

Keeney Update

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Roscoe C. Keeney, Jr.

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(Picture Missing) Brawley Methodist Church at Queen Shoals, along the Elk River, Kanawha County, was started by the offspring of Frances Keeney (oldest daughter of Moses & Frances Harris Keeney) and William S. Brawley (1784-1839), who were married in Greenbrier County June 4, 1811. They were parents of Adeline Frances Snyder, Jane D. Curry, Ann Elizabeth Snyder (wife of Sunday School Supt. Philip W. Snyder), Lucinda D. Snyder, Washington M. Brawley, Mary Brawley Snyder, Henry Thompson Brawley and Emeline Brawley Snyder, with whom Frances Keeney Brawley lived after 1839. Most of the early members of this family are buried high on the hill near the church, in the family cemetery.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO – DEATHS 1868-1938

Adaline M. Keeney, d. 3-7-1920 at age 65-8-21 (b. KY)
Alice Keeney (widow), d. 5-2-1931 at age 76-6-6 at Coal Grove
Alma Keeney (child), d. 6-1-1902, age 0-3-0
Amos H. Keeney, d. 7-23-1918 at age 72-19-7
Amy F. Keeney, d. 8-26-1905 at age 8-10-26
Anna Keeney (married), dl 9-3-1899 at Getaway; age 21-10-20; born at Rockwood
Benjamin M. Keeney (teacher), d. 3-2-1905, Union township; married; died of appendicitis
Blanche Keeney, d. 5-5-1916 at age 18-0-26/TB
Charles Hampton Keeney, b. 2-20-1935, age 9-5-13
Chauncey Benjamin Keeney, d. 12-29-1917, age 0-2-9
Clarence H. Keeney, d. 6-6-1938, age 60-9-24
Elmer C. Keeney, b. 2-19-1909, age 1 month
Eveline Frances Keeney, d. 4-3-1923 at age 78-5-14; nee: Earls; husband: Amos H. /bronchitis
Henry Keeney, d. 11-28-1900 at age 79-11-28 at Getaway/farmer
John Keeney, d. 5-8-1922, 9 days/bronchitis
John S. Keeney, b. 4-16-1886 at age 74-8-6; born Greenbrier Co. VA/WV/farmer
Joshua Keeney, d. 12-20-1896 at age 72, son of William H. C. Keeney
Laura Keeney, d. 3-7-1891, age 23-1-27/housekeeper
Lester Albert Keeney, d. 2-3-1926 at age 9-1-20
L. M. Keeney, d. 4-4-1911 (born in WV), age 73-6-8
Lona Keeney, d. 10-4-1895 at Essex; age 2 days
Margaret Keeney, d. 7-19-1936 at Ironton; age 54-11-26; married
Martha Keeney, d. 6-9-1937 at age 78-3-17 at Wilgus, OH; married, housewife
Mary Keeney, d. 1-16-1885 at Ironton; born in Ireland; age 59-0-0
Maurice M. Keeney, d. 5-13-1912, age 11-0-13

Landon Taylor Keeney

(picture missing)

b. 7-4-1845 in Lawrence Co., OH;
enlisted 7-14-1863 in Co. D, 45 KY
Mounted infantry; discharged 12-24-
1864 at Catlettsburg, KY; wife Martha
died in 1904; Landon died 11-23-1924
in hospital, Iowa State Soldiers Home;
children: Lillie Barrick & Martha J.
Smith; parents: William H. & Jane C.
Simmons Keeney

Mike Bieter Keeney, d. 11-7-1903 at age 62-6-6
 Milanda Keeney, b. 4-21-1918 at age 82-3-11; widow
 Minnie Keeney, d. 11-3-1871 at age 2-6-9; asthma
 Mollie E. Keeney, d. 9-30-1914 at age 48-2-26
 Rebecca Keeney, d. 3-23-1871 at age 40-7-15; daughter of
 William Willis & Elizabeth Davis
 Sarah E. Keeney, d. 12-19-1937 at age 87-3-28 at Chesapeake,
 OH; widow
 Sarah Elizabeth Keeney, d. 4-17-1937 at Waterloo; age 77-8-
 12/housewife
 Virgil Keeney, d. 12-3-1903 at age 0-7-10
 Whit Keeney, d. 12-21-1901 at age 60; unmarried
 William Keeney, d. 11-9-1896 at age 5-8-28
 William H. Keeney, d. 2-26-1901, age 62-9-23; farmer
 William H.C. Keeney, d. 10-20-1870 at age 81-5-10; born in
 Greenbrier County, WV/farmer
 William McKinley Keeney, d. 2-23-1924 at age 70-3-2
 Bennie Keeney (son), d. 2-13-1881 at age 13-9-13
 Rosie Keeney, d. 3-15-1892 at age 3-7-10

Eva Keeney Adkins

Born 7-21-1898 at Argallite, Greenup
 County, KY; age 87; lives in Louisville,
 KY; daughter of William Keeney
 (1840-1923) and Samantha Pruit
 Keeney (1861-1929), last surviving
 child; granddaughter of John C. &
 Sarah Forney (Fourney) Keeney;
 probable great-granddaughter of
 Moses and Frances Harris Keeney;
 married Warner Adkins (b. 1895 in
 Eliot Co., KY) on 9-13-1919

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BIRTH RECORDS:

J.W. Keeney, b 11-23-1899 at North Washington, son of Frank & Eva Keeney
 Frank Keeney, b. 1-21-1900, p-John & Lizzie Keeney
 Ruth H. Keeney, b. 6-14-1904, p-George & Sarah Keeney
 Elizabeth Keeney, b. 5-12-1904 at Laboratory, PA, daughter of John C. & Elizabeth Keeney
 Clara Keeney, b. 5-27-1906, p-George & Sarah Keeney

DEATH RECORDS:

Harold Keeney, b. 8-27-1902, p-Frank & Eliza Jane Keeney
 Ethel May Keeney, d. 8-11-1902, p-Frank & Eliza Jane Keeney

FULL SPEED AHEAD

Interest in and support of KEENEY UPDATE has broadened since the March issue and we have become more and more a national forum. Many Keeney genealogists have been discovered and are doing outstanding work. One of them can take over this publication as soon as he/she is ready.

A total of \$113, more than enough to pay for this issue, has come in since March. New donations have been received from James D. Keeney, Sanford, FL; Ruth Campbell, Belle, WV; Helen G. Cline, Nitro, WV; Edgar Keeney, East Bank, WV; Wilson Keeney & Carmella Jacobsen, Dewitt, Iowa; Jeanne Roller, Clinton, Iowa; Eugene P. Amos, Shawnee, KS; Donna Bell, Colfax, CA; and Mabel Barton and Velma Keeney Hardman of Salem, OR. Several others have sent second and third donations.

Lots of material has come in on the Michael Keeney/Catherine Lewis offspring. Late in the summer this will be organized into a single document of many pages.

Ancestor charts and pictures (of Keeneys born before 1900) are most welcome.

READERS RESPOND

MARRIAGE

NANCY SUSAN KEENEY (8.40, p.23) married Forrest Strout Smith III in Ocala, FL on July 14,1984

MARGARET T. KEENEY

Patrick H. Cameron m. Margaret T. Keeney on 4-10-1856, minister: Washington Leverett (Madison County, IL marriages 1851-1865, page 12)

CALDWELL CO., KY KEENEYS

James David Keeney (Sanford, FL) reports the death of his mother, Mary Lou Boynton Keeney, in January 1985. His father was Henry Marcus Keeney (b. 1-1894).

Parents of Henry Marcus Keeney were James ?? vis Keeney (b. 1864) and Mary L. (Molly) Cash (b. 1857). They were married at Princeton, Caldwell County. Their other children were Herman J. (b. 1890), Bert Lourad (b. 1892), Ollie (b. 18899) and Katie Mae (b. 1896)

LONNIE KEENEY FAMILY

Ruth Keeney Campbell reports these changes on pages 59 & 61 of Keeney genealogy:

LONNIE GATEWOOD KEENEY, b. 11-16-1898 d. 11-1-1983, m. Elizabeth A. Nelson (b. 12-20-1898, d. 12- 12-1982), m. 11-27-1915, married 67 years

MARY KEENEY (7,282) – 2 sons

WILLIAM LANE III

STEPHEN LON LANE, m. Betty Elton

Children: Kristi, Jennifer, David

KEENEY/STAATS

The editor would like to establish a contact with relatives of Emma W. Keeney, daughter of Jackson Keeney (1818-1888) also listed as David Jackson, son of John D. Keeney and Rachel Burdette. Many of the relatives in this family are buried at Ravenswood, WV, along the Ohio River.

Emma Keeney married Coleman Alkire Staats, well-known merchant at Spencer and Ravenswood, son of Joshua and grandson of Elijah Staats. He was born in 1851 and died 9-22-1897. Dates on her tombstone are 1854-1933.

Emma Keeney Staats moved to Huntington, WV after the death of her husband. Their children were: Ora (never married); Mary Alice, died at age 6; Daisy L., married Frederick Holswade; Ada M., m. Issac J. Osburn; Emma Katherine, m Raymond Cummings; and Coleman Alkire, Jr., m. Nancy Campbell, daughter of one of Huntington's mayors.

ANCESTOR CHART

(This information should be of help to those who are tracing their ancestry back to the first Keeney ancestors in America)

- Jean Louise Keeney, b. 7-3-1948 at Geneseo, IL, m. Larry Richard Roller (b. 8-27-49) on 12-27-69
- 2- Marvin Clifford Keeney, b. 6-28-1910, Kankakee Co., IL, m. Irma Adeline Hopkey (b. 3-5-1923, d. 8-12-1964, married 10-11-1947)
- 4- Harry Henry Keeney, b. 7-17-1877 at Kankakee, IL, d. 6-14-1952 at Kankakee; m. Mathilda Ann Maass (b. 3-18-1885, d. 1-12-1958), m 2-26-1902
- 8- Floyd C. Keeney, b. 7-18-1851 at Fabius (Onondaga), NY, d. 7-17-1905 at Los Angeles, CA; m. Emma Fisk in 1871
- 16- Hiram Keeney, b. 9-11-1822 at Keeney Settlement, NY, d. 1-12-1892 at Grant Park, IL; m. Miranda Weston (b. 8-27-1831, d. 1-24-1909 at Camden, IN)
- 32- John Keeney, b. 10-16-1797 at Fabius, NY, died 7-1-1878 at Fabius; m. Ann(e) Conabel (b. 10-2-1801, d. 8-31-1862); m. 88-26-1819
- 64- Simon Keeney, b. 1-15-1766 at East Hartford, CT, d. 9-17-1831 at Fabius, NY; m. Polly Bates (b. 6-27-1764/5, d. 6-4-1843 at Cuyler, NY), m. 1-23-1787
- 128- Simon Keeney b. 6-18-1737 at East Hartford, CT. d. 5-27-1809 at Keeney Settlement, Onondaga,

- NY, wife: Margaret (?), married 1758(?)
- 256- Richard Keeney, b. 1702, d. 6-3-1787 at Manchester, CT; m. Rebeckah (?) in 1710 (?)
- 512- Richard Keeney, b. 1674 at Wethersfield, CT, died by 6-1761 at East Hartford, CT; m Mary Miles (b. 1680 in CT (?))
- 1024- Alexander Keeney, b. 1625-34 at Kings Lynn, England, d. 10-1680 at Wethersfield, CT; m 1660/61 to Alice Colfax (d. 2-23-1683)
- 2048- John Keny (1600-1662), m. Sarah Cheever (b. 1603?)
- ALEXANDER KEENEY, immigrant ancestor, came from England as early as 1666-67 and settled in Wethersfield, CT. He died at Wethersfield in 1680 and inventory of his estate is dated October 15th of that year. His widow Alice died in 1683. Her maiden name was Colfax. Their children: Alexander, born 1662; Thomas, 1664; Sarah (twin), 1664; Joseph 1666; Lydia 1669; Ebenezer 1672; Richard 1674 (Authority: International Heraldic Institute, Ltd.; Burke, General Armory, 1884; Cutter Connecticut Genealogies, p.1626)

Summer Schedule

1985

West Virginia

KEENEY REUNION

On

Sunday, August 4

Information: Hannah & Mildred
Keeney, 2000 Orchard Ave.,
Belle, WV 25015, Telephone:
304-595-4579

Note: Bethlehem Baptist Church,
at Witcher, founded by members
of the Keeney family, will also be

VOLUNTEERS- WAR OF 1812

Benjamin Keeney – 8th Regiment, Virginia Militia
David Keeney – 60th Regiment, Virginia Militia
Champion Keeney – 98th Regiment, Clark's NY Militia
Daniel Keeney – 3rd Regiment, Moore's Connecticut Militia
David Keeney – 5th Regiment, Fenton's Pennsylvania Militia
David Keeney – 79th Regiment (Feb/Mar 1815) VA Militia
Giles Keeney – 1st & 3rd Rgt., Brainerd's CT Militia
James Keeney – Moore's 3rd Connecticut Militia
Jeremiah Keeney – Lt. Colfax Detachment, CT Militia
John Keeney – Farrington's Regiment, NY Militia
John Keeney – Rangers, U.S. Volunteers
John Keeney – Sea Fencibles, U.S. Volunteers
John Keeney, Jr. – 1st Regiment, Brainerd's CT Militia
Cpl. John Keeney – 5th Regiment, East Tennessee Militia
Cpl. Joseph Keeney – 5th Regiment, East Tennessee Militia
Josiah Keeney - 3rd Regiment, Moore's CT Militia
Leonard Keeney – 1st Regiment, Brainerd's CT Militia
Michael Keeney – 2nd Regiment, Lilliard's East Tennessee Mil
Moses Keeney – Renick's Mounted Bn., Kentucky Volunteers
Moses Keeney – 79th Rgt. (Feb/Mar 1815) Virginia Military
Samuel Keeney – 3rd Rgt. Connecticut Militia/private waiter
Shubael Keeney – 1st Rgt. Brainerd's CT Militia
Simon Keeney – Mills' Artillery & Infantry Rgt. NY Volunteers
William Keeney, Jr. – Sanford's Regiment, CT Militia
William Keeney – Moore's 3rd Regiment, CT Militia

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

6.231 p.62

In Memory of **Naomi Martin**

Born Aug. 23 1905; Died Mar. 25 1985

Survived by sons, Charles Martin and Terry Tinsley; daughters, Gail Whitcomb and Betty Butler; 4 step-grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren and 2 step-great-granchildren.

Services from Fidler & Frame Funeral Home Chapel

Time: Thursday Mar 28, 1985 – 2:00 p.m.

Clergy: Rev. Jeff Meadows

Interment: Witcher Creek Cemetery

Son-in-law of William Ray Keeney (6.185, p.48; Husband of Peggy Keeney (b. 9-5-31)

E. Dean Coleman

E. Dean Coleman, 55, of Cedar Grove, formerly of Longacre, Fayette County, died Monday in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was a native of Kentucky. He was a miner for Allied Chemical, Semet-Solvay Division, with 31 years' service. He was a former employee of Cedar Grove Coal Co., Slaughter's Creek, with four years' service. He was a Protestant.

Surviving: wife, Peggy Keeney Coleman; son, Michael Dean of Cedar Grove; daughter, Mrs. Karen Bounds of Oak Hill; one granddaughter.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Cedar Grove Church of God with the Rev. Phillip Wolf and the Rev. Guy Wright officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park London.

Date: 4-22-1985

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Franklin D. King

Summerville, SC – Franklin D. King, 49 of Summerville, formerly of Shrewsbury, WV died Thursday in a Charleston, SC hospital.

He attended schools in Belle, WV. He was a former crane operator for General Electric. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Summerville and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Surviving: wife, Kay Keeney King; son, Franklin D. King II stationed at a South Carolina U.S. Air Force base; brothers, Jeff King of Nitro, WV, Charles R. King of Belle; sisters, Mrs. Mildred Zeidler of Guilford, CT; Mrs. Bea Spry of Crestwood, KY.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in James A. Dyal Funeral Home, Summerville. Burial will be in Carolina Memorial Gardens, Charleston, SC.

Date: 4-25-1985

7.285, page 61

Mrs. Donzella J. Slater

Mrs. Donzella J. Slater, 56, of 413 ½ Seventh St., Belle, died Tuesday in General Division CAMC, after a long illness. She attended Canaan Baptist Church.

Surviving: husband, Donald K.; daughters, Mrs. Janie Keeney Kilburn of Charleston, Mrs. Darwinna Keeney Lackey of Charleston, SC, Mrs. Brenda Keeney Scott of Chillicothe, OH; son, Bruce Keeney of Ripley; stepdaughter, Mrs. Anna Marie Slater Taylor of Clendenin; sisters, Mrs. Louise Eplin, Mrs. Mary Craft and Mrs. Genevieve Thomas, all of Charleston; five grandchildren.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Bartlett-Burdette-Cox Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Humphreys officiating. Burial will be in Bond Cemetery, Charleston.

Date: 5-7-1985

6.322, p.83, d. 5-7-1974

Cora Bell Keeney, 73, Riverdale Road S, died Tuesday in a local nursing home.

Mrs. Keeney was born in Stockton, MO. She moved to Salem from Colorado in 1923. She was an employee of Meier & Frank until retirement.

She is survived by widower William Sr.; sons William, Jr., Elko, NV, and Richard, Salem; brother Charles Toliver and sister Laura Lomenick in OK; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

Service will be 12:30 p.m. Friday at Howell-Edwards-Doerksen mortuary, Rev. H.B. London officiating. Interment will be 3 p.m. Friday at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Wilbur R. Keeney

Wilbur R. Keeney, 47, of South Point, died Sunday at his residence.

He was born Jan. 3, 1937, in Lawrence County, a son of Wilbur D. and Gladys I. Gibson Keeney of South Point. He was a member of the Harmony Baptist Church and was an employee of the Pinkerton Security Agency.

Daughters, Mrs. Pamela Barrett of Dallas, TX and Brenda Sue Metz of South Haven, MS; one son, Richard Allen Keeney of Orlando, FL; one stepdaughter, Kaye Robichaux of Dallas, TX; two sisters, Mrs. Glenna Tucker of Cleveland and Mrs. Pauline born of Columbus; one brother, Jimmy C. Keeney of Columbus; and seven grandchildren

(Great-great grandson of Michael & Catherine Lewis Keeney, son of Cren & Augusta Keeney, S. Point, OH)

Mrs. Edna Mae Keeney Allen, 74, of Ashland, wife of Thomas Allen, died Saturday in King's Daughters' Medical Center. Survivors also include one daughter, Joyce Compton of Ashland; and three sons, William R. Allen and Ronald L. Allen, both of Ashland and Thomas L. Allen of Columbus, OH. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Lazear Funeral Home; burial in Ashland Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. D. 3-10-1985

(Great-great granddaughter of Michael & Catherine; daughter of Albert & Ceola Paul Keeney)

7.153, p.38, d. 5-1-1985

Mrs. Laverne H. Weaver

Mrs. Laverne H. Weaver, 66, of 2008-B Dupont Ave., Belle, died Wednesday in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

She was a beautician and a member of Witcher Baptist Church. She was a native of Raleigh County and was a 40-year resident of Belle.

Surviving: husband, George H.; daughters, Mrs. Lynn Saltgaver of Mount Carmel, IL, Mrs. Judy Warrick of Carmi, IL; sisters, Mrs. Clara Young of Belle, Mrs. Ollie Ryder of Louisville, KY, Mrs. Lucy Taylor of Abingdon, VA; two grandchildren.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Fidler-Frame Funeral Home, Belle.

6.202, p. 52, d. 4-29-1985

Robert Lee Keeney

Robert Lee Keeney, 67, of Portsmouth, died Sunday at Sciote Memorial Hospital.

A native of Portsmouth, he was a retired Mercy Hospital employee, a member of Franklin Avenue Methodist Church, a veteran of World War II, a member of James Dickey Post 23 American Legion, and a life member, past adjutant and past treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Margaret Hyland Keeney; two sons, George David of Columbus, and Gregory Allen at home; a brother, George D. and a sister Mrs. Helen Rollins, both of Portsmouth, and a grandchild.

Funeral service is to be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Daehler Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Weeks officiating. Interment is to be in the South Webster Cemetery with military gravesite rites to be conducted.

(Picture Missing) Caption: The sons of Daniel W. (1884-1973) and Myrtle George Keeney (1891-1980) grew up in Anderson, IN and are pictured here with one of their cousins. Walter Russell (b. 1909), back center, lives in California. John Elbert (b.1911, back right, and William David (b.1916), bottom left, live in IN. Herman Agsten (b. 1921), lives in Washington state. Thomas Ebon, bottom right, (b. 1914), died in 1938 of leukemia.