

Keeney Update

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ROBERT H. KEENEY
with Sarah Guffy Keeney (second wife)

The eldest son of both Michael and Stires J. Keeney was named Robert. Michael's son, Robert, known as "Bull Bob", stayed in Kanawha Valley and is the ancestor of many Keeneys, Whites, Montagues, Baughans and others.

Stires' son, Robert H., went to Kansas as a young husband of Julia Kelly, but returned to West Virginia. After Julia's death he again joined the Kelly kin in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. One of his sons later returned to West Virginia, one set out for Colorado and then Oregon, and the others stayed in Kansas.

The article below was printed 99 years ago in 1885, in a book of Portraits and Biographies of the Governors of Kansas and other well-known Kansans.

This should make a lot of Keeneys proud - all the way from Connecticut to Oregon.



JETTA & JACOB KEENEY, born April 19, 1890 are twin children of Warren McDonald Keeney III. They are pictured here with their grandfather, Warren McDonald Keeney, Jr., born April 19, 1908 in Bristol, Colorado

The first Warren McDonald Keeney was a twin of George T. Keeney (1862-1960), who married Carolyn E. Bias (1862-1940) and is buried at Onaka, Kansas.



WARREN McDONALD KEENEY (1862-1932), son of Robert H., with wife Minnie McLaughlin Keeney in 1928; lived in Colorado 1901-23, Oregon 1921-32

ROBERT H. KEENEY. In noting the practical farmers of Mill Creek Township, the name of Mr. Keeney can be no account be omitted from the list. He is the owner of 120 acres of land, forty of which lie in Nemaha County. His homestead is on section 2, where he has brought the soil to a good state of cultivation and made the usual improvements suggested to the mind of the thrifty and intelligent farmer. The land is well watered from living springs, and more than abundantly fertile. It came into possession of the present proprietor soon after his arrival in Kansas, in 1876. He landed here poor in purse from his native State of West Virginia, he having been born in Kanawha County, March 1, 1824.

The father of our subject was S. J. Keeney. Likewise a native of West Virginia, and who spent his entire life in Kanawha County, engaged as a farmer and lumberman. He died when sixty-three years old. He was an honest, hardworking man, upright in all his transactions, and a consistent believer in the doctrines of the Baptist Church. The mother bore the maiden name of Amelia Gatewood. She, likewise, was a native of Kanawha County, and died of consumption about 1854, when probably fifty years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest child of his parents, whose family included six sons and four daughters. With one exception all lived to mature years, and all but one were married. Eight are still living. Robert H. remained with his father until reaching man's estate, and became interested in the coal mines of that section, in which he officiated as overseer. Later he was for a time on a section of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. He was careful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, as well as being a skilled mechanic, and commanded the best of wages. He remained there in the employ of different companies until coming to Kansas, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits.

Emigrating from his native county to Ohio, Mr. Keeney was married in that State to Miss Julia



GRACE KEENEY SIMON (b.1892), GOLDIE KEENEY STOUT (b.1900), living in Tacoma, WA, and MARGIE PANST KEENEY BARTON (b.1896, living in Salem, OR), daughters of Warren and Minnie McLaughlin Keeney (1952 picture)

Kelly. Mrs. Keeney was a native of the same county in West Virginia as her husband, and was born in 1839. She is descended from a good family, being the daughter of Jacob M. Kelley, a well-to-do farmer, who came to Kansas in 1878 and acquired 300 acres of land in Mill Creek Township, Pottawatomie County. He died there as his home in 1886, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a man of good business abilities, and for some years in his native State was Superintendent of a coal mine. In religious belief he was a Baptist, a good and conscientious man, who sought to fulfill faithfully all life's duties. Mrs. Keeney's mother was, in her girlhood, Miss Elizabeth Carr. She is still living, making her home with her son Wilham, in Mill Creek Township, and is now sixty-six years old. Her life has been such as to draw around her many friends, and she has been for years a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

After his marriage Mr. Keeney remained a resident of his native county until the death of his wife, which occurred in January, 1876, at the age of thirty-six years. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the mother of eleven children, two of whom, Elizabeth and Jacob, are deceased. Jacob died when five years old. Elizabeth was married to Albert Rebouc, who died leaving four little daughters. Edward married Miss Molly Burdette, and they live on a farm in Nemaha County, this State. George and Mack, twins, remain at home with their parents. Mollie is the wife of F. H. Bozjour, and they live on a farm in Mill Creek Township. Charles H., Stires J., Sally, Reuben and Lewis are at home with their father. Mr. Keeney, since the death of his wife, has exercised great care in the training and education of his children, so much so that he has been a good father. Politically, his sympathies are with the Democratic party. Socially, he belongs to Subordinate Lodge, No. 234, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs and Rebecca Lodge, No. 81. Mr. Keeney is a skilled mechanic, and for years was a pilot on the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers.

CHRISTMAS
CARD LIST(middle initial K is
for Keeney)Blanche K. Stotts 85
1605 Elm #216
Marysville, KS 66508Raymond B. Keeney 76
633 Cottonwood
Richlands, VA 99352Sallie B. Keeney 65
1922 Orchard Ave.
Belle, WV 25015Pattie K. Langdon 82
649 Harbor St.
Paw Paw, MI 49079Syble K. Phillips 79
3807 Stratford Pk Dr.
Roanoke, VA 24018Elizabeth K. Harmon 78
904 E. DuPont Ave.
Belle, WV 25015Frances K. Kilburn 75
172 Taylor Ave.
Vandercook Lake
Jackson, MI 49203Earl Keeney 79
112 E. 8th St.
Omaha, KS 66521Edgar L. Keeney 76
East Bank, WV 25067M. B. & Linda Keeney
Rt. 5, Box 178
Rolla, Missouri 65401W. Russell Keeney 75
2404 W. Palm Drive
Arcadia, CA 91006Gertrude B. Keeney 88
1213 Chrysler Drive
Manage, KS 66547Helen K. Cline 77
509 Washington
Nitro, WV 25143Rosa C. Keeney 89
101 18th St., S.
Belle, WV 25015Ruth K. Knight 77
Cedar Grove, WV 25039Letha E. Bupp 92
905 W. 2nd St.
Charleston, WV 25302Lucille K. Canterbury 78
4804 Fire Creek Rd.
Charleston, WV 25313Ethel E. Quason 76
212 Leewood Drive
Lexington, KY 40502

KEENEY COAT OF ARMS

Needlepoint by

Ann Graves Keeney
Cochran, Ga.

Keeney



BUPP

LETHA MAE KEENEY BUPP, born April 20, 1892, is the last surviving child of the Rev. Thomas Y. (Uncle Tom) Keeney and Klisa Ann White Keeney. She is shown here with her husband, Austin Sydester Bupp (1880-1965) at their 50th wedding anniversary in 1962. The latest picture was taken on Christmas Day 1973.

3-114 LETHA MAE KEENEY b. 4-20-1892; lives in Charleston
 m. Austin S. Bupp b. 8-31-1880 on 8-11-1912, d. 9-7-1965, wholesale candy salesman
 for 34 years. Buried Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston.

3-126 Bernard Keeney Bupp b. 7-3-1914
 m. Adèle Louise Weaver b. 3-9-1914 on 7-11-1933 - divorced 2-80
 m. Debra Katherine Crane b. 10-26-1923 on 8-23-1963

7-256 Beverly Ann Bupp b. 9-4-1935
 m. James W. Edliss b. 3-13-1933 on 12-16-1955 - divorced
 m. Tom Tyrce on 7-30-77 - divorced 1981

8-267 Victoria Louise Edliss b. 12-17-1961

8-268 Rebecca Lynn Edliss b. 7-13-1963

8-269 Katherine Anita Edliss

8-270 Melissa Elvise Edliss Triplets born

8-271 James Stuart Edliss 4-15-1967

(Edliss Triplets born in Tennessee, Florida)

7-257 Bernard Keeney Bupp, Jr. b. 3-31-1937
 m. Nancy Lee Stone b. 7-20-1942 on 9- -1961

8-272 Kallie Keeney Bupp b. 7-18-1962

8-273 Austin Lee Bupp b. 7-4-1964

6-215 Mary Lou Bupp b. 7-8-1911

m. Edward C. Goff b. 11-31-1918 on 1-13-1945

7-258 Wayne Gulla Goff b. 6-21-1964

m. Susan Napp b. 3-38-1947 on 6-18-1973

8-274 Lisa K. Goff b. 3-10-1969 Adopted

8-275 Leslie Ann Goff b. 9-3-1978

6-216 James Vernon Bupp b. 1-15-1928

m. Dora L. Bupp b. 4-29-1926 on 2-7-1947

7-259 Hedwien Frances Bupp b. 2-2-1948

m. Julie Ellen Lawrence b. 1-1-1951 on 5-31-1976

8-276 Ellen Rachel Bupp b. 2-7-1979

8-277D Joanne Taylor Bupp b. 10-27-1960

7-260 Nancy Kay Bupp b. 3-2-1932

m. David C. Hinder b. 9-20-1948 on 3-23-1973 divorced 10-81

7-261 Susan Diane Bupp b. 4-1-1955

m. Gary Elliott Gage III b. 4-17-1924 on 6-17-1978

8-272C Julie Anne Gage b. 6-30-82

REUNION TIME

Several grandchildren of Foster Keeney (1838-1909) and Klisa Gatewood Keeney (1855-1882) met at the 1964 Keeney reunion at Witcher, WV. All were raised on Cabin Creek, original settlement for the Keeneys.

Standing are Norman & Ilene Keeney Bass, Lawrence L. Keeney and Joanne Canterbury Braden. Seated are Lucille Keeney Canterbury, Audrey Stanley (Mrs. Lawrence) Keeney, Ethel Keeney Shannon and Elmo Keeney Scott (who was almost left out. Ilene, Lawrence, Lucille and Elmo are children of James T. & Edna Jacobs Keeney. Ethel is a daughter of Theodore & Daisy S. Brewer Keeney.

SUPPORTERS

KEENEY UPDATE friends have sent in \$98 since the September issue to keep the UPDATE alive. This pays all the bills for this issue, with a few dollars left over.

New contributors are Charles Richard (Dick) Keeney, of Mt. Prospect, IL; Lucille Keeney Canterbury, Charleston; Mrs. Carmen E. Lyons, Kettering, Ohio; G. Jeannine Southern, Wilmington, DE; and Jane & Steve Smith, Atlanta, GA.

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KEENEY UPDATE needs wider circulation. Maybe the theme for 1965 should be "Each one find one."

Limited numbers of back issues are available. These can be mailed out to other Keeney kin. A small donation for postage would be helpful.

A Few Words. . .

MAIL BAG

The mail bag since September has included interesting tidbits, information and suggestions.

A letter from Charles R. (Dick) Keeney (son of Flam D., Jr. and Mabel Meadows Keeney), #7529 in book, includes updates: CHARLES R. KEENEY, JR., b. 2-9-1957, married Nancy Solin on 7-5-1980; parents of Benjamin Arthur Keeney, b. 4-8-1984. LYN CHRISTINE KEENEY, b. 2-2-1956, married Mark Christian Hostert (b.7-19-1953) on 1-2-1983. THOMAS ROBERT KEENEY, b.11-25-1962 is unmarried and lives in Herosova Beach, California.

Lyn lives in Redondo Beach, CA and Chuck in Hanover Park, IL.

BEN KEENEY

Ethel Quenon writes about a visit from Ben Keeney and wife Lillian, from Elgin, OK, to her Lexington, KY home. He had moved from Tennessee to Arkansas to Oklahoma. He has Keeney's Mobile Home Park, Route 1, Box 1934, Elgin, OK 73538. Maybe someone can help fit them in with the rest of the family.

NEW PROJECTS: The editor is currently working on an exhaustive history of the Ransom Gatewood family, which includes the Michael & Stires Keeney, as well as Foster Keeney families - plus the Murveys, Spauldings, Kellys et al.. helps and hints will be greatly appreciated.





ANOTHER
KEENEY CARPENTER

Linn County, OR.

Upside-down structure comes down

CASCADIA (AP) — Jim Keeney had two choices: Spend \$1800 to comply with county sewer, building and zoning standards, or tear down his "upside-down" cabin along the South Santiam River near Cascadia State Park.

He took the sledge hammer option Thursday and his son, Kerry, started knocking the building apart.

Keeney, a Cascadia resident who built most of the seven homes county officials say don't comply with building and zoning ordinances, said he may tear down at least one more rather than try to meet the standards.

Linn County officials have said they would sue cabin owners who refuse to bring their homes into compliance by the end of August.

Keeney said county officials wanted the upside-down house moved away from the river, and told him it needed a sturdy secure foundation and a sewage system. He said those were expensive alternatives — considering he spent less than \$1,000 to build it.

Keeney designed and built the upside-down house in an effort to squander by county rules requiring a building permit for structures with a certain number of square feet on the ground.

The house doesn't have enough ground-floor area to require a permit, according to Keeney, but the second floor flares outward and covers much more area.

Letters to property owners from District Attorney Jackson Frost note that "it may be difficult or impractical to correct some or all of the violations without removing the structure. However, they (the violations) must be corrected."

AP Press
Linn County officials' demands to bring the building up to sanitary codes and decided to tear the structure down.

GREENBRIER, WV

Customers of the Mathews

Reading Post — by Harry E. Hanley, from Vol. 1, #1, August 1963 issue of the Journal of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

Continued from August List covers period of time of 8 April 1774 to 26 Jan. 1775.

- HUFF, Samuel
MURRAY, James (or, by 85 Annings)
MURPHY, James
HUTTEN, Amos
HUTTEN, James (Hutton) — 1 wood hat — Dec 75/Jan 76
JARVIS, David (Garrit) (pouch, 23rd, paper or paper)
JARRITT, James (Garrit, Jarrit)
JOHNSON, Francis (1 padlock)
JOHNSON, James (for John Foster)
JOHNSON, William (for the Cr.)
[? Dr. Kent's office]
JOHNSON, William
JOHNSON, William (for...)
[? Dr. Robert's house]
JURGEN, James (Jarvin) (by 1 cook butter)
KEENEY, John, Jr. (linen, run, paper, paper)
KEENEY, John, Sr. — by 12 (for George)
KEENEY, Michael (10 yrs. linen, 1 mill wax)
KEENEY, Thomas (toe to John KEENEY, John (pouch & Linen, by 12 for paper)
KELLY, Walt. (Walter) — (Albany) — (by 12 for paper)
KING, John (Walter) — (by 12 for paper)
LEWIS, George — (to 1200 mill; 12 for 12 for paper)
LEWIS, John, Col. (2 wife) — (for 12 for paper)

BOOK ADDITIONS

- 8.215 (page 46) GWENDOLYN JEANNETTE SAIDLER, s. David Allen Farley (b.14-1959) on 6-20-1980; daughter Jennifer Lynn Farley, b.7-5-81
8.226 (page 47) CHARLES TIMOTHY KEMMEI, s. Debbie Graham (b.7-20-51); JONATHAN MATTHEW KEENEY, b.4-27-84
8.233 (page 47) CHARLIE RAY KEENEY s. Patricia Ann Walker (b.6-1-59), d.5-12-1979 in motorcycle wreck; Fred Boone Memorial Park, Madison
8.336 (page 62) CAMERON STEWART SMITH 9.12th GACHARY STEWART SMITH, born 1-12-1977 at Parkersburg
9.12th KATHLEEN IRIS SMITH, 6-22-78 5.35 (page 19) ESTA STOMER, KEENEY, died 1-14-1981; sons: Clyde E., of Logan; Fred and Russell, St. Albans
7.200 (page 44) EDNA WHITE, married Willard Jordan on 1-21-1930
7.635 (page 129) CLIDE W. KEENEY, d.2-16-1982 in Huntington; buried at Highland Gardens, South Point, O.
9.22 (page 31) DARA EDWARD KEENEY, s. Vera Etta Washington 8-11-1977 at Whitesville, WV
7.138 (page 35) JUNE FRANCES KEENEY SCARBRO, died 9-4-1976; buried at Blue Ridge Gardens, Prosperity
8.433 (page 77) JEAN ELIZABETH SHEW (b.8-10-1959), s. Robert L. Ferrall II (b.1-4-1957) 9-23-1978
7.102 (page 28) PHILLIP CARL KEENEY, s. Anita Carol Child; daughters: Samantha Jo Keeney, b. 5-11-1981
9.170 (page 130) JOHN DEE KEENEY, JR. s. Sandra Kay Long; daughter: Shirley June Keeney, b.6-24-1976

Christmas is the birthday of our Lord. It is the Hope He brings to us today. It is the time to Rejoice and the time to be glad. It is the time for happy memories of friends — and to Share our blessings with those we hold dear. It is The time to remember that first holy night when the Magi followed the star. It is the time for Angels to sing and shepherds to watch for today a Saviour was born for all mankind.

God bless you everyone!
Amen