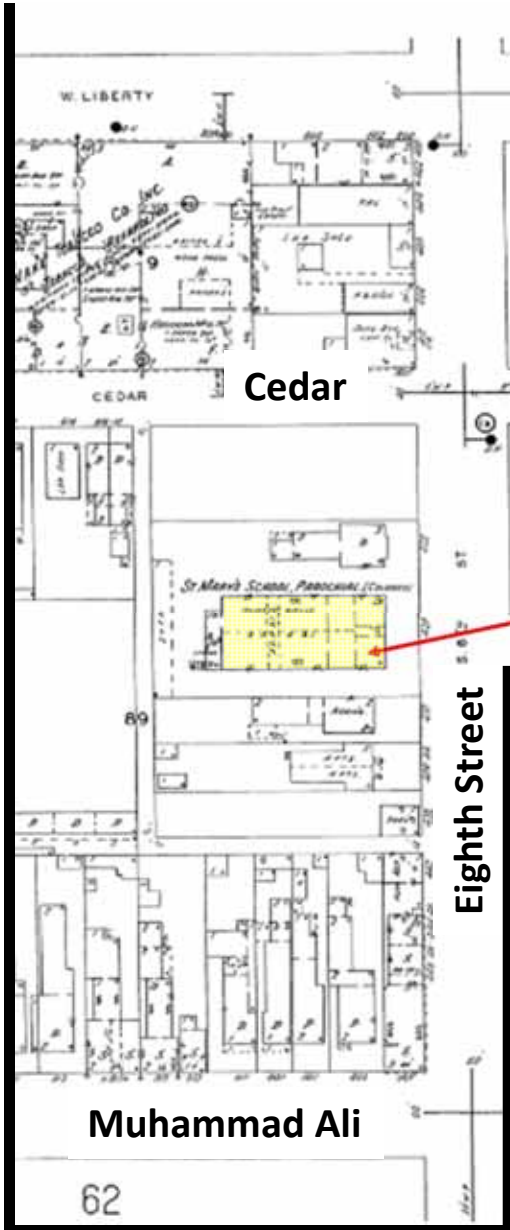
St Rose Catholic Church,
1852—1855, Springfield, Ky
Architect: William Keely

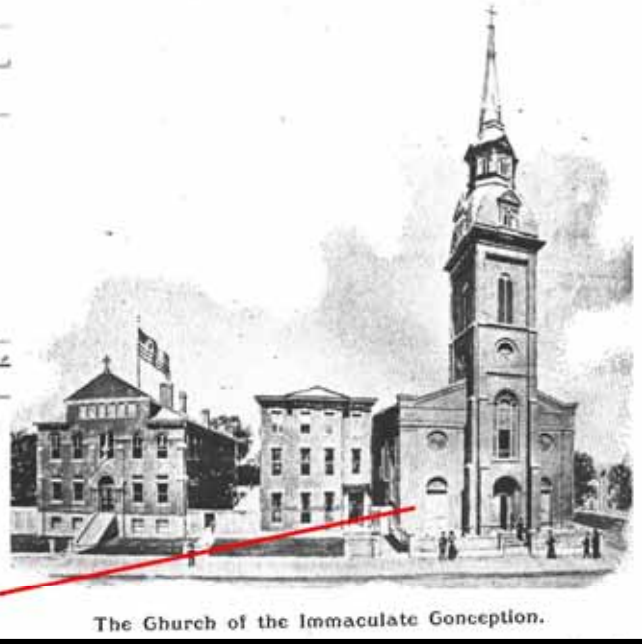


St Martin du Tours Catholic Church,
1853—1854, Louisville, Ky
Architect: Unknown

William Keely ?

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The Church of the Immaculate Conception.

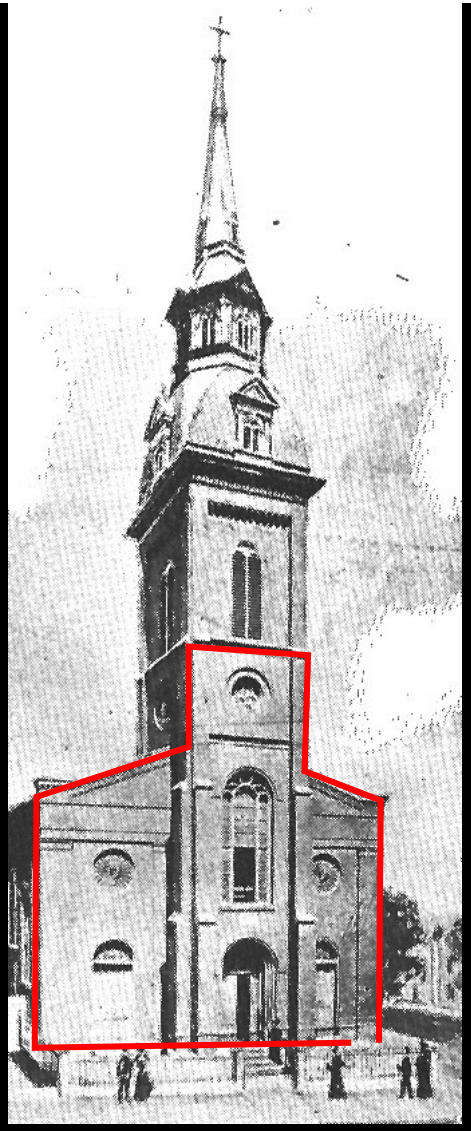
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (St. Mary's)

Eighth Street, west side, between Cedar and Walnut (Muhammad Ali)
1849: Original Built
1855: Improved & Enlarged
1887: Steeple added 1887
Demo'd late 1930s
Architect: Unknown

Windows from Immaculate Conception were relocated to St. Frances of Rome



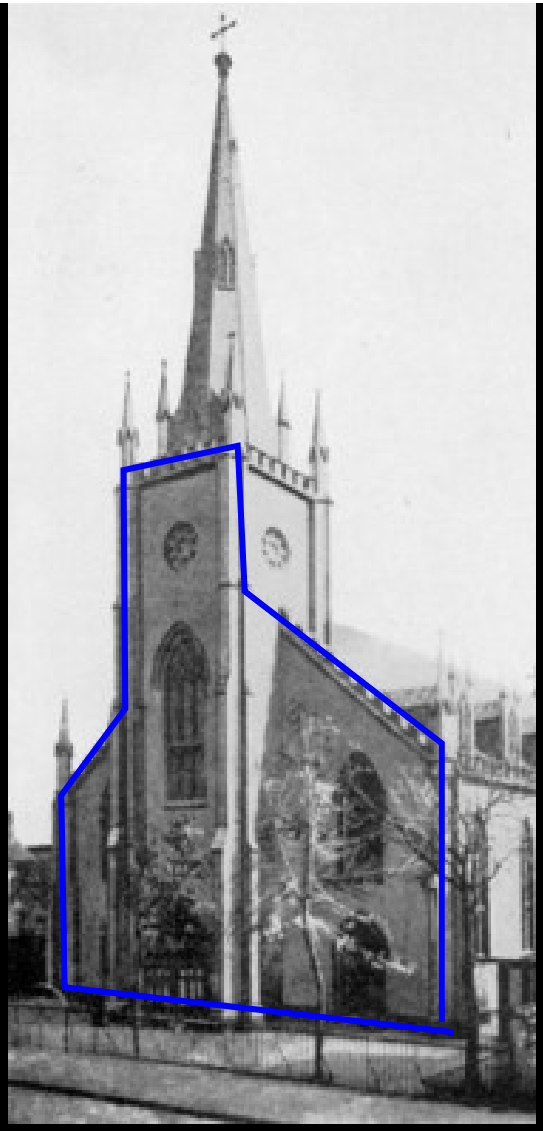
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Immaculate Conception
(St. Mary's)



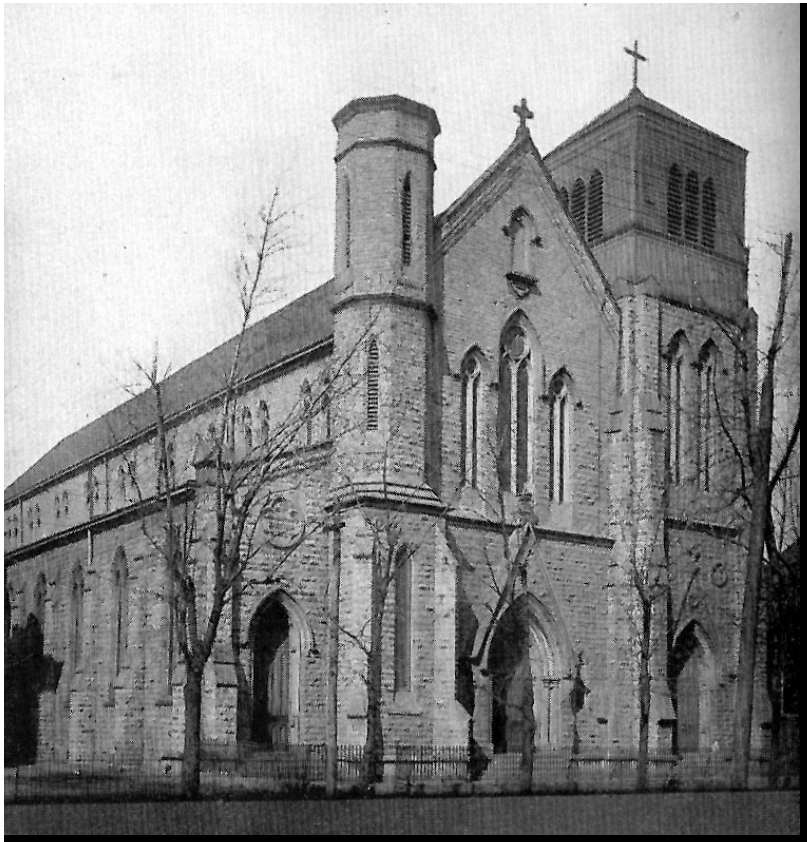
Cathedral of the Assumption



St. Peter & Paul
Williamsburg, NY

William Keely?

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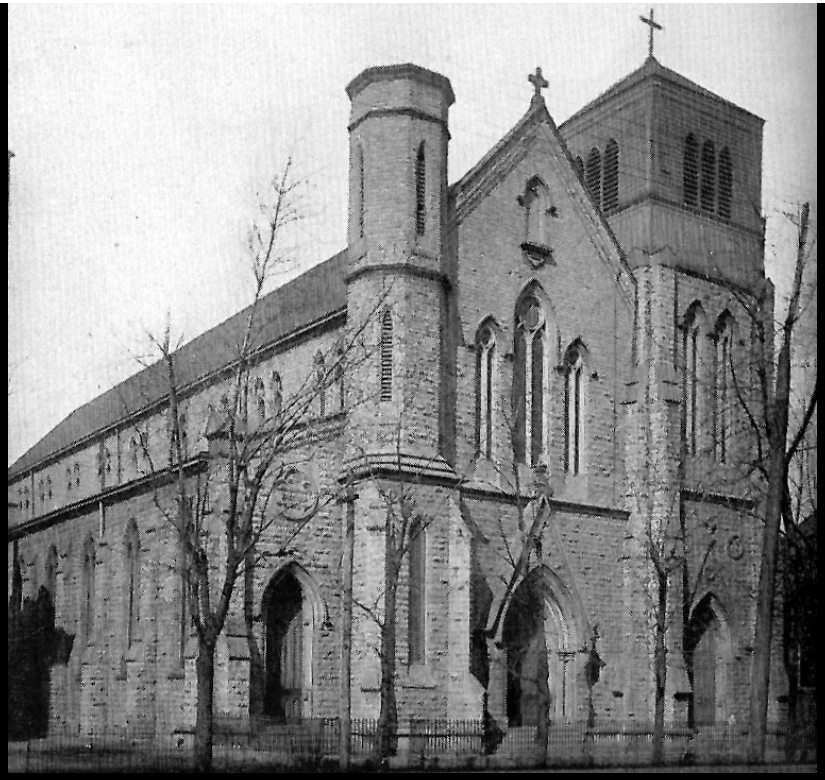


St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church
1104 Sixth Street
1865
Architect: H. P. Bradshaw



Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Boston
1844
Architect: Patrick Keely

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St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church
1104 Sixth Street
1865
Architect: Unknown (William / Patrick Keely?)

Note: Dominican (same as St. Rose, Springfield) Sam Thomas, on page 239 No. 31 footnote, states that a 'P. J. Keely designed the St. Louis Bertrand convent, per historian Clay Lancaster's book 'Antebellum Architecture of Kentucky, page 260-262.



Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Boston
1844
Architect: Patrick Keely

William & Patrick Keely?

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Steeple was added in 1868



The old St. Patrick's Church, a solid but plain brick building, was erected in 1853 by the Rev. Thomas Joyce, its first pastor. In the course of nine years it was found necessary to build a new church, and the present structure was also erected by Father Joyce and dedicated to the service of God in 1862. On the death of the Rev. Father Joyce, in 1868, he was succeeded by the Rev. Father M. Lawler, who built the steeple, the parochial residence, and added the fine stained glass windows, which are evidences of his own good taste and the generosity of his flock.



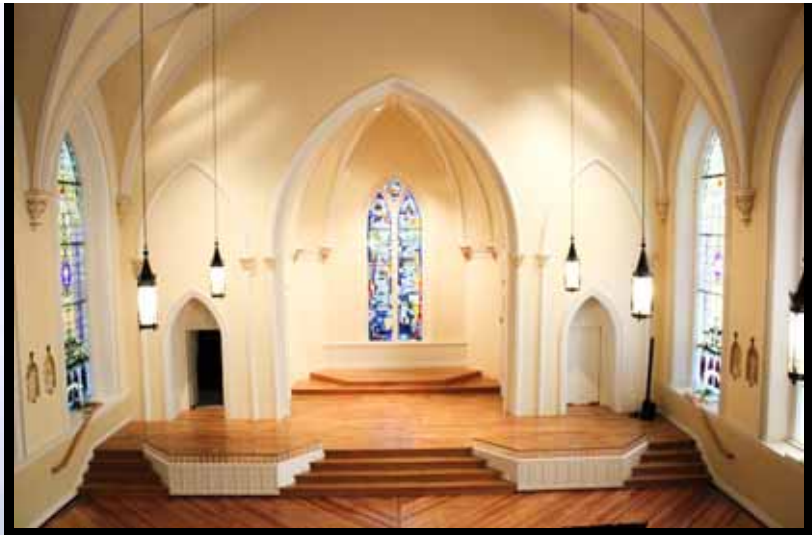


St. Patrick's Catholic Church
1301 W. Market Street
1853-1862
Architect: Unknown

William Keely?

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Good Shepard Catholic Church

Frankfort, Kentucky
Built: 1850

Architect is listed as John Haley. Haley was born in 1827. He was associated with architect Isaiah Rogers of Cincinnati, who designed Frankfort's Capital Hotel. Haley would have been 23 years of age for construction of Good Shepherd.

Good Shepherd resembles the design of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church as well as the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Isaiah Rogers also worked on the Cathedral. William possibly could have been involved or Rogers just used the Cathedral plans to build it.

William Keely?

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St. James Catholic Church
Original Church – Built 1851
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Architect: Unknown (William Keely?)





St. Thomas Aquinas
Zanesville, Ohio

William Keely?

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TIMELINE: WILLIAM KEELY

1847? 1848?:	William is in Ohio working on various church projects Patrick remains in Brooklyn, New York
1849:	William (age 44) is in Louisville
1850	William & Margaret listed in Louisville per the 1850 Census Good Shepherd in Frankfort underway (with Isaiah Rogers?)
1851	St. James in Elizabethtown
1852	Cathedral of the Assumption dedicated St. Rose in Springfield under construction Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani
1854	St. Vincent de Paul in Nazareth
1855	St. Martin du Tours St. Mary's / Immaculate Conception (8th & Cedar) is improved / enlarged August 6: "Bloody Monday"
1855-57	St John's

William Patrick Keely

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TIMELINE: WILLIAM KEELY

1856	William & Margaret move to Pewee Valley
1857	St. Therese of Avilia in Rhodelia, Ky.
1860	Annunciation Church in Shelbyville similar to St. Peter & Paul
1862	St. Patrick's at 13th & Main
1865	St. Louis Bertrand
1870	William is original Trustee of Pewee Valley
1876	William Keely dies, age 71
1883	Margaret Keely dies
1896	Patrick Keely dies, age 80
1899	William & Margaret Keely house is destroyed by fire in Pewee Valley

William Patrick Keely

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Where are William and Margaret Keely buried?

William & Margaret Keely

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St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery, PeWee Valley, Kentucky



William & Margaret Keely

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St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery, PeWee Valley, Kentucky

Keely, Catherine E	1863	1937	
Keely, David J	1859	1926	
Keely, Matilda	Nov 1 1831	Jan 23 1887	Age - 56 yrs 2 mos 22 days...Wife of Daniel Keely





William and Margaret Keely's grandson was David Keely

William and Margaret Keely's son was Daniel

Matilda was Daniel Keely's wife (1831 – 1887)

William & Margaret Keely

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Catholic Cemeteries, Louisville, Kentucky

Miss Agnes M. Keely
Died: 11/22/1962 - Age: 67

Annie Cain Keely
Service: 01/14/1950 - Age: 91

Mr. Carroll James Keely
10/27/1893 - 10/28/1967

Elizabeth Keely
Service: 09/18/1906 - Age: 5

Eva Keely
Service: 07/27/1897 - Age: 999

Mrs. Florence E. Webb Keely
05/17/1893 - 09/17/1963

Mrs. Idabelle C. Horstman Keely
01/27/1894 - 09/05/1964

John J Keely
Service: 01/31/1941 - Age: 79

Mr. John F. Keely
01/06/1890 - 08/18/1947

Julia Agnes Keely
Service: 01/10/1912 - Age: 53

Stephen M Keely
Service: 12/29/1934 - Age: 81

Stephen R Keely
Service: 04/12/1927 - Age: 37

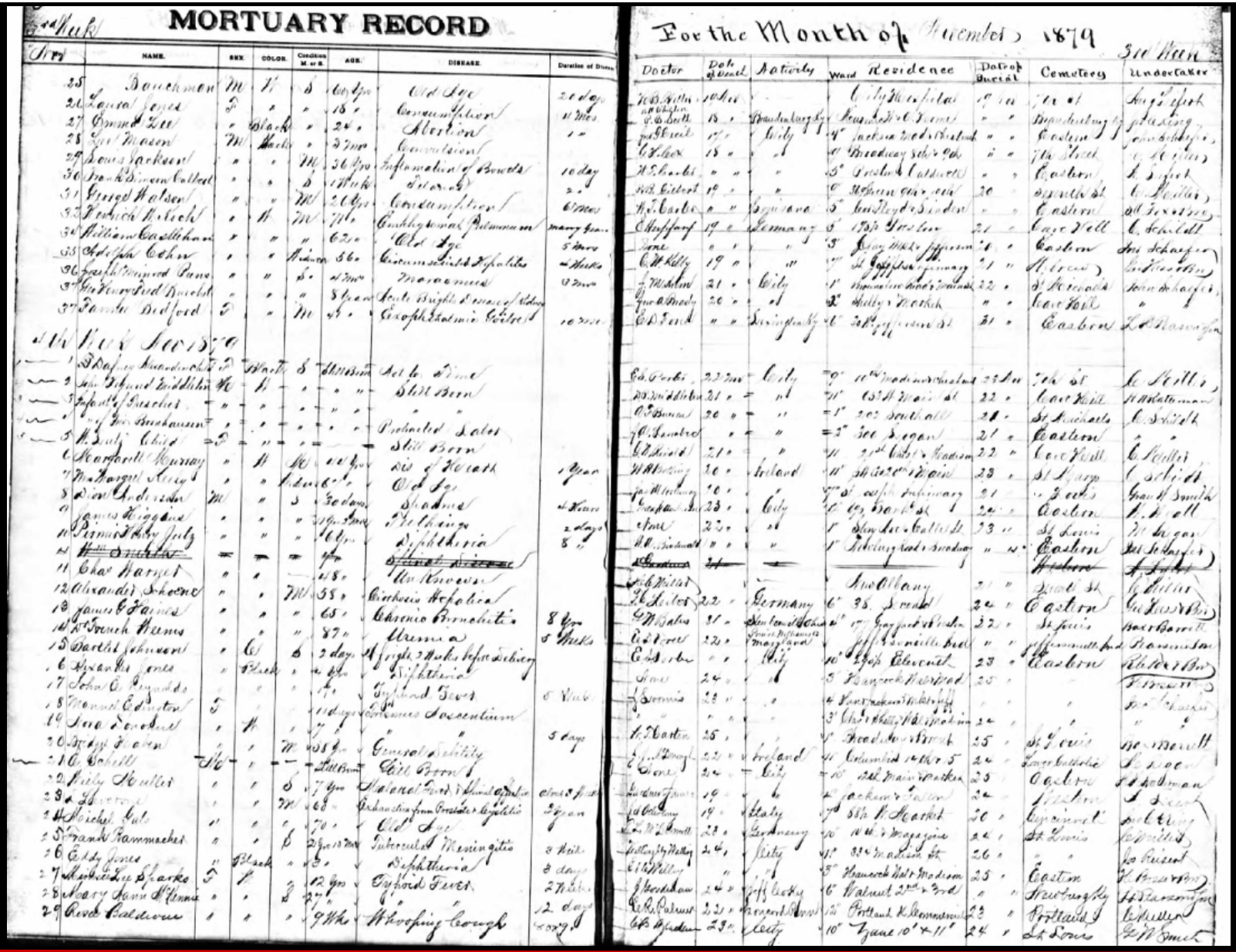
Thomas Keely
Service: 04/12/1926 - Age: 69

Mr. William M. Keely
11/10/1923 - 09/11/1992

There are many Keely's buried in various Catholic Cemeteries in Louisville – but no record of William & Margaret's burial location

William & Margaret Keely

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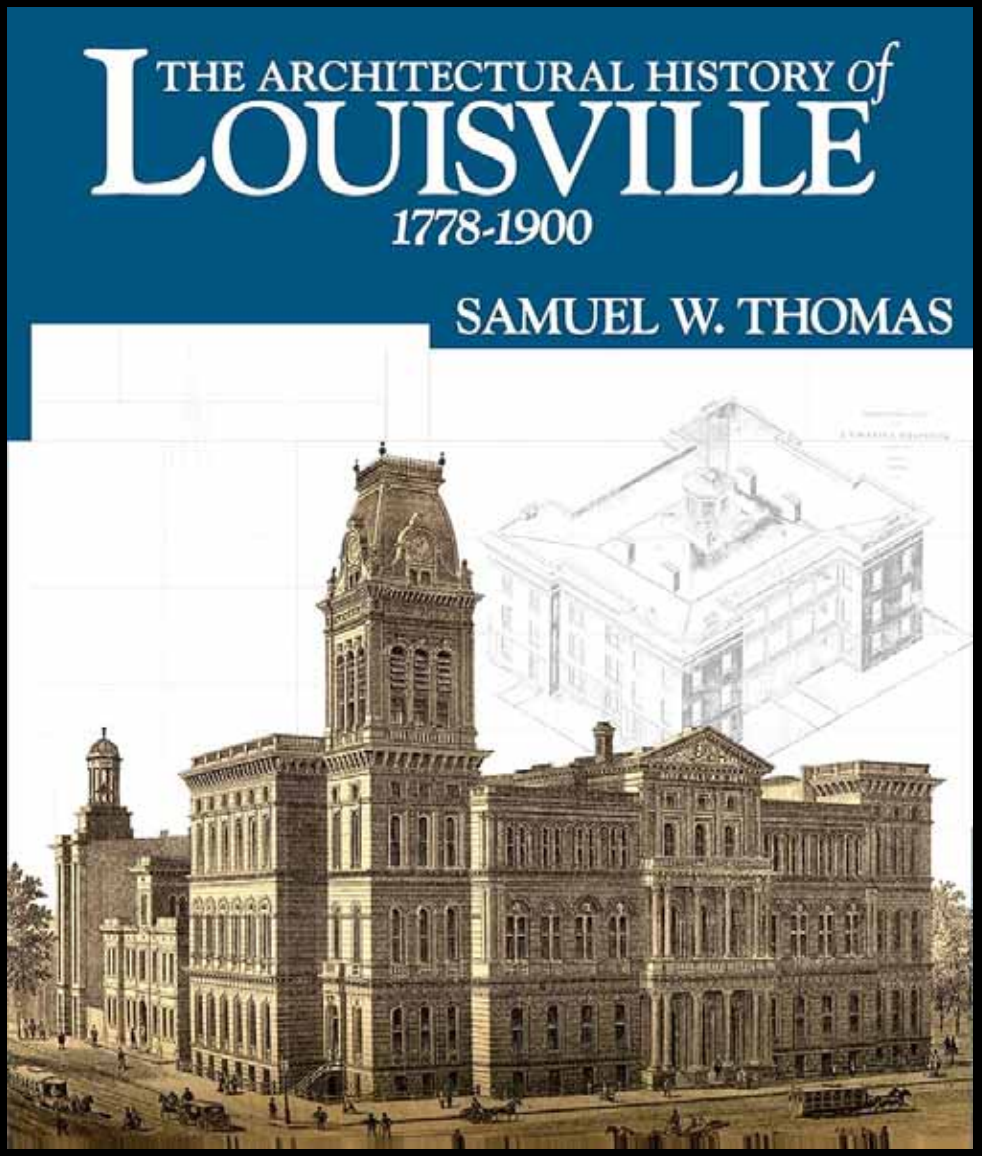


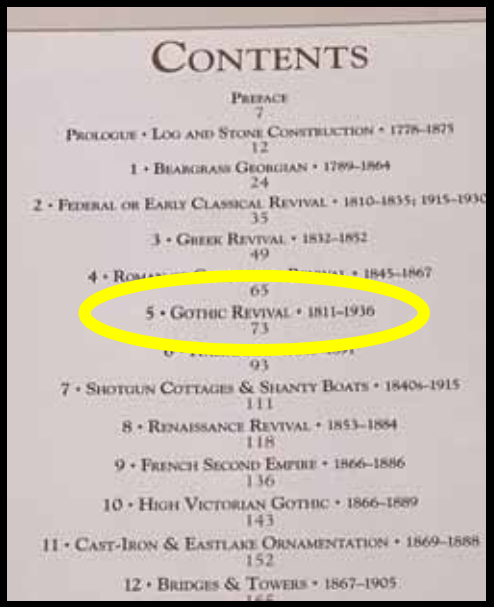
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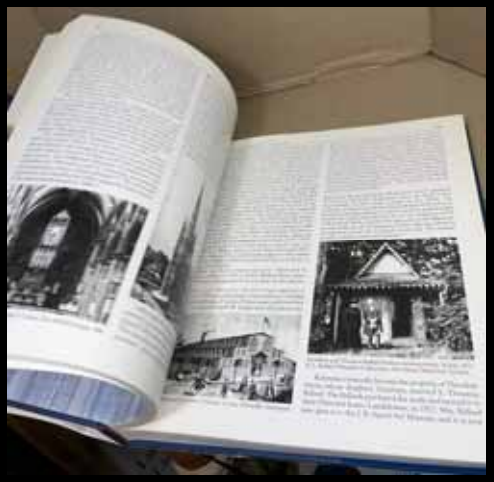
For the Month of November 1879

William & Margaret Keely

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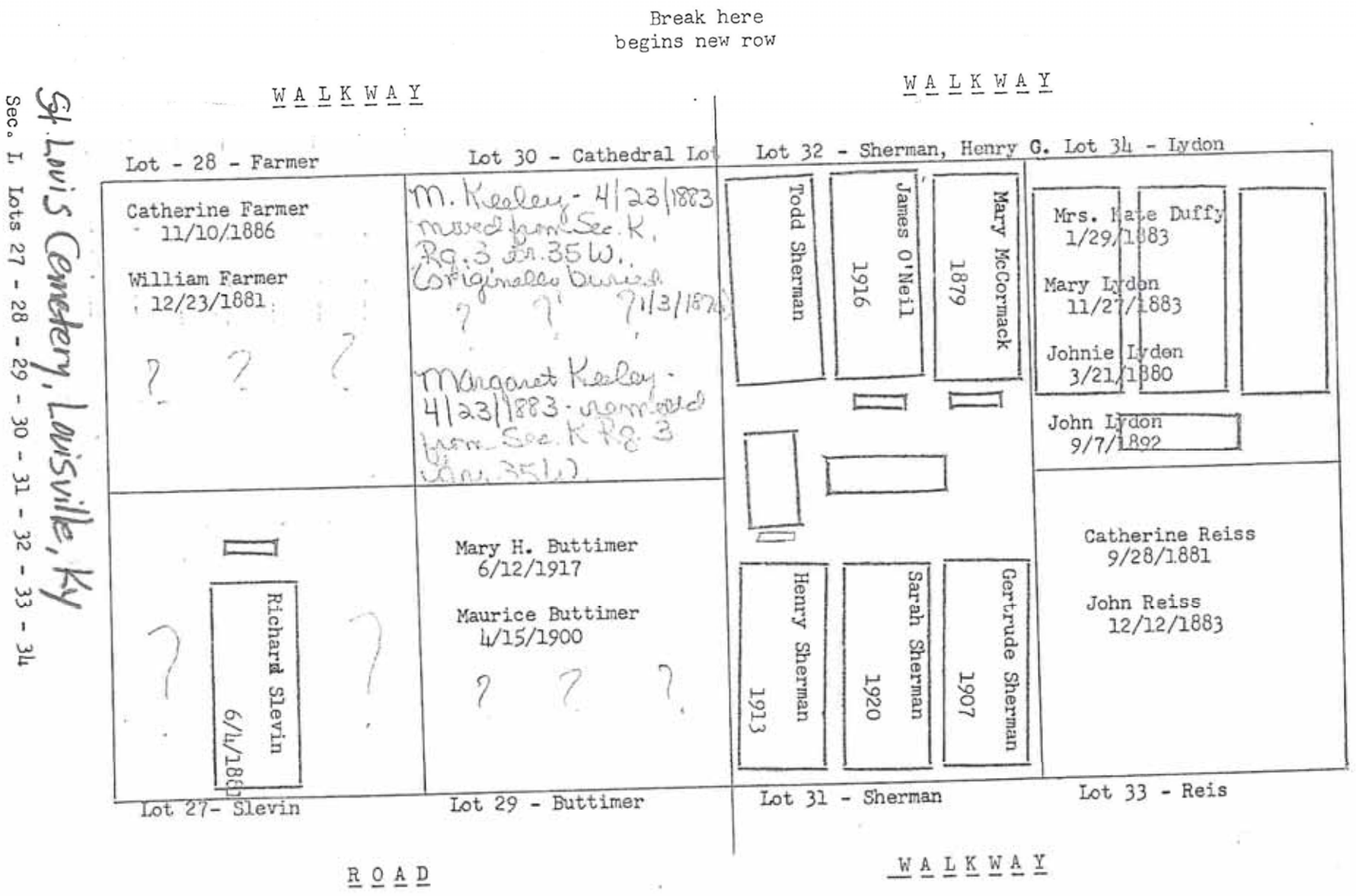


Samuel W. Thomas papers at:

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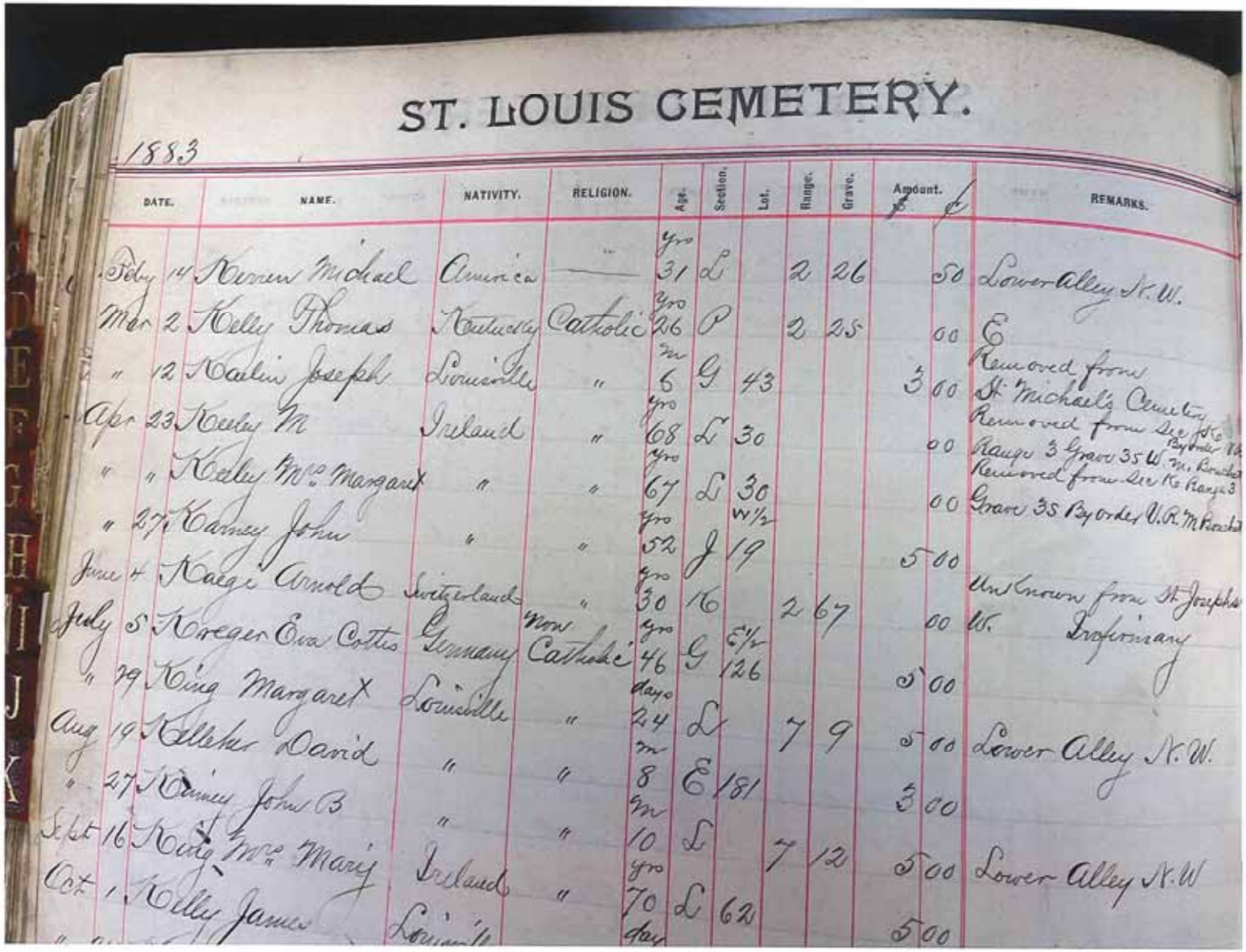
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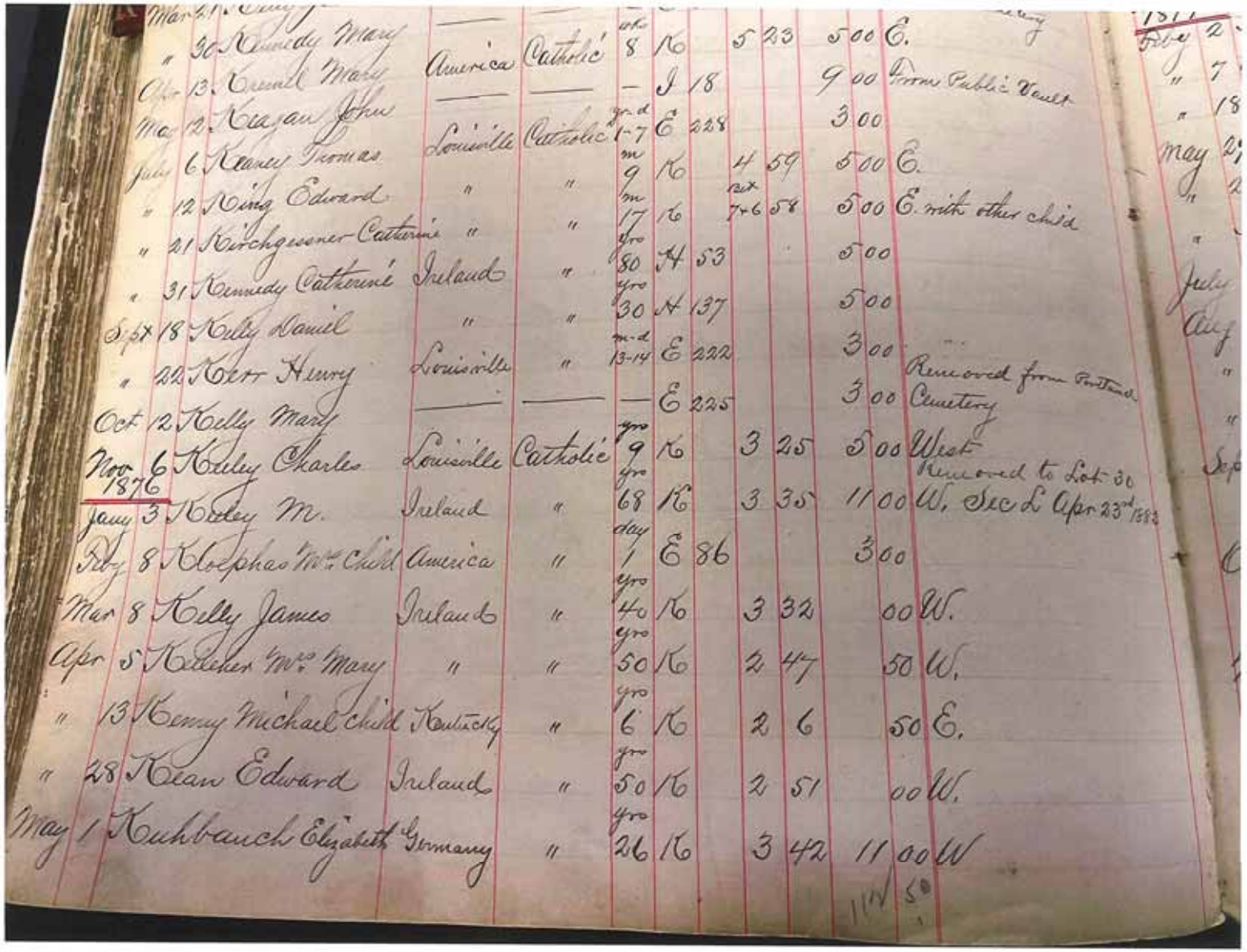
ST. LOUIS CEMETERY.

1883

DATE.	NAME.	NATIVITY.	RELIGION.	Age.	Section.	Lot.	Range.	Grave.	Amount. $	¢	REMARKS.
Feby 14	Keiser Michael	America	—	31 yrs	L		2	26		50	Lower Alley N.W.
Mar 2	Kelly Thomas	Kentucky	Catholic	26 yrs	P		2	25		00	E
" 12	Kalin Joseph	Louisville	"	6 m	G	43			3	00	Removed from St Michael's Cemetery
Apr 23	Keely M	Ireland	"	68 yrs	L	30				00	Removed from Cal Ks By Order M. Range 3 Grave 35 W. M. Rourke
" "	Keely Mrs Margaret	"	"	67 yrs	L	30 W½				00	Removed from Cal Ks Range 3 Grave 35 By Order U.R.M. Rourke
" 27	Kaney John	"	"	52 yrs	J	19			5	00	
June 4	Kaegi Arnold	Switzerland	"	30 yrs	16		2	67		00	Unknown from St Josephs
July 5	Kroeger Eva Cottis	Germany	Now Catholic	46 yrs	G	E½ 126				00	W. Infirmary
" 19	King Margaret	Louisville	"	24 days	L		7	9	5	00	
Aug 19	Kelleher David	"	"	8 m	E	181			5	00	Lower Alley N.W.
" 27	Kinney John B	"	"	9 m					3	00	
Sept 16	King Mrs Mary	Ireland	"	10 yrs	L		7	12	5	00	Lower Alley N.W
Oct 1	Kelly James	Louisville		70 days	L	62			5	00	

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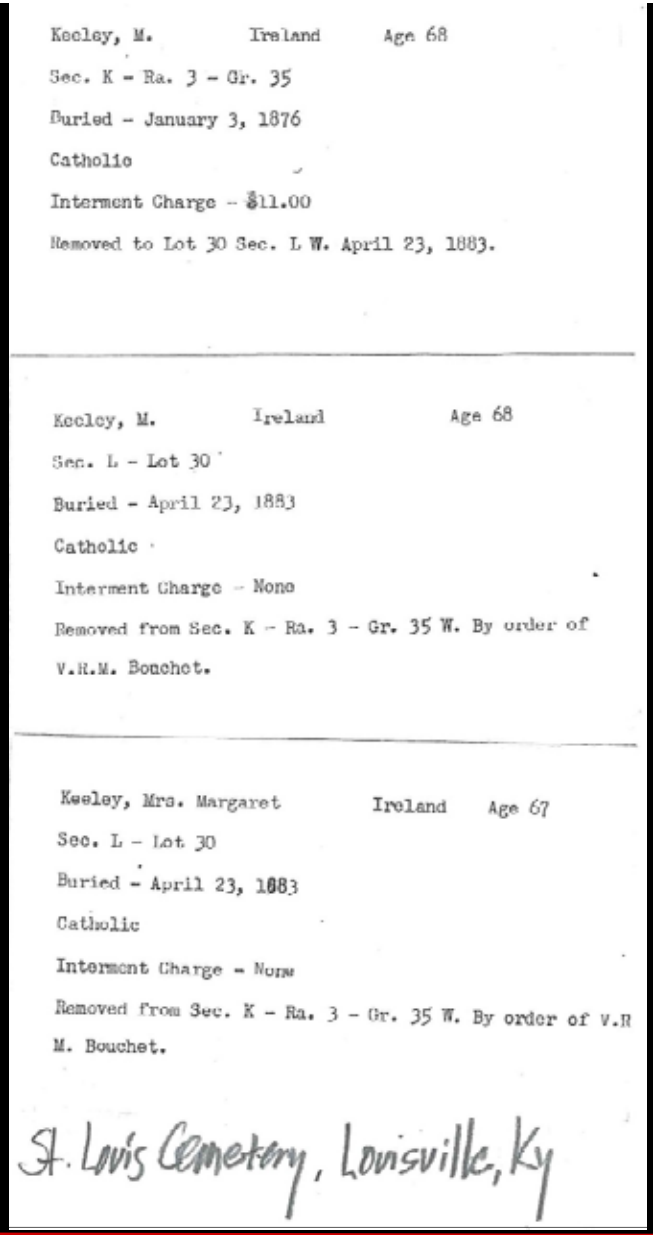
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Mar 21											
"	30	Kennedy	Mary	America	Catholic	8 mo	K		5	23	5 00 E.
Oct	13	Kenell	Mary			—	I	18			9 00 From Public Vault
Mar	12	Kiegan	John			3 m d	E	228			3 00
July	6	Kearney	Thomas	Louisville	Catholic	1-7 m	K		4	59	5 00 E.
"	12	King	Edward	"	"	9 m	K		4	58	5 00 E. with other child
"	21	Kirchgessner	Catharine	"	"	17 yrs	K		7+6		5 00
"	31	Kennedy	Catherine	Ireland	"	80 yrs	H	53			5 00
Sept	18	Kelly	Daniel	"	"	30 m d	H	137			5 00
"	22	Kerr	Henry	Louisville	"	13-14 m d	E	222			3 00 Removed from Portland
Oct	2	Kelly	Mary			—	E	225			3 00 Cemetery
Nov 1876	6	Kelley	Charles	Louisville	Catholic	9 yrs	K		3	25	5 00 West Removed to Lot 30
Jany	3	Kelley	M.	Ireland	"	68 yrs	K		3	35	11 00 W. Sec L Apr 23rd 1883
Feby	8	Kolephas	Mrs Child	America	"	1 day	E	86			3 00
Mar	8	Kelly	James	Ireland	"	40 yrs	K		3	32	00 W.
Apr	5	Kelcher	Mrs Mary	"	"	50 yrs	K		2	47	50 W.
"	13	Kenny	Michael Child	Kentucky	"	6 yrs	K		2	6	50 E.
"	28	Kean	Edward	Ireland	"	50 yrs	K		2	51	00 W.
May	1	Kuhbauch	Elizabeth	Germany	"	26 yrs	K		3	42	11 00 W

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Keeley, M. Ireland Age 68

Sec. K - Ra. 3 - Gr. 35

Buried - January 3, 1876

Catholic

Interment Charge - $11.00

Removed to Lot 30 Sec. L W. April 23, 1883.

Keeley, M. Ireland Age 68

Sec. L - Lot 30

Buried - April 23, 1883

Catholic

Interment Charge - None

Removed from Sec. K - Ra. 3 - Gr. 35 W. By order of V.R.M. Bouchet.

Keeley, Mrs. Margaret Ireland Age 67

Sec. L - Lot 30

Buried - April 23, 1883

Catholic

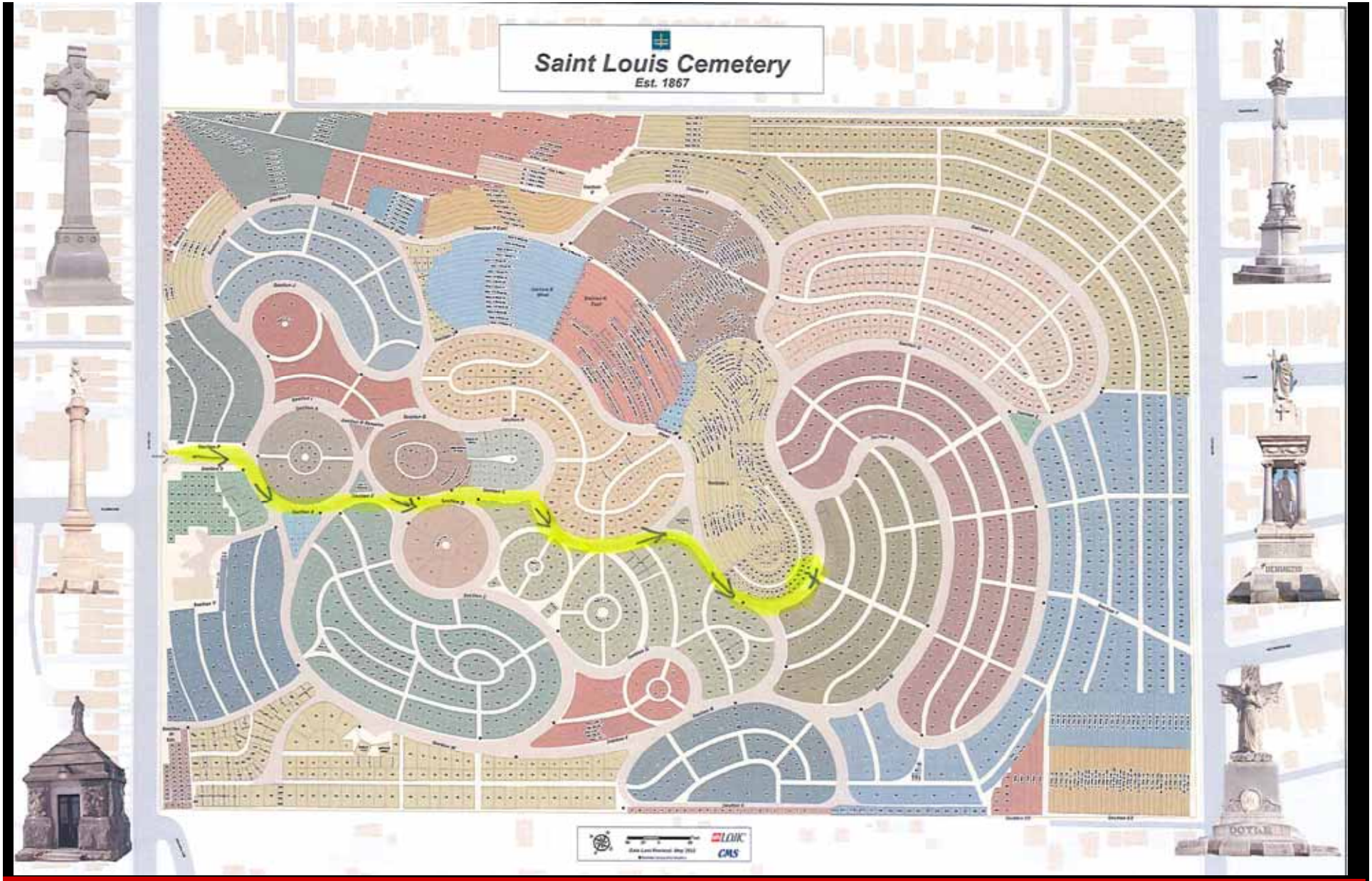
Interment Charge - None

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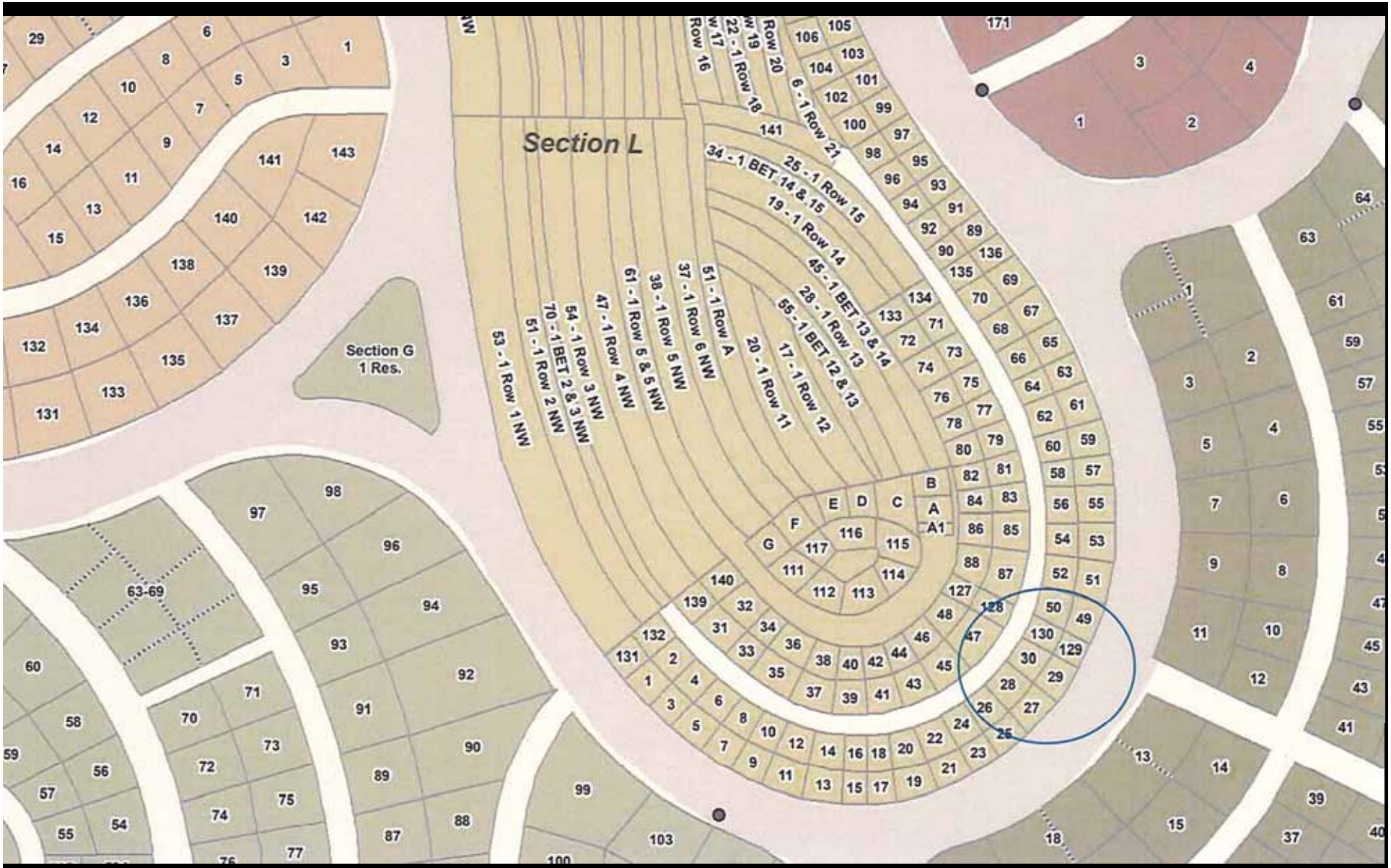
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BIRTH 9 Aug 1816
Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland

DEATH 11 Aug 1896 (aged 80)
Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, USA

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Architect. The son of a carpenter, he emigrated to the United States when he was 25 years old. Keeley designed over 600 buildings that include Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, Saint Francis Xavier in New York City, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland, Ohio, and Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Albany, New York, as well as many others. The locations of his churches range from Nova Scotia all the way south to Louisiana, and as far west as Iowa.
Bio by: Helaine M. Cigal

Family Members

Spouse

Sarah M. *Farmer* Keely
1827–1872

Children

Mary E. *Keely* Houghton
1847–1918

Sarah A. *Keely* Turner

Patrick Keely's FindAGrave.com webpage

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Patrick Keely's Headstone in Holy Cross Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY.

William and Margaret Keely, in St. Louis Cemetery, do not have a headstone.

We would like to create a headstone for William and Margaret Keely

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William & Margaret Keely:
Headstone Marker Fund

This Marker Fund charity effort will provide funds to install a headstone marker for the Keely's in St. Louis Cemetery, Louisville, Ky. William Keely designed a number of Catholic Churches in the Louisville region, and his brother Patrick was responsible for hundreds of Catholic Churches in the U. S.





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