

Manx Notes 510 (2021)

“THE OLDEST MANX FIDDLER IN THIS ISLAND” *

(1842)

The *Mona's Herald* in its issue for 2 March 1842, carried a simple one-line obituary notice for William Kelly, “On Wednesday week, at Eary-e-kelly, Willliam Kelly, aged 96 years,—the oldest Manx fiddler in this Island” (also in the *Manks Advertiser* for 9 March). The only candidate in the 1841 census is a William Kelly aged 75 years old and living at the Vonney in Lezayre.

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For the obituaries, see “[Births, Marriages, and Deaths] Deaths,” *Mona's Herald* 2 March 1842, [3]g; “[Births, Marriages, and Deaths] Died,” *Manks Advertiser* 9 March 1842, [2]f. The census entry is *Census Enumerators' Book* for Lezayre 1841, HO 107, 1464/1, fol. 22.



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