

Pioneer Keeney Family

Keeney's
Fort
on the
Greenbrier

Keeney Update

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Between the years 1769 and 1774, settlements had been made by the Cooks from the Virginia Valley on Indian Creek (one of their number, John, being killed by the Indians), the Woods on Rich Creek, the Grahams on the Greenbrier, and others near Keeney's Knobs. Cook's Fort was on Indian Creek about three miles from New River, Wood's fort on Rich Creek on a farm recently owned by the family of John Karnes, and about 4 miles East of the present village of Peterstown in the County of Monroe. The Keeneys built Keeney's fort near Keeney's Knobs.

The Snidows, Lybrooks, Chapmans and McKensy built Snidow's fort at the upper end of the Horseshoe farm on New River, in what is now Giles County.

While this attack upon Donnally's Fort was being threatened and made, a number of men gathered at Jarrett's and Keeney's Fort, made up in part of men from Captain Joseph Refroe's company from Bedford County among them Josiah Meadows who makes a full statement in regard thereto in his declaration for a pension before the County court of Giles County in the year of 1832.



BELLE,
WV
SCHOOL

60 plus
years ago

Miss Mildred McDermott's fourth and fifth grade classes at Belle reflect the population of this West Virginia region in the late 1920's - Keeneys, Keeney cousins, and others who married into the family. Most are great grandparents now and their teacher still resides in the old family home at Malden.

First row: Muriel Miller (Dressler), poet; Leona Meadows, Billie Sneed, Laura Brown, Paul Benny Skeens, Margaret Hammons, Russell Withrow, Eugene Lanier; second row: Fred Bragg, --- Nichols, Damon Stanley, Vincent Hopkins, Charlotte Davidson, Sue Carder, Mary Alice Caldwell, Keith Stone, -- Nichols; third row: Alma KEENEY, Elijah Perry, Ruth KEENEY, Joe Benson, Grace KEENEY, Lenora Bragg, Elsie Mitchell; fourth row: Jack Caldwell, T. G. KEENEY, Alec Easter, E. S. KEENEY, JR., Nevada Lucas, Marjorie Peck, Dixie Dent, Nellie Mullins, --- -----, and Miss McDermott.

JOHN D. KEENEY'S OF RAVENSWOOD AND JACKSON COUNTY

(This is an update and revision of pages 14-15 of 2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES, based on many documents unavailable in 1975-78. John D. Keeney was a nephew, not a son of Moses & Frances Harris Keeney. Their son, John C. Keeney, was engaged in the river business with his brothers, living in Kanawha Co., WV, Scioto Co., Ohio and Boyd Co., KY. He married Sarah Elizabeth Farney in Lawrence Co., OH.)

7. JOHN D. KEENEY, b. 1789 in Greenbrier Co., married 11-30-1812 in Monroe Co., WV, died 6-10-1855 in Jackson Co., WV; listed first in Ripley, WV 1850 census; was one of the Middle Fork of Reedy pioneers and is said to have been a Methodist preacher m. Rachel Burdette (spelled Burditt in early records. Then Burdett), daughter of William Burdette (1761-1836) and Sarah Cornwell; she was b. 1794, d. 9-11-1861 at age 67; she and John are buried at a Ripley Cemetery, ¼ mi. up Sycamore on right side of creek

CHILDREN:

Mary, b. 1813 – m. George Washington Burdette
Alexander, b. 1815 – m. Elvira Rader
David Jackson, b. 1818 – m. Naomi C. Kouns
Caroline, b. 1820 – m. John McIntosh
Ann Eliza, b. 1827 – m. Silas B. Taylor
Lewis M., b. 1829 – m. Sarah Ann Dilworth
m. Elizabeth S. Kouns

8. MARIA KEENEY, b. 1813; Maria on marriage record and 1870 census, Mary in other censuses; listed as 47 yrs.

Old widow in 1860 and 55 yr, old widow in 1870, living with daughter Mary

m. George Washington Burditt(ette) 3-28-1833 by Rev. Abe Mellace in Jackson Co.

9. JAMES A. BURDITT(ette), b. 1834 – age 26, living with mother and sister in 1860

9. MARY MARGARET BURDITT(ette), b. 1842; age 18 in 1860 census and 19 on marriage record m. Robert H. Park (b. 1833, farmer at Ravenswood, son of Wm. & Jane Park, 9-19-1860

10. CON S. (m) b. 1858, 10. Clyde, b. 1861

10. Bird W. (m) b. 1864, 10. Alfred, b. 1866

8. ALEXANDER KEENEY (1815-1869), tombstone at Ravenswood Cemetery; lived at Elk Fork 1860 m. Elvira Rader (1818-1896), dau. of Michael & Catherine Roush Rader, 12-8-1842 by Rev. Addison Hite

9. ISABELLE KEENEY, b. 1848; 31 in 1880 census m.. George Charles Prescott (b. 1844, son of John & Mary Jackson Prescott, in 7-1867

10. Carl, b. 1868 10. James, b. 1869

9. MARY H. KEENEY, b. 1851; 19 in 1870 census m. John S. Conner, b. 1844, d. 3-6-1885; Co. B, 11th Inf., Civil War; Ravenswood Cemetery

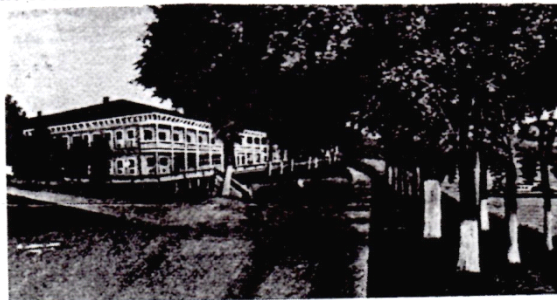
10. Annie E., b. 1867 10. William, b. 1876

10. Gracey, b. 1873 10. Kittie, b. 1878

9. JULIA KEENEY, b. 1853, d. 6-24-1863 at age 10; buried by parents at Ravenswood

8. DAVID JACKSON KEENEY, b. 1818, d. 12-19-1888;

With the growing riverboat activity, local businessmen in Ravenswood began to take advantage of the situation by selling food and accommodations. Perhaps most significant and enduring was the Ravenswood House which was constructed at the top of the river bank in 1848 by A. J. Keeney. After Keeney it was operated by John Counts, a son-in-law named Shanks, and W. C. McConnell. Almost overnight the word spread along the river that Ravenswood was a good place to stop on a steamer, if for no other reason than to eat and stay overnight at the Ravenswood House. Later it would receive additional charm when the room numbers from the *Emma Graham* steamer wrecked in Millwood would be placed above the room entrances. It would achieve an international reputa-



Ravenswood House, Ravenswood, West Virginia, on beautiful Ohio.

tion as a "splendid place to get away from the jittery world" when it was recommended by Duncan Hines. Other national travel services would also recommend it.

Hotel keeper and builder of the famous Ravenswood House Inn on the Ohio River; listed as Sheriff in 1870 census and as a Republican candidate for sheriff in another reference. Confederate troops captured and ransacked Ravenswood House in September 1862. Owner "Jack" Keeney sued their leader, Albert Jenkins in a Virginia court and collected damages. m. Naomi Catherine Kouns (father: John) on 2-6-1845 by Rev. D. G. Morrell; she was born in 1824 and died 5-30-1888

9. LAURA A. KEENEY, b. c. 1846; 14 in 1860 census, 24 in 1870, 32 when married; name misspelled in 1850 census and on marriage record m. Calvin C. Shank (b. 7-1848), son of Isaac R. & E. Shank, on 12-29-1870; hotel keeper

10. EARL K. SHANK, b. 6-1876; age 33 in 1910 Wife: Georgia (b. 1885)

11. WILLIAM C. SHANK, b. 1906

9. ALONZO T. KEENEY, b. 1847, d. 2-6-1934 at age 86-4-23; retired dairyman m. Alma J. Hayworth (1854-1942), daughter of Samuel M. & Hannah Amedent Hayworth on 11-22-1870; Ravenswood Cemetery

10. CLAUDE EVERETT KEENEY, b. 9-14-1871, died 1-19-1934 at Huntington, WV; dentist m. Evelyn Fisher (1875-1967)

11. KENDALL HAYWORTH KEENEY, b. 11-13-1903

wife: Ella V.; Lived in Clarksburg, WV

12. JOAN KEENEY 12. JACK KEENEY

9. MARY ALICE KEENEY, b. 1849; age 11 in 1860 m. James W. Williamson (b. 1836) 12-4-1866

10. HARRY C. WILLIAMSON, b. 1880, died 12-20-

1937 at age 57-4-17; attorney
 9. EMMA W. KEENEY (1854-1933), Ravenswood Cemetery
 m. Coleman A. Staats (12-12-1851, 9-22-1897), son of Joshua H. & Rebecca M. Staats, on 5-8-1873; merchant in Ravenswood and Spencer
 10. BERNICE ORA STAATS, b. 6-19-1874, died 2-28-1968; buried at Ravenswood; never married; lived in Huntington, WV
 10. MARY ALICE STAATS, b. 9-6-1876, died 10-27-1880; buried at Ravenswood
 10. DAISY L. STAATS, b. 10-1879; age 20 in 1900 census; raised family in Huntington
 m. J. Frederick Holswade (father: W. A.)
 11. LUCILE HOLSWADE 11. HENRY HOLSWADE
 11. JAMES HOLSWADE 11. KATHERINE "
 11. FREDERICK HOLSWADE, JR.
 10. ADA M. STAATS, b. 11-1882; 18 in 1900 WV census; resided in Birmingham, AL
 m. Isaac Justice Osbun
 11. Benjamin Mather Osbun
 10. EMMA CATHERINE STAATS, b. 4-1885; 15 in 1900 census; resided in Buffalo, NY
 m. Raymond E. Cummings
 11. John Raymond 11. William Forrest
 10. COLEMAN ALKIRE STAATS, JR., b. 10-1887
 m. Nancy Campbell, daughter of Mayor C. W. Campbell, of Huntington
 11. JEAN CAMPBELL STAATS
 8. CAROLINE KEENEY, b. 1820, head of household in 1860, living with daughter Solinda Harpold in 1870 and at age 60 in 1880 m. John McIntosh, son of Angus & Margaret McIntosh, 4-18-1838; divorced-he m. (2) Nancy J. Bonnett 1-29-1868
 9. SOLINDA J. MCINTOSH, b. 1840; 39 in 1880; schoolteacher in Jackson County
 m. Charles Harpold (b. 1837), son of Solomon & Melinda Shinn Harpold, 4-24-1862
 10. EVA M. HARPOLD, b. 1864
 10. EMMA HARPOLD, b. 1865
 m. W. L. Smith (b. 1856 in Scioto Co., O.)
 10. WILLIAM A. HARBERT, b. 1867
 m. Edna Osborne 10-20-1897
 10. SOLOMON EDGAR HARPOLD, b. 5-12-1870
 10. FRANK O. HARPOLD, b. 1874
 m. Edna B. Tomblin (b. 1876) 8-30-1897
 11. ALAN D. HARPOLD, b. 1899
 11. MARGARET H. HARPOLD, b. 1903

10. HENRY E. HARPOLD, b. 1877
 9. JOHN ANGUS MCINTOSH, b. 1844, d. 4-5-1906; Co. G, 17th Va. Calvary, Civil War; tailor and hardware merchant
 m. Ella D. Smith (1848-1917), daughter of George W. & Ann Staats Smith, 3-12-1867
 10. MARY ALICE MCINTOSH (1868-1905)
 m. J. Smith Green (b. 1868) on 10-31-1894
 10. FREDERICK F. MCINTOSH, b. 8-1870, d. 1950
 m. Harriet Hayman Chapman (1870-1941) on 1-28-1895
 10. MARVIN EVERETT MCINTOSH (1878-1881)
 10. CHARLES LEON MCINTOSH, B. 12-1879, d. 1938
 m. Nell McGlothlin (1882-1906)
 8. ANN ELIZA KEENEY, b. 1827; age 33 and 1860 and 44 in 1870 census reports at Ravenswood
 m. Silas B. Taylor (b. 1821) on 4-20-1843 by Rev. Daniel G. Morrill; Eliza lifted as a widow in 1870
 9. ORA C. TAYLOR, b. 1844
 9. ANNA M. TAYLOR, b. 1847, teacher
 m. John B. Rosse (Italy) 10-4-1886
 9. JOSEPHUS TAYLOR, B. 1854; age 17 and 1870
 9. IDA M. TAYLOR, b. 1856; 23 in 1870
 m. Edwin H. Flynn (b. 4-1855) 4-20-1892 at Ravenswood; in 1900 census at Spencer, Roane Co.; no children
 9. HOLLY H. TAYLOR, b. 1859; age 21 in 1880; sewing machine agent
 8. LEWIS M. KEENEY, b. 1829, d. 9-12-1911; merchant at Ripley in 1853; Co. B, 22nd Va. Inf. border rifle unit, Civil War
 m. Sarah Ann Dilworth (b. 7-1829, d. 3-12-1880) 7-29-1849 by Rev. Caleb T. Hill; daughter of William & Margaret Anderson Dilworth
 m. (2) Elizabeth S. Kouns (1832-1915) 11-2-1880
 9. LENORA KEENEY, b. 1852, 19 in 1870 census
 m. Alexander Kincaid (b. 1836 in Greenbrier) on 5-6-1870: son of L. & Nancy Kincaid
 10. EDGAR A. KINCAID, b. 1873, d. 3-15-1886
 9. HENRY KEENEY, b. 7-21-1853 at Ripley; age 17 in 1870, 26 in 1880 census
 9. JOHN KEENEY, b. 1855; 15 in 1870, 24 in 1880 census
 9. ROBERT BRIEN KEENEY, b. 1858
 9. LILY KEENEY, b. 1861; age 9 in 1870 census, 18 in 1880

MEMORIAL OBITUARY

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Catherine E. Keeney

NORTHAMPTON- Catherine E. Keeney, 69, of 126 Cochran Rd., died Feb. 19.

She was born in Lawrence County, Ohio and had been a resident of Northampton Baptist Church and the Northampton Historical Society.

She is survived by sons, John D. of Bucyrus, Richard P. of Stow; daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Geistweite, of Akron; seven grandchildren; brothers, Darwin Ellis, Herbert Ellis; and sisters, Nellie Thompson, Elizabeth Jeffries, all of Lawrence County.

Friends may call at the McGowan-Reid & Santos Funeral Home, corner of Third St. and



Stow Av., Cuyahoga Falls, from 6 to 9 p.m. MONDAY, where PRIVATE services will be held Tuesday 11 a.m. with Rev. Franklin A. Lorenz officiating. Interment Northampton Cemetery (McGowan-Reid & Santos, 928-4242)

Mrs. Beulah A. Keeney

SANFORD, FL – Mrs. Beulah A. Keeney, 66 of Sanford, formerly of Belle, WV, died May 10, 1989, in a Sanford hospital.

She was a retired accountant for the state of West Virginia. She was a member of Westview Baptist Church, Lake Marion, and The Lake Marion Homemakers Club. She was a 20-year resident of Florida.

Surviving brothers, Clyde Taylor of Cincinnati, Ohio, Kenneth Taylor of Loveland, Ohio; sister, Opal Gilliland of Chelyan, WV

Friends may call after 6 p.m. Sunday at Fidler-Frame Funeral Home.

Juliette M. Stanley

Juliette M. Stanley, 86, of Ravenswood, died Aug. 2, 1989, at Holzer Medical Center, Gallipolis, Ohio, after an extended illness.

She was born in West Virginia, a daughter of the late Traber Keeney and Chloe Ann Young Keeney. She had lived in Belle, WV, and in Ravenswood for the past 23 years. She was a member of the Judson Baptist Church, Belle, and attended the First Baptist Church, Ravenswood.

She is survived by one son, Jack Stanley of Charleston, SC; two daughters, Elenor Ruth Boggs and Anna Lucille Davis, both of Ravenswood; one sister, Elizabeth Harmon of Belle; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at the Fiddler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. James Cunningham and the Rev. David Bowen officiating. Burial was in Witcher Cemetery, Belle.

Charles G. Keeney

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

Charles G. Keeney, 67, of 126 Cochran Rd. died October 4, 1977.

He was born in Lawrence County, OH, and had been a resident of Northampton for 29 years, coming from Akron. He worked for the Cascade Rubber Co., for 12 years, retiring in 1968. He also worked for three years on the Northampton Street Department, and for 6 years, for Paul Kline Tire industries. He was a member of the Northampton Baptist Church, and the Northampton Historical Society.



He is survived by wife, Catherine E., two sons, John D., of Bucyrus, OH, and Richard P. of Stow, OH; daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Geistweite, of Akron, six grandchildren, brother, Clyde, of Chesapeake, OH; sister, Mrs. Eva Blazis, of Barberton, OH.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, at the McGowan-Reid Funeral Home, corner of Stow Av. And Third St., Cuyahoga Falls, where PRIVATE SERVICES will be 11 a.m. Friday with Rev. Franklin A. Lorenz officiating. Internment Northampton Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Northampton Baptist Church (McGowan-Reid, 928-1313)

Iva Keeney

Mrs. Iva Keeney, 92, of 335 Nancy Ave. Diamond, died Wednesday, June 28 1989, in St. Francis Hospital after a long illness.

She was a member of Diamond United Methodist Church. She was a native of Mason County and had lived most of her life in Diamond.

Surviving: niece, Audrey White of Diamond; nephew Homer Burris of Diamond; several other nieces and nephews.

Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Fidler-Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Loren Dunnnett officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

U.Z. Keeney

MANASSAS, VA- U.Z. "Pete" Keeney, 69, of Manassas, formerly of Witcher, WV, died June 26, 1989 after a long illness.

Surviving wife, Ruth Comer Keeney, sons, John Thomas at home, Terry King of Virginia; daughter, Jean King of Durham, NC; sisters, Helen Cline of Nitro, Rachel Brubaker of Medina,

Ohio, Gertrude Richie of Orange, CA, Mary Susan Crawford of Belle; brother, John S. Keeney of Charleston; three grandchildren.

Service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lee Funeral Home, Manassas. Military service will follow at 3 p.m. at Quantico. Burial will be at Quantico.

Obituaries: Beulah A. Keeney – formerly Beulah Agnes Taylor (Bowman), second wife of Charles Wesley (Wes) Keeney (d. 5-7-1983 in Sanford, FL), son of Utica B. Keeney

Juliette Madison Keeney Stanley – granddaughter of the Rev. Thomas Y. & Eliza White Keeney

Charles Garlach Keeney – born 17 July 1910 in Lawrence County, OH; son of Fred B. & Mary Charlotte Pratt Keeney; married 30 October 1941 in Akron, Ohio

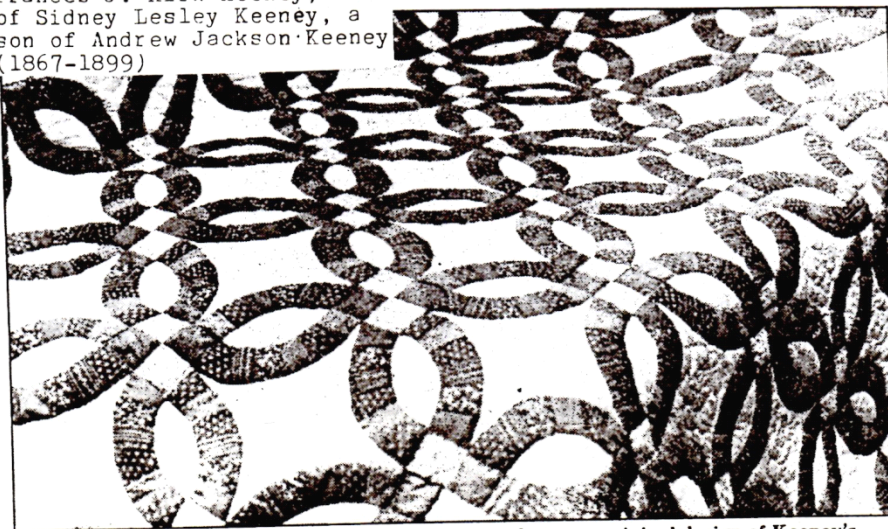
Iva Roush Keeney, married 2 February 1923 to Joseph Lee Keeney, who was killed on the railroad on 18 July 1932

U.Z. Keeney – son of Nick B. & Susie Flowers Keeney and grandson of John S. and Hannah Frazee Keeney

Diamond Woman quilts time away

By Mary Coupe
STAFF WRITER

Frances J. Kirk Keeney, wife of Sidney Lesley Keeney, a son of Andrew Jackson Keeney (1867-1899)



This quilt was displayed at the cultural center, and was an original design of Keeney's.

Francis Keeney doesn't want to take much credit for her work, which she calls "just country stuff."

But her quilts have won awards and competitions across the state which would lead one to correctly believe she's just modest.

Keeney, who lives in Diamond, began quilting with a church group when she lived in Logan County. It wasn't easy at first. She was just a little confused about what to do with a thimble.

"A lot of people I knew were in a quilting group and they encouraged me to try," she said. "I didn't even know what finger to put the thimble on. Finally, they taught me how."

When she began her craft, she started small by making baby quilts and giving them to her

grandchildren. "I didn't think I could do it at first, and then I finished one," she said. "I couldn't believe it."

Keeney always appreciated crafts, but never had much luck with them herself. "I'm just not patient enough to knit or crochet," she said. "I just get nervous."

But she finds quilting relaxing if she's in the right mood. "I may so all day long-maybe I'll just get in the mood," Keeney said. "Then one day I'll just quilt all day. I think one of the joys quilting is being able to go at your own pace."

Keeney has lived at Diamond for three years. Before she moved to Kanawha County she lived in Arnoldsburg, which she calls the country.

"When I lived out in the country I did a lot more quilting," she said. "Now I have a lot of people coming to visit me and there's a lot more to do down here. I just don't have the time to quilt like I used to."

And to quilt for her family would take a lot of time. She has 10 siblings, children, grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. "They all keep me pretty busy."

Her favorite time to quilt is in the winter when there's "not much else to do."

Keeney doesn't use a diagram or graph is a pattern for quilts. She simply measures them and figured how big the

"I usually change them in some way," Keeney said. "I just get the basic idea from what I see. But I'll put something on the quilt that is definitely mine.

"I like to look at quilts and just notice one thing so that I can tell it's mine."

She has displayed her work at the Cultural Center and in Beckley, and was awarded ribbons at the Boone County fair in Madison and also at the Molasses Festival in Arnoldsburg.

"I had given my son two baby quilts and then later found out that they had took them to the fair at Madison and they took first place," Keeney said. "I just couldn't believe it. After that I started to enter them in fairs."

She's won ribbons for almost everything she's entered. But if she was awarded money she gave it

back. "I would just donate it back to the group," she said. "It wasn't usually very much."

Her most expensive quilt is one that she sold for \$500. Keeney said that she has given many away because she doesn't really sell that many."

Keeney worked making quilts for Cabin Creek Quilts for two years. She still visits them to look at designs they have created.

"I'm not a hoarder though," Keeney said. "I'll give them to my family or people that I think will appreciate them. I don't get that people who use them to have a picnic or cover their lawn furniture with. I give them to people will put them on the bed or hang them up."

She said that sometimes it's really tough to part with the quilts. "After you've worked on something for a long time, you want to make sure it goes to the right person."

Taking care of the quilt once you have it is easy, according to Keeney.

INQUIRY

Margart Foster (Mrs. James Foster)

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Vacaville, Calif. 95687

6 Germain(e) George Keeney

(Father of No. 3)

b. 28May1857
p.b. Elgin, Kane, IL
m. 18March1885
d. 26July1949
p.d. Marengo, McHenry, IL

3 Addie Boyd Keeney

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 3March1886
p.b. Marengo, McHenry, IL
d. 1January1964
p.d. San Diego, SD, CA

7 Mary Jane Flemming

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 9Feb1863
p.b. Boone, IL
d. 29March1913
p.d. Marengo, McHenry, IL

(Harvey)

12 Henry Bennett Keeney

(Father of No. 6)

b. 18Jan1813
p.b. Manchester, Hartford,
m. 25(9)Nov1835(7), Manc.
d. 17Mar1891
p.d. Marengo, McHenry, IL

13 Mary Munson

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 15Aug1817(10Aug1819)
p.b. Stonington, New London
d. 13Feb1903 CT
p.d. Belvidere, Boone, IL

14 James Flemming

(Father of No. 7)

b. 31March1826, Derry-
p.b. Conny Co. Monaghan, Ire
m. 16Feb1857
d. 28Dec1898
p.d. Boone, IL

15 Margaret Boyd

(Mother of No. 7)

I need help finding the name of my GG
Grandfather, the parents of Henry
Bennett Keeney. I am lead to believe his
wife came from England when a small child
but I cann't even find her name.

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History one man's legacy to his hometown of East Bank

By Greg Stone

STAFF WRITER

"Surely, someday in the future, someone who lives among us will want to know more about our community than they have ever been able to find out from ordinary books or from a conversation the other persons who are supposed to have the right answers to certain questions about the town, or about earlier residents. It's for this reason I am now attempting this history of our community and hoping these pages shall be left in the hands of one who will be willing to share the story with others."

So wrote Edgar Keeney in his 1977 history of East Bank, which appears in the hot off the press "East Bank-Celebrating 100 Years." He died in 1987 without doing anything with his history. When he died, the pages fell in the lap of daughter Linda Ellis.

Ellis seized the perfect opportunity to satisfy her father's wishes.

"The three of us (Rose Hammond and Jeanene Kirk also had a big hand in '100 years') had in the backs of our minds that 1989 was the centennial of the town," said Ellis, a postmistress at the Cabin Creek post office in Chelyan. "That's always been ingrained in my mind-East Bank was incorporated in 1889. And Daddy was so civic minded. He dearly loved East Bank. So you can see why I seized the opportunity."

Ellis, Hammond and Kirk, who grew up together in East Bank, organized a committee of 12 other interested people and the book was born. Using Keeney's history, old and new pictures and recollection of committee members, the group has produced a 64 page, paperback booklet.

It differs from the ordinary history book in that long, tedious family histories are absent. The long historical account of any length is Keeney's. A small selection appears about Ethel Taylor, Hammond's mother.

Rather, committee members chose to recall old landmarks, forms of recreation and "the way things were" in making up the bulk of the booklet.

The booklet also contains novelty items. Ellis showed some hipness by including the words to John Mellencamp's "small town" on page 2, while another page is devoted to discussion of a rock with Indian sketches on a supposedly submerged in the Kanawha River near the eastern end of town. "We feel like we really accomplish something in making people aware of the town's history," Ellis said. "I'm sad it's over. I'd like to do it over again."

What would Edgar think of the book?

"He'd love it." Ellis said. "I'm sure he would."

INDIAN WARS of OREGON 1855

First Meadows campaign

James Bruce remained as major, commanding the "left column" (southern battalion), and Charles S. Drew continued in his place as adjutant. Col. Williams' regiment was officially styled the second regiment of the Oregon mounted volunteers, and consisted of time of the colonel's election, the companies of Captains Bailey, Bouy, Keeney, Rice, O'Neal, Wilkinson, Alcorn, Gordon, Chapman, and Bledsoe, the aggregate on paper being 901 rank-and-file, but the effective force was much less. This opposing force lay the greater part of the winter separately stationed at various points wherever their services were required as guards. Occasionally something occurred to break the stagnant routine of camp life, but not often. An Indian raid might be expected, else the war would have lost all attraction. The main body of the Army, lying in what is now Josephine County, centered at Vannoy's as their headquarters. The right column remained about the southern boundary of Douglas County.

Almost the only interesting bit of information of a jocular character which survives to this day is the memorable trip of Capt. Keeney from his post to the verdure-clad plains of the Willamette. Captain Keeney was dissatisfied with guard duty. He hungered for a sight of the hills of Lane County. He applied to Colonel Williams for a furlough, but his commanding officer refused, saying no furloughs would be granted until the last Indian in Southern Oregon was killed. The captain persisted; the Colonel told him to "go to grass." Captain Keeney returned to his command and indignantly related the story of his wrongs, when a private suggested, "he probably meant the Willamette; that's the only grass we've seen." The Captain, elated, said, "Boys, shall we go to grass?" The answer is unanimously affirmative. They broke their camp, a hundred strong, arrived in Roseburg, December 27, and were in sight of their own homes in time to wish their friends a happy new year. The joke was a good one; but Lieut. Col. William J Martin failed to see it as such. He made it a part of his official business to prefer charges against the homesick farmers who found the war so different from their joyous anticipations. This stern martinet accused Capt. Keeney of disobedience to orders, abandoning his position in the face of the enemy, "uniform ungentlemanly conduct," and other like charges a formidable tenor. The governor suspended him, but at a later date, as we perceive, the company

with their captain were restored to all the rights and privileges pertaining to the most obedient, steady and reliable of soldiers.

Nebraska

DON ALPHONSO KEENEY, b (13 July 1844 (5)-in Illinois, d(9 March 1932) in Nebraska
HIS PARENTS WERE HENRY BENNETT KEENEY b. (18 Jan. 1813) Hartford, Connecticut, m. Mary Munson (10 Aug. 1817) Stonington, CT d(13 Feb 1903) in Illinois, **DON ALPHONSO KEENEY** m **ADDIE T. MARVIN** b(13 November 1851) in N.Y. d(18 Dec 1927 in Nebraska)

DON & ADDIE'S CHILDREN WERE

MARY ELLEN b 17 March 1870 in Iowa, d 1938 Lincoln, Nebr. m **CHARLES JESTER** 1888. Both buried at Lincoln, Nebraska

LAURA MARGARET b 25 April 1872 at Deweese, NE and d 1943; m Arah Oldham

THE REST OF THE CHILDREN WERE BORN IN DEWEESE, NE OR AT A FARM BETWEEN DEWEESE AND FAIRFIELD, NEBRASKA. IN CLAY COUNTY

ERNEST LEROY b. 28 April 1875 – d 2 Dec 1956 at Wenatchee, Washington, m. Mary Wiverly 15 Oct 1902
Both are buried at Fairfield, Nebraska

NETTIE (Emma) GENETTA b. 13 Oct 1880 and d 11 July 1960 at Fairfield, Nebraska, m Charles Brower 8 Jan 1902

ARTHUR ERWIN b. 29 July 1883 – d 26 Jan 1956 at Wenatchee, Washington m. Ella Mae Wiverly (sister of Ernest Keeney;s wife) b 23 June 1889 at Lawrence, NE d. 1 April 1984 at Chelan, Washington

EDWARD FRY b. 1 April 1885 and d ___Dec 1945 at Denver, CO m. Lawrence Estelle Davison, b. 8 Feb 1888 – d. 6 March 1946 at Littletown, CO

KATHERINE (Katie) LENORE b 27 Aug 1887 and d. 1 Aug 1974 at Edgar NE m. Hiram (Harmie) Lee Trobough 2 Feb. 1907. He d. 27 Sep 1961 at hospital in Hasting, NE. This was my Mother and Father, I'm Margaret (Trobough) Foster b at Deweese, NE now living in Vacaville, CA

ALBERT ? b. 17 Oct 1892 – d. 24 March 1975 at Whittier, CA m. Edith Johnston who was b. 31 Jan 1892 at Eagle Point, Orgene. D 1 April 1977 at Anaheim, CA

PATRONS

California: Margaret Foster. Vacaville; Florida: Lester E. Keeney, DeLand; Catherine T. Pyle, Delray Beach; Jerry F. Keeney, South Venice; Illinois: Clarice Radmacher, Monmouth; Iowa: Rebekah Keeney, Keokuk; Missouri: Anna M. Keeney. Houston; N. Carolina: C. Jeanine Southers, Matthews; Oklahoma: Mrs. Monroe W. Kriegel; Tennessee: C. Robert Sanders, Memphis; Utah: Anne H. Clark, Salem

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Submitted by: Mrs. Jean B. Lohr, 158 Treadwell Street, Hamden, CT 06517

- 1:103,281 Alexander (1) Keeney, home lot in Wethersfield, Conn. March 1666-7
 1671, land in West Swamp; he died 1680
 1682 Town paid for schooling of two of his children
- 1: Alexander (2) Keeney, b. 1662, Wethersfield; died by Jan. 22, 1738-9. NJ
- 1:67 May 1682, a proposed settlement in Windham County included Alexander (2) Keeney. They did
 not take up the tract.
- 1:281 1683 Town gave him 20 acres of land adjoining the River, at what is now South Glastonbury
- 4:263; 6:2; 7:1 Alexander (2) as early as 1694 to New Jersey (still there in 1709), when subscribed to Rev. John
 Harriman's annual salary (10s)
- 6:1; 7:1 Alexander Rennie, 1699 settler in Woodbridge, NJ area
- 5:21:295, 378 May 21, 1701, Deed from George Morris of Woodbridge, NJ, son and heir of George Morris of
6:2 (see); 7:1 Elizabethtown, dec'd, to Alexander Keeney of Elizabethtown, for 16 acres of woodland
 There
- May 21, 1701. Deed from John Morris, late of Elizabethtown, now resident in Woodbridge to

- Alexander McKeney of Elizabethtown for 40 acres given by George Morris, dec'd, of Woodbridge, NJ to his son, John Morris
- 6:2; 7:1 1702, Alexander Keeney was credited for carting one load toward Rev. Harriman's new barn.
- 6:2 It may be that in 1708 he moved to Woodbridge, NJ as Alexander Kearny among first settlers
- 5; 7:1 Dec. 7, 1709, still in Elizabethtown. He received from John Morton, admr. Of estate of Samuel
- 6:1 Keney Shepard, monies due him, before June 10th (admr.'s report)
- 7 1718. Brother, Ebenezer, died in Connecticut
- 5 wills II:313. Jan. 22, 1738-9, will of Capt. Ebenezer Lyon of Elizabethtown mentions land joining land of Alexander (2) Kene, dec'd
- 5:400 April 6, 1722, will of Obadiah Sale of Newark, Essex Co., NY: wife Sarah
Children: John, Edward, Ephraim, Sarah Bowman, Hannah Keene
- 2:156; 6:3 Alexander (3) Keeney, of East Jersey sojourned with Isaac Nichols to Derby, from Dec. 1722 until March 1723, then to Deerfield, Mass and back to Derby April and May 1723
- 3 Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn. Deeds: 1725 Joseph Seelye to Alex (3) Kenny
- 2:156; 6:3 Divorce petition Aug. 30, 1726, Alexander (3) Keeney, of Stratford. Granted 1727
- 7:2 child born Aug. 1721 (probably our Rachel)
Child b. Jan. 10, 1723-4, Elizabethtown (he disclaimed this one)
Child b. 4th or 5th of Jan. 1724
- 1732, Newtown, Alexander Keeney to Joseph Holt
1734 Newtown, Joseph Holt to Alexander Kenny
Feb. 15, 1735, Alexander (3) Keney owned Covenant, Bethlehem, Litchfield, Co., Conn.
1739, Non-proprietor at Kent, Dec. 1. Alexander Carey
1740, Kent, Alexander (3) Keney, prop. List 621
April 14, 1747, Kent, Litchfield Co. Alexander (3) Keny of Kent to Jehiel Barnum all interest in land belonging to Gideon Barnum of Kent
March 29, 1748. Town of Kent to Alexander Keeney parsonage right of land
July 6, 1751, Kent, Alexander (3) Keeney of Woodbury, Fairfield Co., to John Mills of Kent, Hartford Co for £448 a part of the first division of land in Kent and a part of the parsonage right 15 acres
Nov. 21, 1760, Bethlehem, died Alexander Keeney
Woodbury, Conn. Jan. 8, 1784, widow Rachel Bradley died

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MISSOURI

JAMES FOUNTAIN KEENEY FAMILY

James Fountain Keeney (1871-1939) m. Sara Elizabeth Adey (1876-1963) parents: William (1842-1934) and Nancy Mary Hargis (1842-1922)

Other ancestors:

Abner Martin Keeney (1810-1893)

Moses Keeney (1770-1846)

Peter Keeney (c. 1740)

Family grew up in Carter County, Missouri

Family:

Bessie Iva Keeney (b. 1902) #81 m. William John Sanders, Sr. (1902-1983) in 1920

William John Sanders, Jr. #203 b. 1921, m. Marcella O'Keefe

Jerry Sanders #216

Susan Sanders #217

Debbie Sanders #218

Terry Sanders #219
Cloice Robert Sanders #204 b. 1923, m. Crystal Doris Jones
Mickey Lee Sanders #207
Kay Sanders #208
Steven Robert Sanders #209
Kathy Gale Sanders #210
Mary Beth Sanders #211
Virginia Lee Sanders #205 b. 1928 m. John Thomas Conley
Thomas Michael Conley #213
Patricia Ann Conley #214
Patrick Conley #246
Ryan Conley #247
m. James Welch
Bessie m. (2) Robert Janey
Beulah Lee Keeney (1905-1979) #82, m. (1) James Fellows; (2) James Kelley
Ira Albert Francis Keeney #83 (1913-1989), m. Betty Keeney
Cheryl Keeney #185 m. Albert Kilgore
Ola Keeney #79
Mary Catherine Keeney #80
James Fountain Keeney later m. (2) Anna, (3) Ora, (4) Izza
-furnished by C.R. Sanders, Memphis, TN

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