All of the Charles and Emma Kessler children are pictured above. Elias is on the far left in the back row, brother Robert is standing to his right, and Elias' newlywed bride Emma is standing just behind Robert. Sisters Emma and Dora, married at this point, are straddling the pole at the right.

Sister Mary Viola, the youngest Kessler, is standing immediately to Charles' right in the photograph. Mary Viola had a mysterious ailment requiring her to be institutionalized at an early age. She remained in these institutions most of her days, until her death in August, 1991 at the age of 77. Her ailment, based on current medical knowledge, was probably some form of epilepsy.

The "Big" house today is pictured also pictured at the right. It has a few structural changes (such as the bay window on the left), but otherwise looks much as it did 75 years ago. It is today occupied by George Maurer, son of Elias Kessler's sister Dora.

Cousin George Maurer in front of the "big" house

Emma Mattern Kessler died in 1939 at the age of 69. Husband Charles died one year later. Within 4 years, son Elias buried a son (1936), a mother (1939), and a father (1940).