



Keeney Update

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TRACING GREENBRIER KIN

Keeneys from Tennessee to Indiana, from Iowa to Idaho, from Missouri to Oregon and points between trace their ancestry back to the 1700's in Greenbrier County, then Virginia. Frontier histories clearly point out the early settlements in Greenbrier, including those of the Keeneys. Some historians list the first Keeney settler as John some as David. He may have been John David, a common name in later generations.

From historical documentation passed on by the Montgomery kin, we learned that John Keeney patented 40 acres in the Greenbrier region, then Augusta County, on 25 April 1751; another 375acre land grant followed. His birth date is given us 12 March 1714 in New England.

An old historical map of migration routes over the mountains from Virginia shows Keeney Fort at Muddy Creek as the first settlement. However, early settlements on Muddy Creek wiped out by the Indian uprising of 1763. About 1769 daring settlers returned but it was not until the battle of point Pleasant in 1774 people could feel safe. The army of General Lewis attacked out the wagon road down the Kanawha by 1782, attracting new settlements. Some Keeney families followed.

Some of the older sons of John Keeney fled or were lured by land-grants into North Carolina (which became Eastern Tennessee). Only a few stayed after cheap Western land became available. During the American Revolution, son Jonathan served as a soldier and a young Michael, Thomas and David furnished supplies.

The following is a reasonable start:

- I. JONATHAN KEENEY (c. 1750 – c. 1845) land grants in Tennessee were made by North Carolina until 1800. As a revolutionary war class and received grant # 2265 – 67 acres in 1788 on the North side of the French Broad River, Greene County, TN. This area became Jefferson County in 1792 and Cocke County in 1797. John (athan) Keeney was a

Records at old Greenbrier Baptist Church, at Alderson, now 210 years old, showed John (David) as a member 24 Sep 1820 and his wife was one of the first one baptized by pioneer Minister John Alderson. In 1791, after many years of hard work, John and Catherine deeded their 353acre home in the Muddy Creek settlements the two youngest sons, David and Moses “for parental affection”, admonishing their sons “to maintain them”. Witnesses to the deeper John Matthews, John Viney and Simon Shoemaker, a neighbor.

It cannot be said that everything was always peaceful on Muddy Creek. Court records after 1780 frequently mention Keeney family members, often in cases filed but more often to serve on juries. On August 20, 1782 in John Jones vs. Thomas Keeney, he was ordered “to find a security for good behavior, to be bound for 100 pounds with the condition that he keep the peace for one year and a day.” Interesting was a 20 November 1784 case of John Alderson vs. Thomas Keeney, which was dismissed by agreement. On 3 September 1790 William Brown was ordered to pay John Keeney and Jane McClintick 50 lbs. of tobacco each for serving two days as witnesses in a trial.

Of special note on the court record 20 June 1791 notation: JOHN KEENEY is discharged from paying county and parish levies on account of old age and infirmities.

One family Bible states that John and Catherine Keeney had 12 children. Many of their descendants would give a bundle for a complete listing.

member of the original group to pick Cocke County seat. 1783 Greene County assessor's report showed John with 14 horses, 9 cattle, and 149 pounds. John and Anne (Poets) joined Big Pigeon Baptist Church in 1794 and were dismissed by letter in 1799. Jonathan was licensed to preach there. This Jonathan went to Indiana, died in Iowa, and some family members went to Oregon.

- II. JACOBS KEENEY – member of Captain Lane’s company; granted 90 acres in Granger County, TN in 1806
- III. JAMES KEENEY – Grant of 100 acres, Jefferson County, TN in 1800; on select committee on business, Richmond & Big Springs Baptist association meeting August 1803; Jefferson County tax list 1826; Children: Alfred, m. Matilda Sladen 1837; Efram, m. Polly Moore 1832; Nancy, m. John Moore; Matilda, m. Alex P. Patterson; Sara, m. Henry Chambers 1826
- IV. JOHN KEENEY, b. c. 1759, m. Mary Sampson 29 Oct 1781 in Greenbrier County; died childless
- V. MICHAEL KEENEY, b. 1761, d. 1790 of pneumonia at age 29; m. Catherine Lewis, a niece of General Lewis, on 1-11-1781 before the Reverend John Alderson. Father of John L. & William H.C. Keeney, of Lawrence County, OH, Indiana, Iowa and elsewhere; Mary Keeney McRoberts, Fleming County, KY and points west; and Nancy Keeney Montgomery, wife of Captain Henry Montgomery and mother of large, prominent West Virginia family. Upon Michael’s early death, Catherine married William Hilliard on 26 February 1793 in Greenbrier County.
- VI. JOSEPH KEENEY, b.c. 1763; search three years a soldier on Virginia line, for which a military warrant was issued 12 December 1883; had land claims in Washington & Hawkins Cos., TN in 1778-79 and listed in Greene County records 1783; received in Big Pigeon Baptist Church in 1794 by Christian experience, dismissed 1799; first recorded in Anderson County, TN 1802, where family members still reside; served as County Road overseer 1803-1808; father of Joseph Keeney Jr. (1790-1843), William S. (1795-1841), James Michael (1796-1849)
- VII. THOMAS KEENEY, b.c. 1760s, m. 1778 to Mary Reaves in Bedford County, VA; Captain 8th Regt., Cocke County, TN 2 Oct 1809; Jefferson County, TN records show deed for 67 acres for \$1000 to Thomas Keeney from John Keeney; Thomas Keeney sold 119 acres in 1814-16 to Francis Carter (Jefferson County); lived in Indiana, then in Osage, Jackson County, MO; father of: Michael Keeney (2 February 1789, 26 July 1849), Nancy (m. James Massey) Keeney, and Mary (1818-1875) Kelly; second wife: Lavinia.
- VIII. DAVID KEENEY, b. 1765, m. 24 April 1788 to Peninah Bailes by Reverend John Alderson; deed of release to Thomas Frazer 22 June 1819 from David & Peninah Hicklen Keeney, Greenbrier County, WV record; family Bible in possession of Thomas Hicklen Keeney family, Vermillion County, IL list parents as John and Catherine and names 12 children, including: John D. Keeney (1789-1855), m. Rachel Burdett in Monroe County WV 30 November 1812, settled Jackson County, WV; Joseph Keeney (b. 1790), m. Mary McClung on 30 December 1828; David A. Keeney (b. 6-2-1790, d. 6-30-1862) buried on the Blaker’s Run, in Greenbrier, m. Jane Hunter, of Monroe County (3-24-1804, 3-4-1878), 11 children; Moses Asbury Keeney (b. 1800, d. 8-19-1840), m. Phebe Ann Skeene 12-1-1825; Thomas Hicklen Keeney (b. 12 March 1803 in Greenbrier, d. 7 March 1880 at Danville, Vermillion County, IL, m. Elizabeth Caraway, 8 children; Mary Keeney (b. 1795, d. 2-6-1879), m. John Patterson 8-19-1824; Elizabeth Keeney m. David Boggs 31 May 1821; also Michael, Lucretia, Ruth Keeney
- IX. NELLY KEENEY, b.c. 1760, m. Daniel McMullen 14 February 1780
- X. MOSES KEENEY, b. 1756 in Briar County, d. In 1840’s in Kanawha County, WV; inherited family farm along with brother David; m. Frances Harris 11 August 1789, began purchasing land on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County soon after 1810; operate sawmill and river barge business on Kanawha & Ohio Rivers, along with sons; children: Frances Keeney (1790-1879), m. William S. Brawley, eight children; John C. Keeney (b. 1793, lived in Scioto County, OH in 1870), m. Sarah Elizabeth Farney (1805-1880s), nine children in OH and KY; David A. Keeney (1794-1860s), m. Catherine Jarrett, six children in Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln Cos., WV; Moses Walls Keeney (1797-1890), m. Mary D. Huff, remained on Cabin Creek, eight children; Michael R. Keeney, m. Elizabeth Gatewood (1805-1882, father Ransom Gatewood early WV settler from Amherst County, VA, 14 children, mostly around Belle, WV; William E. Keeney (1808-1870), buried at Eskdale, Cabin Creek, m.

Sara R. (Sally) Huff (1815-1908), nine children; Foster H. Keeney (1811-1870s), m. Elizabeth (Eliza) Jane Huff (1816-1864), Kanawha & Boone Cos., WV, eight children; Stires Jade Keeney (1813-1860s), m. Milly

Gatewood (1813-1860), m. Cynthia Hudnall White in late years; raised family of 11 children along Kanawha R.; Elizabeth Keeney (b. 1815), m. Thomas McDowell, settled in Illinois.

Besides the establishment of Keeney's Fort on Muddy Creek, Keeney's mountain and nearby Summers County got the family name and nearby rapid River, now famous for white river rafting, was named Keeney Rapids for three of the Keeney brothers. Keeney's Creek, which runs along several nearby Fayette County, WV communities, also still have family name.

Some speculate that early Kentucky settlements by Keeney's, coming at the same as the Tennessee settlements, may have been by family members. DANIEL KEENEY received 200 acres in Logan County, south of the Green River 7 August 1796; Moses Keeney received his first 100 acre grant 15 April 1799 in Lincoln (now Pulaski) County.

I'm thinking of you today because it is Christmas and I wish you happiness.

And tomorrow because it will be the day after Christmas.

I shall still wish you happiness... My thoughts and my wishes will be with you always.

Whatever joy comes to you will make me glad. All through the year... I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

Henry Van Dyke

GROUP AREA CODE 304 OFFERS THE VALLEY A DIFFERENT SOUND

by Mary Coupe
METRO STAFF

For members of one local band, life has been an odyssey of hotel lounges, church choirs and high school band rooms.

To the band Area Code 304 these musicians bring the experiences of traveling to shows in an old bus heated by a centrally located coal stove to doing studio work in the burgeoning music city of Toronto.

Members and the band's auxiliary members come to the group by way of other states and other bands. Most of them have found their way home to West Virginia after trying their luck on the road or in the studio.

The mainstay of the band, Jim Metheny, hails from Witcher Creek and has been a musician for more than 25 years. He handles keyboards and vocals for the band and wrote all the songs on Area Code 304's new cassette "Just Clowning Around."



The band repels rap and "keeps it clean," Metheny said. The cassette contains a mix of ballads, country crossovers and some blues tunes. None of the lyrics would be condemned by Tipper Gore and crew, and that's what Metheny's aiming for.

One of the band songs is "Old Glory" which was written to protest flag burning and was featured at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in 1990.

But the bands not all serious, either. One song on the latest release, promised in the press packet to be "the biggest hit" on the album, is "The Dog Song." The cut, which outlines the struggles of David, Mohammed Ali and a little Pekingese, encourages the underdog not to give up the fight.

"Well, the idea just came to me," said Metheny of his inspiration for the song. "It's just about not giving up until you get done with what you're trying to do."

What Area Code 304 is trying to do now is get its music to West Virginians. Metheny says the band's not interested in other areas, and the way the new cassette is being marketed is proof positive of that.

The release has been offered to state radio stations for airplay, but also to be sold to organizations as a fund-raising device. The tapes currently are available at VFW Post 529 in Witcher and Dunbar Parks and Recreation.

The tape would be suitable for selling at schools and churches, Metheny said, because the songs do not promote drugs, violence, sex, alcohol or un-American themes.

"We'll probably outsell a lot of people, with sales in the state," Metheny said. "And this money

will help the community.” He hopes to sell about 7500 copies of the cassette.

In the notes to radio stations about the recording, Metheny reiterates his state ties. “We do not want to be nationally promoted,” the notes outline. “We do not want to be famous. We don’t want to travel. We have already paid those dues. We are home!”

Area Code 304 keeps busy but many times it’s the core group of White, Anderson, Metheny and guitarist Danny Bailey of Jim Metheny, son of Helen Pauline (Bennie) Keeney & Tom Metheny, is a great-grandson of John S. Keeney in the Moses Keeney Kanawha County, WV line. Orders for tapes will be forwarded by KEENEY UPDATE (\$7 each)

Beckley are called upon. The bigger contingent is too big or expensive for some bar owners.

Butti, singer Zora Lavigne and steel guitarist Randy Mallory, both of Saint Albans, and saxophonist Ernie Dunlap of Hurricane are auxiliary band members. Most perform regularly with other bands or have their own bands.

Many clubs aren’t hiring bands these days, the members say, because they’ve been lured by cheaper forms of entertainment.

The bands pet peeve: laser karaoke.

“Laser karaoke, DJ and music machines have really hurt live bands in the area,” Mallory said. “I have a big problem with it. I think people will pay a cover charge to hear live band. I think people have trouble with paying a cover for a disc jockey.”

But Metheny emphasizes that his group is successful. “Will never be out of work,” he says confidently.

City View

Thursday, December 5, 1991

Thursdays of John S. Keeney in the Moses Keeney Kanawha County, WV line. Orders for tapes will be forwarded by KEENEY UPDATE (\$7 each)

URIAS KEENEY FAMILY UPDATE

by Richard V. Lee, grandson

9. URIAS ZARA KEENEY, b. 5-4-1874 d. 5-1928, m. Martha Pattie McDowell (1878-1960) 9-4-1895
10. WILLIAM EARL KEENEY, b. 11 September 1896, d. 5-5-1980 in KY; Rose Hill Burial Park m. (1) Mildred L. Miller (1898-1976) on 3-8-1916 (2) Esther Louise Gehringer (b. 8-14-1905) 11-11-1941
11. WILLIAM BURRELL KEENEY, JR., b. 5-17-1917, d. 2-21-1930; Sp. Hill Cemetery, Charleston
11. GLORIA JEAN KEENEY, b. 5-10-1944; lives Ashland, KY m. Darrell G. Perkins 4-20-62
12. Debra Jean Perkins, b. Five-to-63, m. George L. Qualls (b. 1964) on 6-4-1982
13. JOSHUA WAYNE, b. 5-31-84
13. AMANDA DARLENE, b. 5-4-87
12. PATRICIA SUSAN PERKINS, b. 12-10-1966
12. BEVERLY GAIL PERKINS, b. 12-18-1967
12. DARRELL JEAN PERKINS, JR. B. 11-3-1974
10. THELMA FRANCES KEENEY, born 7-12-1899, died 12-1990 m.

- Ralph S. White 1-13-1925 m. Earl Kiger 11-21-1953
11. LOIS KATHYRN WHITE, b. 2-22-1926; m. Browne B. Bolton 12-28-1947
12. SHARON K. BOLTON, b. 12-8-1949 m. Gregory A. Allgeier 6-27-70
13. CHRISTOPHER ALLGEIER
13. JEREMY ALLGEIER
13. SHANE ALLGEIER
12. BRUCE B. BOLTON, b. 1-11-54
10. PATTIE CATHERINE KEENEY, b. 1-19-1902; lives in Michigan m. Ivan Richard Lee (b. 10 March 1899, d. 21 February 1975) m. Reo G. Langdon (b. 8 January 1898, d. 18 December 1990)
11. RICHARD VINCENT LEE, b. 7 March 1924; lives in NC m. Connie Jean Smith 1-29-49
12. RICHARD V. LEE, JR. 1-4-51 m. Kimberly Ruth Crook 8-6-83
13. CHELSEA ELIZABETH 1-9-86
13. MEREDITH ANN 5-1-87
13. RICHARD V. III 4-16-91
12. DAVID EVEREST LEE 3-28-52 m. Pamela Gail Wiggin 1-26-80
13. DAVID B., JR. 11-18-80
13. MICHAEL JASON 6-10-84

13. JENNIFER GAIL 12-2-89
12. THOMAS EDMUND LEE 9-4-53 m. Neva Wood on 8-16-1980
13. CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN 4-4-84
13. ERICKSON THOMAS 5-11-90
12. MARIAN CARROLL LEE 9-24-57 m. Daniel J. Wilson 4-14-1985
13. JEFFREY BARNETT 11-4-86
11. IVAN CAMERON LEE, b. 23 March 1932, d. 10 August 1990 m. Dianna Grimes
12. SUZANNE LEE BOYES
13. FAWNDA MATHISON
14. CHRISTOPHER MATHISON
13. ZAK MATHISON
12. RANDOLPH BROOKS LEE m. Ruth M. LaForce (d. 1-1990)
13. JEREMY LEE 11-17-76
13. JOSHUA LEE 7-3-82
12. GREGORY STEPHEN LEE m. Rhonda Lynn Lee
13. JILLIAN FAITH b. 1981
13. GREGORY S., JR., b. 1983
13. TIFFANI ALEXANDRIA, b. 10-1-87
12. SHARON LORAIN LEE m. John Evans
13. JESSICA FAITH 6-24-86

PENNSYLVANIA

Members of the Keeny family have remained very active in the life of the German Baptist Brethren Denomination. A son of the immigrant Heinrich Keeny was named John S Keeny (July 7, 1768-June 21, 1848). George N. Falkenstein described him as a man of "medium height and weight, a man of considerable full ability but of reserved and retiring disposition". In the period from 1800 until his death in 1848, he ministered as the German-language exhorter of the Little Conewago Church.

John S Keeny bought a tract of 256 acres 1792 in partnership with Jacob Petry. These brethren paid six hundred pounds for this land which lay along the road between Sinshein and Jefferson, PA. In 1794, John S Keeny became the sole owner of one hundred and eighty-four acres of land in the eastern portion of this tract. The land now borders the community of Jefferson (Codorus), and is nearly within sight of the Chestnut Grove Church.

John S Keeny was married to Magdalena Petry (October 10, 1770-July 19, 1828), the daughter of Stephen Petry.

Their children were:

Henry (November 2, 1793-March 1, 1862) who married Anna Yount, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Eby Yount

John P (April 23, 1796-July 24, 1867) who married Elizabeth Wehrley (May 13, 1800-April 9, 1877), daughter of John George and Eve Hoover Wehrley. John F Keeny was elected to the ministry by the Little Conewago congregation on March 28, 1840.

Jacob (November 25, 1798-July 26, 1868) was married to Salome Falkenstein (April 6, 1799-September 24, 1859). They resided near Glen Rock, PA.

Mary (July 22, 1801-March, 1810) who is buried at the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery Samuel (December 5, 1803-November 29, 1884) was married three times: 1) to Catherine Hoff, 2) to

Magdalena Grove (March 28, 1804-May 17, 1830) and 3) to Elizabeth Stouffer

Michael (May 24, 1807-April 25, 1850) married Barbara Bollinger (May 29, 1794-June 27, 1860). Both are buried at the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery.

David (July 5, 1813-November 4, 1879)

Jonathan (–) who is buried at the Chestnut Grove Church Cemetery after the death of Magdalena, John S Keeny was married to Elizabeth _____, who is buried in an unmarked grave at the Chestnut Grove burial grounds. There was one son to this union. He was named Aaron (August 20, 1831-) and continue to reside in the Jefferson area, working his trade as a saddler.

PATRONS

Michael Keeny, Claremont, CA \$50; James L Keeny, Venice, FL \$30; Juliana Cole, Bradenton, FL \$10; Bus Keeny, Belle, WV \$10; Karla Yates, Whitefish, MT \$20; George Keeny, Abilene, TX \$20.

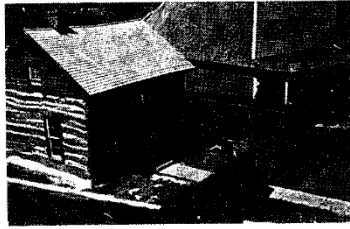
NEEDLEPOINT PATTERN

Jim Keeny, recently retired college Dean from Georgia, now living in Florida, has supplied patterns for needlepoint or cross stitch for the KEENEY family crest, recently pictured in UPDATE.

Those who want a pattern should write to the editor or call 304-346-2036.

The pattern was made by Ann Graves Keeny, of Aspen, CO, Jim's daughter. His son and daughter-in-law Reverend Randall & Dana Keeny, are the parents of the first grandchild, PATRICK SIMON, b. 14 July 91 in Georgia.

NEBRASKA



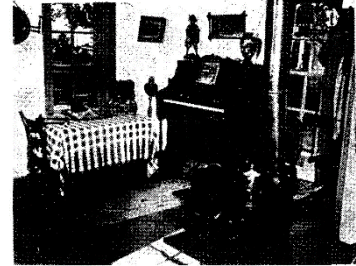
ELM CREEK STOCKADE
1869

Old Elm Creek Stockade.

Mr. Keeney told of how they burned clay in a trench with firewood to make the lime that caulked the cracks in this cabin-some of which remains yet today. He also told of how, when Indians were seen in the distance, the women folks would ring the bell in the yard as a warning to come from the fields and take shelter in the stockade. Often the Indians lurked in the distance for days, he said, riding from one ridge to another.

This was the first log cabin built in Webster County, Nebraska. Six families lived in this combined home in Indian stockade for the first two years after they settled at the headwaters of Elm Creek, near the present site of Cowles. They built it in 1869. Ever in danger of Indian attacks they farmed the adjoining countryside and lived inside the stockade with their families and livestock.

Henry Keeney, born in this stockade May 13, 1872, and Edna Edson, born here May 10, 1872, were the first white children born in Webster County, Nebraska. They could tell of many strange and exciting adventures of the



Old Elm Creek Stockade is Completely Furnished.

DESCRIPTION ON ITEMS AT THE HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE



Warp wanted this- the last remaining stockade on the plains-for his Pioneer Village. The old stockade was finally purchased from Keeney less than three months before he died. Warp subsequently moved it to the Pioneer Village and restored it in 1952. He had Mister Thomas of Hastings make a crude sketch of the model of the old stockade in its natural environment just as he remembered it as a child. Warp had artist Tilburne to follow this, including such details as a mule and an ox hitched to a breaking plow- the women folks ringing the bell-while the menfolk scurry for the Fort-which was not an uncommon site on these plains in the early days.

Tilburne proceeded to paint this old stockade in its original setting. He succeeded in capturing the true action that took place when marauding Indians were spotted on the horizon determined to drive the white

man away from their buffalo hunting grounds.



Keeney M. Thomas

Edward G. Edson, the fifth member of the stockade family, died in the 80s, leaving a wife and three daughters.



Howard R. Driggs (L.) and Gustav ...
Facing Webster County's Original Mail Box.

The above picture of the remaining four was taken about 1910. These five men took an active part in organizing the county of Webster, Nebraska, and conducted the first County elections. All serve the County and the State as exemplary citizens leaving families that carried on now into the third generation.

Keeney and Edson were brothers-in-law and each had two children born in the stockade, the first children born in



the county.

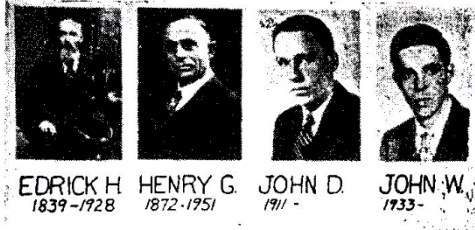
This is the original mailbox, in its original location, used by the first five settlers



Elm Creek Stockade Purchased 10-15-90
11-11-90; 11-30-90; 12-10-90; 12-15-90; 12-24-90
2-4-91; 2-25-91; 7-27-91; 12-4-91

in Webster County. After organizing Webster County, Nebraska, these men were the first five voters in Webster County. Their names: John Waller, L. D. Thomas, Ed Keeney, M. L. Thomas, and Edward G. Edson.

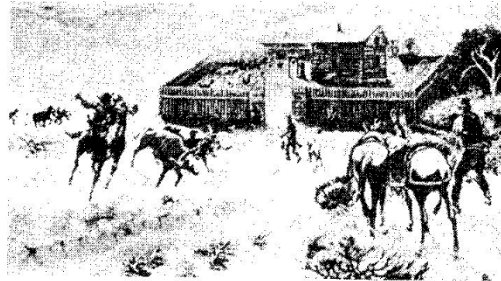
When the Elm Creek cabin was purchased from Henry Keeney by Harold Warp in 1951, Mr. Keeney told Mr. Warp he had put the old mailbox away for safekeeping many years ago. They went down in the cellar of his (new) house and up on the ledge was this mailbox. Mr. Keeney said, "it belongs beside the south door." There it is today.



HENRY G. KEENEY, b. 13 May 1872 at the stockade, d. 1951; son of Edrich H. Keeney (1839-1928), whose parents came from NY, and Alice, born in Illinois; sisters were Alice, Alma (b. 1870), Bertha (b. 1879); brother: Albert (b. 1875)
INF.: Illinois, Nebraska census

There wasn't any architect, no banker made a loan.
To solve their banking problems, they were strictly on their own.

They didn't sign a mortgage and they didn't buy a lot;
Just stopped the covered wagon at a likely looking spot.
No lumber yards were running, they cut timber in the hills
And hewed it into beams and joists and doors and window
They had to handsaw every plank and quarry every stone,
But finally they got it done-a home to call their own.
No mansion, but a sturdy house, their own strong hands had
It stood on fertile prairies, that had never been surveyed.
No warranty, no abstract fee, no red tape, legal fuss,
They just came out and built the West and left the rest to us.
-By Gene Lindberg



The above painting by Tilburne of the old Elm Creek Stockade that now reposes at the Pioneer Village reminds us of the following poem.

sills.
made.

HOLT COUNTY, MO. DEED BOOK A 1841-1846

page 15 24 December 1841 filed 5 January 1842

Jonathan Keeney, Lease;

Between Jonathan Keeney County of Holt and State of Missouri of the one part Lazarus Phillips and Jeremiah Phillips of the same county and state... hath demised granted and leased... The farm and the improvements thereon which said J. Keeney now resides together with the distillery and all appertinences attached thereto: two wagon and three yoke of oxen, two plows and three hoes and fifty head of hogs... J. Keeney agrees to aid and assist as a hand on the farm and to have the washing done for the said L. and J. Phillips... L. and J. Phillips are also bound to furnish for the maintenance of the said J. Keeney and his family, whatever is necessary for their support out of proceeds arising from farm and stock... L. And J. Phillips agree... To make a good and substantial fence commencing at the N. E. Corner of the said Keeney cornfield and running east with the bluff... To put up to tobacco houses 18 x 20' square... To make other necessary fencing... On 1st day of March 1843... L. And J. Phillips shall pay unto the said J. Keeney the... Sum of \$3000 then all the above described property together with the profits and increase that shall have arisen there from is to become and be the property of them.
In the presence of us

COCKE COUNTY

Cocke County was created by an act of the Gen. Assembly, passed in October, 1797. It was cut off from Jefferson County and was named in honor of Gen. William Cocke, one of the most distinguished of the pioneers of Tennessee. The commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice and superintend the erection of County buildings were Henry Ragan, William Job, John Coffee, Peter Fine, John Keeney, Reps Jones and John McGlocklen. They chose the site about 1 ½ miles below the present County seat, at what was known as Fine's Ferry. 50 acres of land were donated by John Gilliland, and the town was soon after laid out. A log courthouse and rock jail were then erected; the latter building was about twenty feet square, substantially built. The courthouse was used until 1828, when a new brick building was erected. The jail did service about 10 years longer. The building was then erected with double walls of hewed logs, the intervening space being filled with small rock. It was two stories high, with the debtor's

room above and a dungeon below; the latter was entered through a trap door in the floor of the room above. This building was torn down during the war, and when the new one was to be built it was erected at the new County seat.

CAMPBELL COUNTY

native of Virginia, and who was born on July 4, 1762, a son of Matthew Lindsay, of Scotland. April 12, 1824, William removed to Campbell County, and engaged in farming and building iron forges, of which he erected 14 during his life. He was a major of militia in the early days, and died in 1848, a highly respected man. The mother, Mary, a daughter of

TENNESSEE

Cornelius and Nancy (Hall) Storm, was born in 1772, in Virginia. Her parents came to Carter County at an early day, and afterward moved to Kentucky. They both lived to be over 95 years of age. The mother died in 1863, a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject was educated, chiefly, in the Jacksboro schools, and for several years after leaving school he worked at his father's trade, and rebuilt Lindsay Forge. He also built a Forge for Laban Sharp, at Big Creek Gap. After his marriage he began his present career as a farmer, in which he has so well succeeded. In 1851 he became a justice, and, in a new district formed, was reelected. Since 1852 he has been a trustee of Jacksboro Academy, and in 1870 he became clerk and master of Chancery, and held the office twelve years. In 1884 he was elected justice, without an effort on his part, and his official, as well as his private life, has been marked by the highest characteristics. October 3, 1850, he married Catherine Keeney, born in Anderson County, April 12, 1827, the daughter of Michael Keeney. Eight of their twelve children are living. Both our subject and his wife are members of the missionary Baptist

Church. He has served on the building committee of the Academy, jail and courthouse, of which latter he was superintendent. He owns a farm of 500 acres. In 1863 he was ordained, and now is, pastor of the Jacksboro Baptist Church, and has also filled the office of deacon for many years.

Michael Montgomery Watts, great-great-grandson of Michael Montgomery, he got his name from grandfather Michael Keeney, is a registered professional engineer with Tennessee Eastman, and proudly carries the Michael name. This Michael just completed a term as president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention and has been a close friend of the editor of KEENEY UPDATE for many years-long before we were aware of family ties.



MICHAEL MONTGOMERY



ELIZABETH JOHNSON MONTGOMERY

MONTGOMERY SON

Major Henry Montgomery came to America with his brother from Scotland or Ireland to avoid political and religious persecution. Leaving his brother in Reading, PA he made his way to the Ohio and Kanawha valleys. He was offered the Thompson farm, where the Coal River joins the Kanawha, in exchange for his gun, powder horn and hunting knife. He chose to follow the Kanawha to the Falls, where he secured water rights and mountains on both sides of the river. The water rights were later sold and eventually were used by the metallurgical plant at Alloy nearby.

Montgomery served during the American Revolution, remaining in service in 1793, located at Fort Bedford. Nancy Keeney, daughter of Michael & Catherine Lewis Keeney, fell in love with the major when she was 17 and he was 35. She (1783-1866) and he lived in Teays Valley at Hurricane Creek for a while, but then took up their 75 acres and large cabin at Kanawha Falls. Their large family has been influential in Fayette and Kanawha to this day. MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, second son in this large family, was born at Kanawha Falls on 26 April 1813 and died in Montgomery (a town named for his older brother) on 1 January 1896. He was operator the first ferry at the Falls, a farmer and a miner. He was married to Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Rev. John Johnson, about 1836. They lived at Cannelton on the Fayette-Kanawha county line as their children were often were listed in the Kanawha County census. In 1880 they were listed at Montgomery, Fayette County.

Children of Michael and Elizabeth included:

JOHN H. MONTGOMERY, b. 1839, d. 5 Jan 1909 in Ironton, OH m. (1) Sara A. Palmer; (2) _____ Noble
 BETTIE ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY b. 12-1841, m. James K. Zoll (b. 7-1827) on 19 January 1859 in Kanawha: he served as postmaster at Cannelton; children included James (1870), Randolph (1872), Dora (10-1877)
 NANCY VICTORIA MONTGOMERY, b. 16 October 1847, d. 3 April 1921; m. George Washington Miller (b. 4-1845, d. 11-1-1910) md. 8 August 1877; children: George b. 1878, Charles Montgomery (1881-1969), John M.

(1882-1960s), Mary Elizabeth (1884-1967), Anna White (1886-1963), Bettie Gertrude Miller (1888-1943) md. John Nevin Watts (1891-1969) in 1914; Mabel Miller (1890-1931) the stepmother of John N. Watts was Julia White, daughter of Adeline Keeney White and granddaughter of Stires J. Keeney.

ANNA M. MONTGOMERY, b. 1849; m. Benjamin H. Morris (b. 1846), brother of Levi Morris, 1 January 1869; Children: Benjamin H. Morris, Jr. (b. 1876) wife: Ella and children Roy (1901) Ray (1904) Berti (1906) & Ruth (1908); Maude Morris (1876), Lee Morris (1882), John L. Morris (1885)

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, b. 15 September 1855, m. Ellen Smith 25 February 1873.

DEATHS

Lewis C. Montague II

Lewis C. Montague II, 70, of 1414 Jackson St. died May 26, 1991 in CAMC, General Division after a long illness.

He was retired shoe salesman for Schwab-May department store. He attended the Baptist Temple. He was a member of Charlston Lodge 153, a member of the Scottish Rite, a member of Beni Kedem Shrine Temple and a member of the Elks Club.

Surviving: sister, Helen Houdyshell of White Sulfur Springs; one nephew; four nieces.

Masonic graveside services will be 2 PM Wednesday at Spring Hill Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. Procession will leave Bartlett-Burdett-Cox funeral home at 1:30 PM.

James Leonard Baughan

MONTGOMERY-James Leonard Baughan, 80, of 1025 2nd Ave., Montgomery, died June 10, 1991, at Montgomery General Hospital after a long illness.

He was a retired furnace operator for Union Carbide Metals Alloy, with 30 years' service. He was a Methodist and a lifelong resident of Montgomery.

Surviving: daughter, Gypsy Hummel of West Jordan, Utah; Thomas of Greensboro, NC, Donnie of Altoona, PA; sister, Helen Elizabeth Huddleston of Fallsview; brothers, Thomas E. and Robert L. Of Pratt, John of Chelwyn; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Service will be 10 AM Thursday at B. C. Hooper funeral home, Montgomery, with the Reverend Jack Ferrell officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London. Friends may call from 7 to 9 PM today at the funeral home.

Robert C Richie

ORANGE, Calif.-Robert C. Richie, 65, of Orange, died Thursday, June 27, 1991, at home after a short illness.

He was a produce merchant and Kroger store manager.

Surviving: wife, Trudy; daughters, Kathy Stinson of Ventura, California, Teresa Osborne of Vero Beach, Florida; sons, James of Longview, Washington,

Charles of Orange, Richard of Anaheim, California; father, Lon Ritchie of Charleston, WV; sister, Betty Keffer of Tucson, Arizona; 12 grandchildren. Service was July 1 in Anaheim. Burial was in Melrose Abby Memorial Park, Anaheim.

Ruby Madeline Keeney

Mrs. Ruby Madeline Keeney, 87, of 33rd St., Chesapeake, died Sunday, July 7, 1991, in CAMC, Memorial Division after a long illness.

She attended East Bank Church of God and was a lifelong resident of West Virginia.

Surviving: son, James of Titusville, Florida; daughters, Alma C. Atkins and Reba F. Mooney, of Chesapeake; 12 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Service will be one p.m. Wednesday at Prior Funeral Home, East Bank, with the Reverend Phil Akers and the Reverend Sandy Cook officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London. Friends may call from 7 to 9 PM today the funeral home.

Milton R. Hutsenpillar

Milton R. Hutsenpillar, 71, of South Charleston, died June 19, 1991, at Thomas Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and retired produce manager for A&P Grocery, South Charleston, with 35 years service. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the United Commercial Workers Union Local 347.



Surviving: wife, Wanda Bennett Hutsenpillar; son, Glenn of Tornado; brothers, Fred of Dawson, Clayton of Smoot, Gene of Hendersonville, Tennessee; sisters, Verna Douglas of Charlston, Erma Surbaugh Grassy Meadows; one grandchild; one step grandchild.

Service will be 1 PM Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church with the Reverend Ronald Stoner officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes. Friends may call from 5 to 9 PM today at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston.

Paul F. Bonham

Paul Frederick Bonham, 68, of 206 E. 19th St., Belle, died Tuesday, July 30, 1991, in CAMC, Memorial Division,



BONHAM

after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of Belle and retired construction superintendent for Union Carbide with 37 years of service. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and the Korean War,

serving with the 4th Marine Division. He was a member of Witcher Baptist Church. He played semi-professional football with the former East Bank Rams.

Surviving: wife, Ruth Ann Meadows Bonham; daughters, Mrs. Diann Jesse and Mrs. Sally Robinson, of Belle, Mrs. Vicki Hardiman York, PA; son, Dennis of Belle; sister, Mrs. Anna Lee Bosworth of Hines; brothers, Ralph of Ashtabula, Ohio, Curtis of Belle, Victor of Diamond, Darrell of Rand, James of Ripley; five grandchildren.

Service will be 1 PM Saturday at Witcher Baptist Church with the Reverend Billy Wilburn and the Reverend James Hill officiating. Burial will be in Witcher Cemetery, Route 1, Belle.

Mrs. Frances V. Lewis

Mrs. Frances V. Lewis, 72, of Chelyan died September 4, 1991, in Memorial Division, CAMC, of a long illness. She was a lifelong resident of Kanawha County.

Surviving: brother, Thomas S. White of Shrewsbury; sisters, Ruth White of Chelyan, Violet Evans of Buckhannon.

Service will be 11 AM Saturday in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow. There will be no visitation. Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, is in charge of arrangements.

Fred C. Hutsenpiller

DAWSON-Fred Carlton Hutsenpiller, 81, of Dawson, Greenbrier County, died Tuesday, July 23, 1991, in Humana Hospital Greenbrier Valley, Fairlea, after a long illness.

He was retired from the State Department of Highways and was a timberman. He was a member of Meadow Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving: wife, Esta Cadie Hutsenpiller; daughters, Ruth Helmick of Dawson, Francis Lepley of Warren, Michigan Virginia DeBaene of Rochester Hills, Michigan; son, Jesse of Smoot; sister, Verna Douglas of Charleston, Erma Surbaugh of Grassy Meadows; brothers, Clayton of Smoot, Gene of Hendersonville, Tennessee; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2 PM Saturday at Meadow Grove Baptist Church, Dawson,

with the Reverend James Hamrick and the Reverend Leroy Crane officiating. Burial will be in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

Eugene Keeney

Eugene "Gene" Keeney, 77, of East Bank, died October 7, 1991, in St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, a short illness.

He was a 72-year resident of East Bank. He was retired operator at DuPont Chemical Plant, Belle. He attended the former Morris Harvey College. He was a member and deacon and former treasurer of Hampton Baptist Church, East Bank.

He was the former president of American Baptist Men of Kanawha County. He was an Army sergeant of World War II and a Bronze Star recipient.

Surviving: wife, Thelma Johnson Keeney; son, Robert D. Of Chapel Hill, NC; daughter, Deborah Cox of San Diego; three grandchildren.

Service will be 1:30 PM Wednesday at Hampton Baptist Church with the Reverend Ronald Burnsworth and the

Reverend Peter Grandel Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow. Friends may call from 7 to 9 PM today at Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, and one hour prior to service at the church. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations to Hampton Baptist Church.

Barbara Ann Keeney

Mrs. Barbara and Keeney, 45, of 1212 Park Ave., Charleston, died November 28, 1991, in Presbyterian-University Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a long illness. She was a homemaker, member of Boulevard Church of Christ and lifelong resident of Charleston.

Surviving-husband, Robert N. Keeney; daughters, Cara Ann at home; sons, Robert S. And Jon C., Both at home; parents, Connie Mooney and William Cunningham of Charleston; sisters, Becky Migeli of Charleston, Jane DeMaria of Miami.

INFORMATION from 2597 KEENEY RELATIVES:

from Michael R. Keeney/Elizabeth Gatewood family: Lewis C. Montague II, grandson of Dudley S. & Mary Jane Keeney Montague; James Leonard Baugham, son of William & Hannah Keeney Baugham and the grandson of Reverend T. Y. Keeney; Paul F. Bonham, son of Robert & Eliza Ann (Annie) Bonham and grandson of Traber G. Keeney

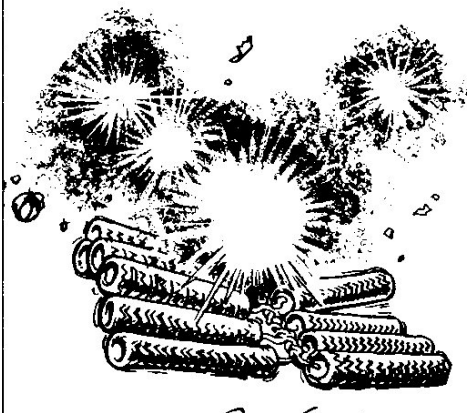


from Foster H./Eliza Jane Huff Keeney family: Ruby M. Keeney, second wife of Cassius C. Keeney (1886-1960), grandson of Foster H. Keeney; Eugene Keeney, son of Baylous G. Keeney, grandson of Foster H. Keeney

from Stires Keeney/Mildred Gatewood family: Robert C. Richie, husband of Gertrude Keeney, daughter of Nick B. and a granddaughter of John S. Keeney

from David A./Elizabeth Jarrett Keeney family: Barbara Ann Keeney, wife of Robert Norris Keeney, grandson of Noyes M. Keeney

from David/Jane Hunter Keeney family (Greenbrier County): Milton R. And Fred C. Hutsenpiller; sons of Milton B. & Mintie Keeney Hutsenpiller.



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