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Keeney Update

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TENNESSEE MARRIAGES/Anderson Co.

Calvin T. Keeney & Mary K. Bootright 6-27-1847
James Cooper to Levina Keeney 7-5-1842
Tucker W. Page to Sarah Keeney 9-14-1833
Jona L. Keeney to Grandison Queener 7-4-1841
Jackson H. Keeney to Polly Abney 3-9-1843
Washington Thompson & Elinder Keeney, mar-
ried by Michael Keeney (JP) 11-6-1841
Catherine Keeney & John Thompson 3-20-1845, by
Michael Keeney (JP)
Elizabeth Ann Keeney & James N. Parker, mar-
ried 4-5-1846 by Sabret Rich
William Keeney & Penny Levi 11-21-1835
E. L. Keeney & A. McCoy 11-27-1843 by S. Rick
A. E. Keeney & Jacob Lovely 3-29-1851
William C. Keeney & Elizabeth Wallace, wed on
6-16-1858 by G. W. Thompson (JP)
Campbell County
Joseph Keeney & Levina Huff 7-14-1842
William M. Keeney & A. D. Hall 12-24-1870
Jackson Keeney & Cynthia A. Huff 10-12-1848
John L. Keeney & Minerva J. Walker 2-6-1848
Elizabeth Keeney to C. W. Wood
Josephine Keeney to Henry Millet
Mary Emily Keeney to Daniel Wood
Patsy Keeney to Joseph Peterson

NO TRESPASSING AT KEENEY CABIN

Relatives near and far continue to inquire about the Keeney Cabin, located on Blaker's Run, Greenbrier Co., WV. It is still there, as it has been since the 1790's. The only difference is that it is fenced in, surrounded by NO TRESPASSING and NO PARKING signs.

The owner, E. H. Blaker, whose great grandfather was born in the cabin, has given the old mill (located across the road from the cabin) to the state of West Virginia, for moving to Jackson's Mill, the state 4-H camp. The cabin will likely go with the mill if the state appropriates money for moving it. Meanwhile the cabin is off limits.

Blaker writes, "If at any time in the future, I decide to do anything with the cabin or sell the farm, I will let you know. I have recently retired and plan to spend summers at Blaker's Mill - at least for a number of years. You can be assured the cabin will be in good hands."



LEROY M. KEENEY, D.D., and THERESA KNAPP KEENEY

REV. LeROY KEENEY COMPLETES

37 YEARS AT HIGHLAWN BAPTIST

Rev. LeRoy Malcolm Keeney came to Highlawn Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV in January 1949, following a first full-time pastorate at Grantsville, WV, which began after his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY in 1946. The newly organized Highlawn congregation numbered 22.

Thirty seven years, 1,200 members, and untold numbers of baptisms, marriages and sermons later, LeRoy will retire at the beginning of 1986.

LeRoy was born April 2, 1921. His college work was completed at Alderson-Broaddus and Morris Harvey Colleges. On October 28, 1942 he was married to Theresa Kathleen Knapp. To this union were born Rebecca Mansell (9-5-1945 in Louisville, KY), now married to Attorney John Campbell Palmer, and Stanley Davis (6-3-18-1951 at Charleston), married to Martha Ann Kpacas. Stanley is an engineer and Martha a teacher in Chagrin, Ohio.

LeRoy's parents were Flew Davis & Ida Meadows Keeney; grandparents were John S. & Hannah Frisco Keeney; great grandparents were Stires Jade and Mildred Gatewood Keeney, all West Virginians.

LeRoy is also a member of an unusual family, in

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18 MEMORIAN

CLAYTON DOUGLAS KEENEY

born 12-18-1962 at San Francisco, CA,
died 7-25-1985 at age 22; graduate of
El Camino High School

parents: Raymond W. and Janet Keeney, South
San Francisco

grandparents: Independence Fugget Keeney &
Rita Alexander Keeney (descendant of
Jonathan Keeney)

brothers: Les N. Keeney (wife: Melody Money,
son: Brooke Keeney); Gregory L. Keeney
(wife: Christine, sch: Noah); Stacy E.
Keeney (wife: Helen)

sister: Kimberly Keeney

Amos Chronicles Family's Roots in Newly Released Book

When Alex Haley's "Roots" was broadcast on television a couple of years ago, the field of family research began to gain wide public appeal, but one Shawnee man had already caught Roots fever.

Gene Amos, president of Amos Family Funeral Home, a third generation business, announced last week the publishing of his new book, "Ancestry From A to Z."

The book which Amos spent countless hours researching at the country gene site near A for Amos and Z for Zell, his wife's maiden name.

Thirteen relatives listed in the

book fought in the Revolutionary War. There are several entries dating back to the 1800's and before.

An example of some of the interesting genealogy which Amos has chronicled is John Wattle who died in 1878. He was killed by Indians during the "King Philip's War" while on a raid on Chesham Ct. when the houses there burned and the people were tortured and slain.

Wattle had settled in the frontier town of Oatmead, Ct., after receiving his freedom from imprisonment after the crushing of England's Oliver Cromwell of the Royalist Army in which he

had served.

Amos writes in preface to the book of the family support he received while writing the book: "My wife, Margaret Zell Amos, has been of great support and patient with me, as we have gone ancestral hunting in the Court Houses for wills and probates and land records, as well as tramping through cemeteries looking for tombstones of our ancestors."

Future generations, as well as current relatives and researchers may very well thank Gene Amos someday for the in-depth information he has dug from the past.

EUGENE PAUL AMOS (b. 20 Aug 1930) is the first child of Edward Paul Amos, Sr. (1907-1977) and Bazel M. Grace Amos (b. 1907), grandson of I. Marned Joseph Crane (1870-1942) and Alice Maud Goodale (1873-1954), and great-grandson of Jude Goodale (1843-1927) and Harriet Keeney Goodale.

ANCESTRY FROM A TO Z, an impressive history and genealogy with 509 pages, can be purchased from the author for \$30 a copy at this address: 5925 Bluejacket

Shawnee, Kansas 66203

KENNY UPDATE thanks Mr. Amos for his generosity and permission to reprint some of the material.

Peace on Earth
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

SIR THOMAS KINNE

Baronet of King's Lynn, co Norfolk, England.

The original Kinne Coat of Arms: The letter on the original reads: By the name of Kinne, granted and confirmed 4 Oct 1618, to Sir Thomas Kinne of Norfolk and his descendants of the name.

The English spelling for several hundred years previous is simply KENE, and the Milanian spelling, "CINERAD" (d is silent), for instance, "CIL-CINERADI"; Kil Kenney, Cel Hall was the home of Cincaud or Kennee. This CINERAD was the first written form of the family name, as yet found.

JOHN KENNY - a son of Thomas Kinne

KENNY b 8 July 1623, King's Lynn-dpt 3 May 1624 Leyden

Holland where his parents had gone to escape religious persecution, as they were Puritans. Settled in Salem, VA d 19 June 1696, Newbury m Ann ()

His name first appears in Roxbury, 21 June 1639, when Henry Kennings, apprenticed to Wm. Park by Vincent Potter, who was presumably a relative, and who brought him from Holland in May 1635, by way of London on ship "Elizabeth and Ann", which sailed for the New World 29 Apr of that year.

The name appears in early colonial records under various spellings: KENNY, KENE, KENNE, KENNYRY, KERNY, KERNCE, KINE, KENNE, etc. In a deed given by Henry Kinne, the name is spelled six different ways in the same document.

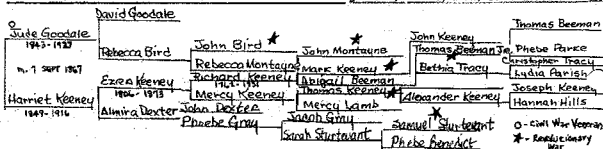
As Henry Keny he appears in Ipswich, MA records in 1648. In Salem vital records, his name appears twice as Kenney; as signor of a court petition in Salem Village, 10 Oct 1667, as Henry Kaine



Jude Goodale & his wife, Harriett Keeney Goodale, about 1915 with "old Hulda"



Francis, Nellie, John, Tom & Hazel Grand



ALEXANDER

b ca 1625-34, probably England d 1680 (Estate inventoried 1 Oct 1680) Wethersfield m at least once to Alice () widow of William Colfax of Wethersfield, in ca 1661. (Public records of Colony of CT 2:520) Freeman of Wethersfield 1657. Alice Colfax Keeney's children by her first marriage included: John, March and Jonathan Colfax, born between 1654 and 1658 in Wethersfield.

His name first appears in the Wethersfield Town Records in March 1666/7, when he was granted a piece of land for a home lot on the west side of Midd. road, a little below Goffe's Bridge. He drew land in 1670 allotment. Alexander's name was on a petition in May 1682 by inhabitants of Wethersfield to the General Court for "liberty to erect a plantation in the Wabaquassit country". This was in the vicinity of the present Township of Woodstock; the tract asked for was an area of ten square miles. The tract was so far north that the petitioners were in doubt whether it would partly fall within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, whose south line was then in doubt. The Wethersfield men did not take up the tract, and it was, in 1684 bought by Capt. James Fitch, of Norwich, from the Indian Oweneo.

He died in 1680 and according to Hartford County Probate Records, the inventory was taken 15 Oct of that year by Nathaniel Borman and John Wolcott. The amount of the estate was estimated at \$26:06:00.

Children:

ALEXANDER (JR.) age 18, b ca 1662 d possibly Fairfield, CT m Hannah Sears
 THOMAS age 16, b ca 1664 Wethersfield, CT went to Elizabeth town, NJ by 1709/1
 SARAH age 16 b ca 1664 (twin of Thomas) m 18 Jun 1682, Thomas Bruer of Glastonbury, CT
 JOSEPH age 14 b ca 1666 Wethersfield, CT
 LYDIA age 11, b ca 1669
 BENJAMIN age 8, b ca 1672 Wethersfield, CT m Mary Colt
 RICHARD age 6, b ca 1674 Wethersfield d by June 1761
 East Hartford m (1) Mary Miles m (2) Eunice (dau of Richard and Beriah (Smith) Fox) widow of John House
 JOSEPH KEENEY (Alexander 1)
 b ca 1666 Wethersfield, CT d 1752/3 East Hartford, CT m Hannah (dau of Joseph Hills
 JOSEPH (JR) b 1 Nov 1693 Wethersfield (?) d 8 Sept 1780 East Hartford, CT m 1742 Ann (dau of William and Elizabeth (Hills) Buckner)
 BENJAMIN b 18 Jan 1695/6 East Hartford
 JOHN b 22 May 1699 East Hartford m (1) Nancy (dau of Samuel and Mary Smith) m (2) after 1749 Sarah (dau of Deacon Jonathan and Esther (Judd) Webster) widow of John Case.
 HANNAH b 6 Jan 1701 East Hartford living 1777 m ca 1723 John (son of John and Mary (Arnold) Risley) b ca 1700 Hartford d between 7 and 11 Nov 1777 (date of Probate) East Hartford.
 MABEL b 25 Nov 1704 living 1774 m 3 Sept 1725 East Hartford m Joseph (son of William and Dorothy (Forbes) Roberts) bpt 11 Aug 1706 Hartford d before 29 June 1774 (will proven)
 DOROTHY b 29 May 1707 living 1776 m (1) Charles Burnham b 23 July 1699 d 26 Dec 1753 East Hartford m (2) after 1755 () Morley ?
 ALEXANDER b ca 1707 East Hartford
 SUSANNAH b at East Hartford say 1712 m 15 Nov 1739 Joseph, Jr. (son of Dea. Joseph and Abigail (Miller) Kellogg) b 8 Aug 1718 Colchester.
 MARY b say 1715 East Hartford m John (son of John Ashcroft, Sr.) b 14 Sept 1696 Stonington, CT d before 7 Jan 1745 (will proven) Hebron, CT.
 ALEXANDER (Joseph 2)
 b ca 1707 East Hartford, CT d 24 Oct 1814 Coventry, CT m Mabel Roberts?
 THOMAS b 10 May 1751 East Hartford, CT

TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI
CEMETERIES

(From TEXAS COUNTY CEMETERIES, Volume 1, Boone, Sherrill, Lynch Townships, Copyright 1963; used by permission)
 P.36 KEENEY CEMETERY(?) located Licking MO on land owned by George Keeney:
 GEORGE KEENEY, b.1854, d.1941
 OLARA JANE KEENEY, d.1895, 35 yrs. d. nos.
 LOUIS KEENEY, d.9-1-1892, 4 mos., son of George & Clara, probable brother of:
 HALLIE, d.11-2-1896, 1 yr., 10 mos.
 P.49 SHAFER CEMETERY, Sherrill Township
 ELMER M. KEENEY, b. 1922, d. 1924
 P.56 VAN CLUTE CEMETERY, Sherrill Twp
 PASTY RUTH KEENEY (1930-1991), daughter of Lindsay & Elton Keeney
 LINDSAY KEENEY, b.1900, d.1979
 P.73 BOOME CREEK CEMETERY, Sherrill Twp
 BOBBY JON KEENEY, d. June 6, 1937
 B. LAVERIA KEENEY, b.1881, d.1954
 ROBERT L. KEENEY, b.1874, d.1957
 JULIA KEENEY, b. 1898
 JAMES H. KEENEY, b.1896, d.1944
 P.86493 HICKING CITE CEMETERY, Sherrill
 EMMA K. KEENEY, b.5-12-1870, d.4-17-1999
 DUE KEENEY, b.10-13-40, d.10-22-41
 P.190 PRESSOTT CEMETERY, Lynch Township
 FLORENCE KEENEY, b.10-26-1890, d.10-2-1969
 FRED G. KEENEY, b.12-18-1885, d.1-20-1940
 ELIZA J. KEENEY, b.2-25-1890, d.9-5-1926
 HENRIETTA KEENEY, b.2-4-1848, d.9-14-1935
 APTON KEENEY, b.8-25-1911, d.9-5-1912
 MARTIN W. KEENEY, b.5-24-1916, d.8-12-1916
 FRER E. KEENEY, b.4-19-1910, d.6-14-1914
 RALPH ELLEN KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1943
 MARION W. KEENEY, b.1865, d.1956
 ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.5-10-1875, d.6-25-1910, wife of I. M. Keeney
 ELIZABETH JANE KEENEY, b.4-15-1879, died 6-20-1909, wife of Henry Keeney
 ANNE KEENEY, b.8-30-1810, d.1-9-1895
 ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.3-4-1810, d.8-18-1902, wife of Abner Keeney
 FRITH L. KEENEY, b.1-27-1908, d.6-30-1911
 P.124 MITCHELL CEMETERY, Boone Township
 MARY LINDA KEENEY BUCKNER, b.2-20-1921, d.9-15-1943; with James H. Buckner family
 P.10, Volume Five - Oakhill Cem., Piney Twp
 WLOTA KEENEY, b.1900, d.1924
 P.72 SHAFER CEMETERY, Piney Township
 BESSIE L. KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1936
 HERT B. KEENEY, b.1875, d.1964
 (Membership inquiries to Texas Co., MO Genealogical Society should be addressed to: Box 12, Houston, Missouri 65403)

BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY
CEMETERIES

ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 1
 Albert L. Keeney, Jr. 1873, d. 1943
 Albert L. Keeney, Jr. b. 1916, d. 1917
 Ceola (Paul) Keeney, b. 1882, d. 1944
 Geneva A. Keeney, b. 1912, d. 1913
 ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 2
 Adam Keeney, b. 1908, d. 1964
 ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 3
 Edward Keeney, b. 1876, d. 1945
 Alfred Keeney, b. 1849, d. 1920

CORRECTION: Catherine Keeney (b.1807 in Tennessee) m. John H. Evans (b.1804 in Kentucky, d. Buchanan Co., MO 1881)

