

KANE PLOT

OLIVER DELANCEY KANE	1816-1874	LOUISE LANGDON KANE	1852-1927
LOUISA LANGDON KANE	1821-1894	SYBIL KENT KANE	1856-1946
WALTER LANGDON KANE	1843-1896	HELEN KANE	?
DELANCEY ASTOR KANE	1844-1915	ELEANOR ISELIN KANE	1849-1938
SAMUEL NICHOLSON KANE	1846-1906	DELANCEY ISELIN KANE	1879-1940
WOODBURY KANE	1859-1905		



Oliver Delancy Kane



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Louisa Kane



Oliver Delancey Kane was born in 1816 in Providence, Rhode Island to a prominent merchant family. He married Louisa Dorothea Langdon, a granddaughter of John Jacob Astor, in 1841, and they had eight children over the next 15 years.ⁱ In 1852 Kane hired Detlef Lienau to build a house in

Newport for his family called Beachcliffe.ⁱⁱ Kane died at his home on 47th Street in New York City in 1874 and was buried in Newport's Island Cemetery.

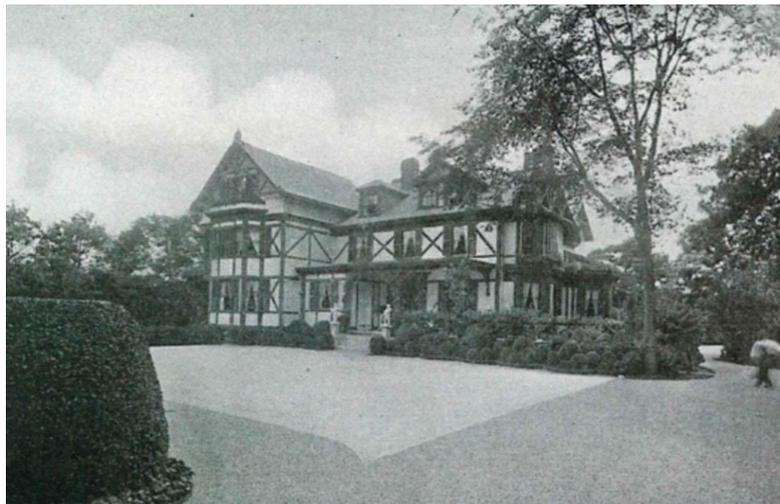
Walter Langdon Kane, son of Oliver and Louisa Kane was born in 1843 but historians differ on whether his birth took place in New York or Newport. In 1877 he married Mary Roch Hunter, daughter of Capt. Charles Hunter, U.S.N.ⁱⁱⁱ They resided at Mayfield, later known as Stonor Lodge, on Bellevue Avenue. Kane died at Mayfield in 1896.^{iv}



Walter Kane- courtesy of Find a Grave



Walter Kane in Civil War uniform- courtesy of Find a Grave



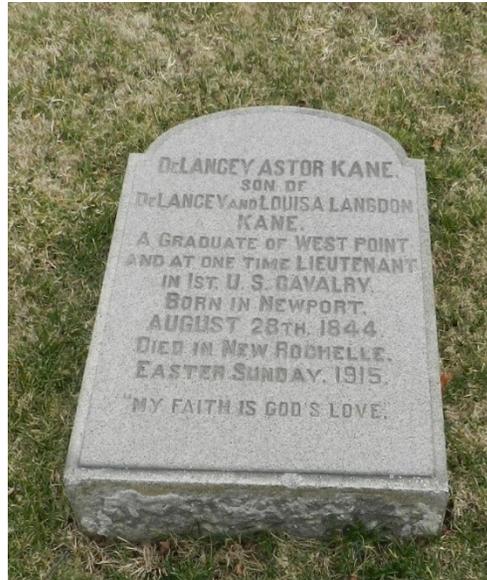
Mayfield circa 1900
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Delancey Astor Kane, son of Oliver and Louisa Kane, was born in Newport in 1844. He graduated from West Point in 1868 and served in the U.S. Cavalry until 1870. He attended Trinity College in Cambridge, England and later graduated from Columbia Law School in New York. According to the New York Times, Kane inherited \$10,000,000 from his family.

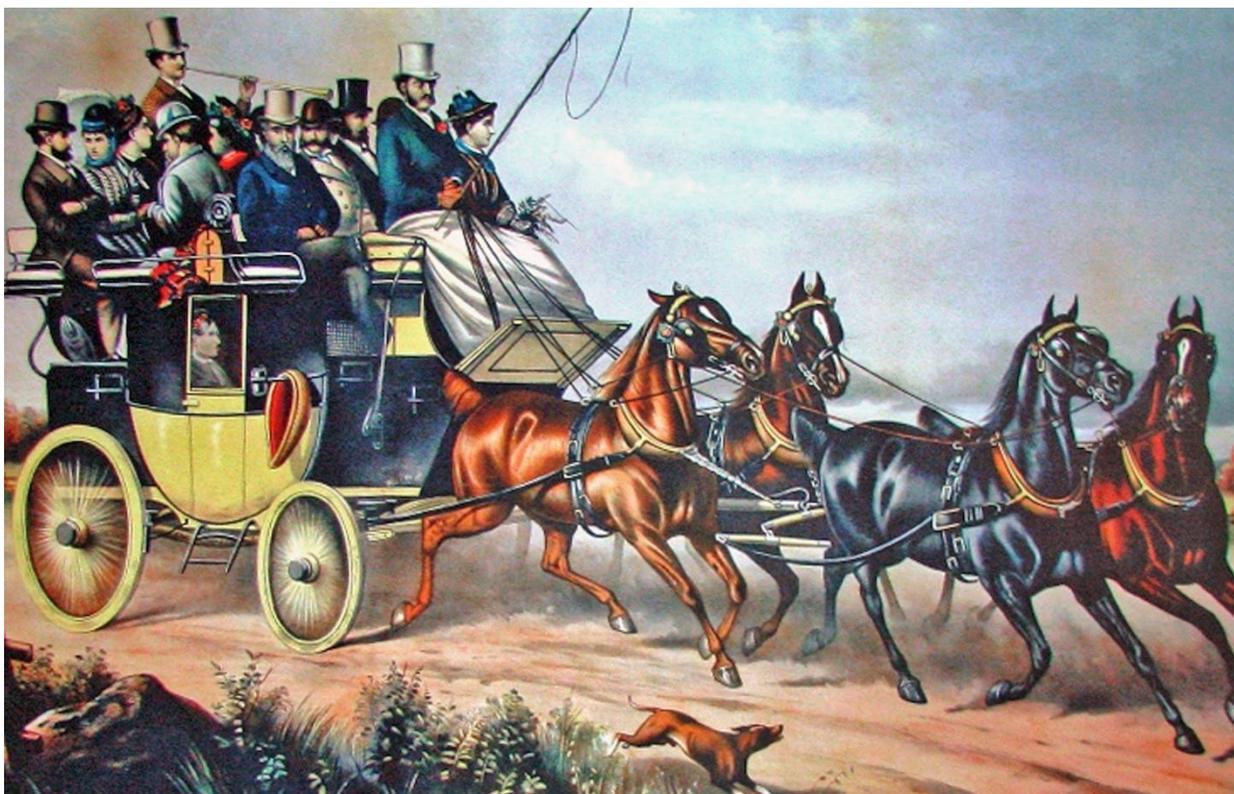
Along with his friend, Colonel John Jay, Kane founded the Coaching Club of New York in 1876, and he is credited with bringing coaching to America.



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Courtesy Find a Grave – painting of Eleanor Iselin Kane from the collection of the City Museum of New York





Kane married Eleanora Iselin in 1872 and they had one son, Delancey Iselin Kane. Kane and his wife were listed as members of Mrs. Astor's 400.^v From 1901 on, the family resided in Newport at Oakwood at Narragansett Avenue and Spring Street. Kane died at his home on Easter Sunday in New Rochelle, New York of pneumonia in 1915.^{vi}

Samuel Nicholson Kane, son of Oliver and Louisa Kane was born in 1846, attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1866. For two years he served as an Ensign on the staff of Admiral Farragut. After resigning his commission, he attended Cambridge University in England and then completed his law degree at Albany Law School. He became a member of the Bar in New York but never actually practiced law like many young men of well-heeled families.

At the beginning of the Spanish-American War, he volunteered as an Ensign on another Admiral's staff and was honorably discharged in November 1898.

Kane was involved in many charitable organizations, especially the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and he was a Commodore of the New York Yacht Club as well as a member of the America's Cup Committee. Kane seemed to be a member of almost every social and cultural club in New York. Like his brother Delancey, Kane was a member of Mrs. Astor's Four Hundred.

He died from cirrhosis of the liver in 1906.^{vii}



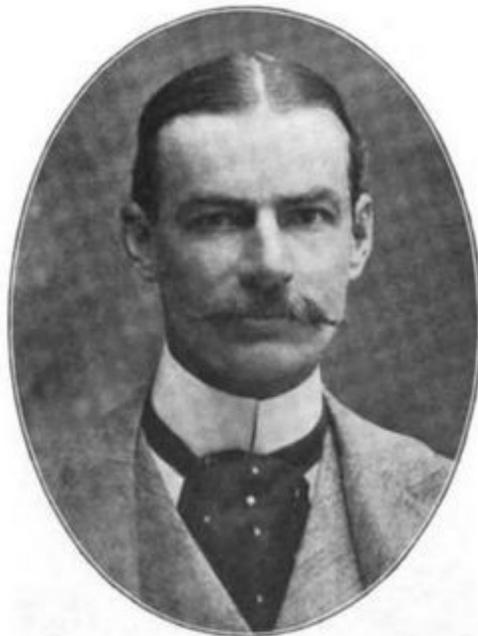
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Woodbury Kane, son of Oliver and Louisa Kane, was born on Newport in 1859. He attended Harvard and became close friends with Theodore Roosevelt. Kane was very athletic and participated in football, cricket, tennis and polo. Like Roosevelt he was a big game hunter.

After college he did not work but lived very well thanks to his family's money. He sailed on the Columbia during the 1899 America's Cup Race. He was also a member of many social clubs in New York.

When Roosevelt was recruiting men to serve in his Volunteer Cavalry in 1898, Kane responded and served as the Captain of K Troop and was wounded in the battle of San Juan Hill.

In March of 1905, Kane married Sallie Elliot, a divorcee. Sadly, they were married less than nine months when he suffered a heart attack and died at the age of 46.^{viii}

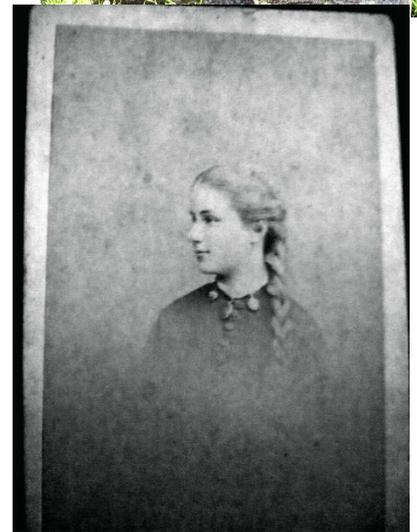


WOODBURY KANE
CAPITALIST
DIRECTOR METROPOLITAN REGISTER CO.

Louise Langdon Kane, a daughter of Oliver and Louisa Kane, was born in Newport in 1852. She had a keen interest in art according to her obituary in the New York Times. She took an interest in young artists and helped them by connecting them with the society folks of NYC although she tried to avoid publicity whenever possible. She also did social service work at Bellevue Hospital. She spent the bulk of her years in NYC at the family home on 23rd Street. She died there in 1927 after an illness of just three days.^{ix}



Sybil Kent Kane, daughter of Oliver and Louisa Kane, lived from 1856-1946 and never married. No other information about her life seems to exist except that she outlived all her brothers and sisters, dying at the age of 90 in Little Neck, Long Island.^x



Delancey Iselin Kane was the only son of Colonel Delancey Astor Kane and Elenor Iselin Kane. Very little was written about the only child of the couple until 1898 when both the *Boston Globe* and the *New York Herald* carried articles which indicated he was rumored to be entering religious study in England to become a Catholic priest. The only documents containing his name after that time were Federal Censuses from 1910-1940 showing him to be a patient at the Butler Psychiatric Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island and a WWI draft application showing him to be mentally deficient. He died at Butler Hospital in 1940 at the age of 62.^{xi}



ⁱ Ancestry.com.

ⁱⁱ Paul F. Miller, *Lost Newport: Vanished Cottages of the Resort Era* (Bedford, Massachusetts: Applewood Books, 2008), 39;

ⁱⁱⁱ Ancestry.com.

^{iv} Househistree, www.househistree.com.

^v Jerry E. Patterson, *The First Four Hundred* (New York: Rizzoli, 2000), 219.

^{vi} "Col. Delancey Kane Dies of Pneumonia," *New York Times* (5 April 1915), 11; Ancestry.com.

^{vii} "S. Nicholson Kane Dies in Sleeping Car," *New York Times* (16 November 1906), 10; Jerry E. Patterson, *The First Four Hundred* (New York: Rizzoli, 2000), 219.

^{viii} "Capt. Woodbury Kane Dies of Sudden Attack," *New York Times* (6 December 1905), 11; "Captain Woodbury Kane Memorial," Find a Grave, maintained by: Stories of The Gilded Age, originally Created by: OurFamilyTies. Added: 16 Nov 2011. Find a Grave Memorial ID: 80542264.

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^{ix} "Louise L. Kane Dies After Brief Illness," *New York Times* (2 June 1927), 25.

^x Ancestry.com.

^{xi} Ancestry.com.