

**Telegram (Worcester), Nov. 29, 1900,  
Article on Kendall family reunion @  
Sterling, MA.** [Transcribed by: CJ Bagley]

STERLING- Nov. 29.—There were many family reunions today in Sterling, and among them the one at Prospect farm, Kendall Hill, was the most notable on account of the number of generations represented.

This farm is famed as being the one on which the first Josiah Kendall settled in Sterling, or the Chocksett Precinct of Lancaster, in 1777, and was known then as the Charlestown Grant. It contained 500 acres of land, and on it was the Sterling Mine of which much has been published. The mine contained copper, plumbago, silver nickel and other minerals. A shaft upward of 100 feet deep at an angle of 45 degrees, was sunk in 1755, a miner from Sweden named Christian Angel being in the mine at the time of the great earthquake in that year. It was found that the mine could not be worked to advantage on account of the high price of fuel, and the proprietors accordingly sold it to Josiah Kendall for a farm in 1777. Tradition says that the price paid by Mr. Kendall was only two King George coppers per acre. That King George coppers have been found upon the farm since is a fact. The farm has been divided and sub-divided since that time, and the Kendall owners now are George Ezra Kendall, James Francis Kendall, and Charles Kendall.

The farm owned by James F. Kendall is the one on which the original house

stood. There have been three houses, the present one being a large and modern dwelling, built by the present owner.

Josiah Kendall died in 1785, and there have been several generations born upon the farm, the youngest descendant being Miss Elizabeth Gertrude Kendall, daughter of Luther B. Kendall and wife, born May 1, 1900.

The Kendall family has always been prominent in the affairs of Sterling. Two of the name have been leading physicians; one, the Rev. James Kendall, was a noted clergyman, later locating in Plymouth [MA]; one Ezra Kendall, was a leading teacher for years, who lived to be over 95 years of age, and was active in town offices most of the time and others are identified with affairs of the town at the present time.