

# Keeney Update

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WYOMING CO., PA. KEENEYS  
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## PENNSYLVANIA

Abner C. Keeney and Seth L. Keeney are among the interesting Keeneys from this area. Their grandfather, Joshua Keeney, came from Connecticut before 1800 to settle in Braintrim township in what was then Luzerne co. (now Wyoming co.). Abner and Seth kept close ties to their family here (see following obits). The house in which they were born is still standing, used as an American Legion Hall. The first picture shows the original house; the second one is what it looks like today after Abner remodeled it. The pictures of the Keeney tombstones were taken in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1983.

(Abner C. married Susan Ashby, not Ashley, as his obituary states.)

ABNER C. KEENEY - CONTRACTOR,  
MILLIONAIRE  
OBITUARY

Died at Black Walnut, Wyoming county, Pa., Aug. 13, 1884. Abner C. Keeney of apoplexy, of Brooklyn, N.Y. aged 58 years. He was the son of Charles and Margaret Overfield Keeney, and grandson of Paul 2nd and Hannah Depew Overfield, and died on the farm where he was born.

His paternal grandfather, Joshua Keeney, was one of the early Connecticut settlers of Wyoming Valley; and acquired title to his land in the township of Braintrim, one of the seventeen Connecticut towns awarded to actual settlers under the Compromise Acts between the Pennamites and Yankees of 1800. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for a long time. It was then a life office, and appointed by the Governor of the State. His house was one of the oldest frame houses between Pittston and Tioga Point, now Athens. It bears the figures "1800" on the side of the top of the chimney. Here he reared his numerous family, and at his death his farm came to the ownership of 2 sons, Simon and Charles, the latter, Abner's father. Charles Keeney was one of the active, solid men of Braintrim township, was foremost in all of the enterprises of the day, especially such as building churches and school houses. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his house was always open for the entertainment of preachers and friends. His good wife, a sister of the late Judge Nicholas Overfield, was a helpmeet indeed. Charles Keeney took great interest in advancing the common schools of the neighborhood; and gave his children the best education the times would admit of at home, finishing up at Wyoming Seminary. He died a number of years ago, leaving surviving him two sons, Abner and Seth, and two daughters—Angeline and Ruby.

Abner C., the eldest was born Sep. 2, 1826.

Birthplace  
Abner C. &  
Seth Keeney  
built 1800  
now A. Legion  
Hall  
Wyoming Co.



His boyhood was spent with his father, at farm work in the summer and attending school during the winter. As soon as he was old enough, he was a teacher in the common schools. Naturally, he had a faculty for governing and controlling men, hence early in life he became a public contractor. His first work of importance was with his cousin, the late Judge John Passmore of Rome, Bradford county, in work on the Sunbury & Erie Railroad, and in finishing up the North Branch Canal. In 1852-3-4 he was a contractor with his brother Seth in building six miles of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, thru the Delaware Water Gap. In 1855-6, he and Seth graded ten miles of the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad from Kingston to Nanticoke.

From there, they went to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they engaged in numerous contracts under the City Government, such as constructing water works, water mains, sewers, etc. He was engaged with others in building the Prospect Park Reservoir, the first water work enjoyed by the City of Brooklyn. He was also engaged in mercantile pursuits during the Rebellion. His mercantile firm in New York, of which his brother Seth was a partner, had a large store in Washington, D.C., consisting of supplies and sutlers' stores.

After the close of the Civil War, Mr.

Keeney returned to Brooklyn, and with his early friend, William C. Kingsley, Esq., engaged in constructing public works. Their first great contract was called the Malabou Improvement, a work that probably cost \$1,000,000. They also constructed and built the Hemstead Reservoir, to aid in the supply of water for Brooklyn. This work probably cost \$1,500,000 and yet the rapid growth of Brooklyn compelled them to seek other sources for water supply.

He was engaged in many of the enterprises of the day. He was an original stockholder and director in the Great Brooklyn Bridge that spans East River, connecting New York and Brooklyn, the longest single span bridge in the world, the span being 1600 feet. He was a large stockholder and director in the Brooklyn Eagle, leading paper published in Brooklyn City. He was interested in the Fulton Bank of Brooklyn's Metropolitan Gas Light Co.; a large stockholder and director in the Prudential Insurance Co. of Newark, N.J.; and many other public institutions. He was one-third owner of the Brooklyn Theatre, built on the site of the ruins of the one burned a few years ago, and a member of the New York Corn Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeney came to Black Walnut, Aug. 8, as their custom each summer to spend the heated term at his farm. Feeling a family pride in owning the old Homestead, he had fitted it up in magnificent style, preserving its old-time fashion as far as possible; and spent a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Ruby Watkins and other esteemed friends of his youth, free from the bustle and care of city life. The Monday following their arrival, his brother Seth paid him a visit; and invited him and his wife to join his next day for an excursion at Lake Carey. Tuesday, Seth was at the depot at the Lake to meet them, when a telegram was placed in his hand informing him that Abner, his brother was dead. He was cut down suddenly in the prime of life by apoplexy.

He was of a social disposition, and enjoyed the company of friends. In 1863, he married Miss Susie Achley (sic) of Jamaica, Long Island, a lady of great personal charms and accomplishments, who with two sons and a daughter mourn his irreparable loss.

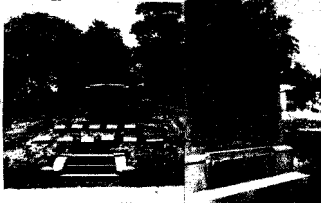
The funeral services at his residence in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 1894, were witnessed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances present to pay the last sad rites to an esteemed friend. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. Spencer S. Rulhe of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. His remains were deposited in Greenwood Cemetery, the beautiful city of the dead.

Peter M. Osterhout  
Tunkhannock, Pa.

**SETH LEE KEENEY - CONTRACTOR,  
MULTI-MILLIONAIRE  
OBITUARY**

Seth L. Keeney, who was born May 26, 1831 at Black Walnut, Pa., died at his home 221 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Thursday, Mar. 13, 1913, nearly 82 years. Mr. Keeney had been ill for two or three months. Two weeks ago, he underwent an operation, and a few days previous to his death was very low. An attack of asthma from which he suffered was complicated by other ailments.

Mr. Keeney was the 3d son of Charles and Margaret Overfield Keeney of Black Walnut, Wyoming county, Pa. He had the advantages of



Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY

a common school; and finished at Wyoming Seminary. When about 21 years of age, he was appointed to the superintendency of a section of the North Branch Canal, which no doubt was the foundation for his remarkable life work in which he amassed a fortune—contracting. His first job, in partnership with his older brother Abner, was building six miles of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad through the Delaware Water Gap.

In 1856, he found himself settled in Brooklyn, N.Y., having gone to that city nearly 60 years ago; and there are many big engineering improvements in that city which he built, among them are; Fifty-ninth street sewer in Manhattan; Prospect Park Reservoir; a big section of the great sewer system of Brooklyn; a portion of the Brighton Beach Steam Railroad; the Fulton street and Coney Island Elevated Railroad; and dozens of other important improvements in Brooklyn City.

The years have been many since Mr. Keeney retired from active and personal participation in contract work; but he has been the capitalist behind some large contracting firms. In his active life he had accumulated a fortune, rated at large figures by those acquainted with his affairs. And because of his investments, he had been connected with a large number of financial institutions, as director or trustee.

He was married to Susan Osterhout of Tunkhannock in 1856, who died early, leaving two children: Frank A. Keeney, who has a daughter Ruby - 14 yrs. old - Mar., 1913; and Ruby Louise Keeney, who died on her 22nd birthday Sept. 29, 1896. Mrs. Joseph G. Pierson of Black Walnut, who lives on the place where he was born is a niece of the deceased. He was a member of the Simpson Methodist Church.

The remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in Greenwood Cemetery at Brooklyn, which preceded the largely attended services at his late home.

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**Raymond Keeney**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Raymond Keeney, 75, died Sept. 29, 1987

A resident of Barbours most of his life, he moved to Orlando, Fla. 19 years ago. He retired from the PPG Chemical Mines, and was a member of Barbours Senior



Center. Preceded in death by wife, Mollie, he is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Vernon and Linda Johnson of Sheffield Lake; son, Ernest Johnson of Orlando, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law, Hilda and Don Jones of Barbours; daughter, Rita Johnson of Barbours; brothers, Everett, Bob and Alvin; sisters, Doris Keeney and Margaret Huff, of Chesapeake; numerous friends and relatives.

# OH KY WV

## JOHN C. KEENEY FAMILY

SOURCES: Information listed here comes from more than ten years of personal research and travel, complicated by the overwhelming number of persons named JOHN KEENEY. Court records and genealogical libraries have been searched in Greenup and Boyd counties, in KY; Scioto, Lawrence, Athens and Hocking counties, in OH; and Fayette and Kanawha counties, WV. Special contributions of information have been made by some KeeneY descendants, whose names appear in the following genealogy: Mary KeeneY Carey, OH; Harper M. Price, Milan, IL; Naomi KeeneY Pollock, Wellsburg, WV; Dorothy KeeneY Higgins, Lancaster, OH; and Carmen KeeneY Lyons, Vandalia, OH.

(this corrects and expands pages 14-15 in 2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES, published 1978)

7. JOHN C. KEENEY, b.1793 in Greenbrier Co.,VA; son of Moses KeeneY (1766-1840) and Frances Harris; brother of Frances KeeneY Brawley, David A. KeeneY, Moses Wells KeeneY, Michael R. KeeneY, William E. KeeneY, Foster H. KeeneY and Stires J. KeeneY; moved to Kanawha County with family about 1810 and spent his life in the lumbering, barge and river business along the Ohio and Kanawha rivers; listed in the 1830 census in Kanawha Co. and in the 1850 and 1870 censuses at Vernon Township, Scioto Co., Ohio; known as a legendary story teller, a rivetman with a per leg  
 m. Sarah Elizabeth Berner (Pourney), born 1805 in WV, then VA; age 45 in Scioto Co. in 1850, 74 in 1880 Boyd Co.,KY census, living at Coalton with son, John C., Jr.  
 CHILDREN: Frances E. KeeneY Kortondall, b.1827  
 Moses KeeneY, b. 1828  
 John C. KeeneY, Jr., b. 1830  
 Irons KeeneY, b.1832  
 Catherine KeeneY Price, b. 1834  
 Lucy H. KeeneY, b.1836  
 William KeeneY, b.1837  
 George W. KeeneY, b.1839  
 David KeeneY, b.1845  
 Alfred KeeneY, b.1849
8. FRANCES E. KEENEY, b. 1827 in Kanawha Co.  
 m. James Kortondall 12-17-1846 in Lawrence Co., Ohio
8. MOSES KEENEY, b.1828 in Kanawha County, WV; Civil War vet, member of Co.F, 91st Regt., Ohio Vol. Infantry, with his brother George; buried in Howard Furnace Cemetery, Vernon Township, Scioto County, OH  
 m. Rebecca Donahoe on 4-1-1866 in Scioto Co.
8. JOHN C. KEENEY, JR., b. 2-1830; age 20 in 1850 and 28 in 1860 Scioto Co. censuses, 51 in 1880 in Boyd Co.,Ky.; died in 1909 at 77  
 m. Mary Ann Arthur on 8-7-1853 in Scioto Co.; 41 in 1880, Boyd Co.; 62 in 1900, Athens, O.
9. SARAH E. KEENEY, b.1855 in Scioto Co.  
 m. Nathaniel Salyers in 1879 at Trace, Boyd Co., KY
9. JOHN C. KEENEY III, b.2-1858; moved from Boyd Co.,KY to Buchtel, Athens Co, OH after 1880 census; died in Athens Co.  
 m. Jessie Fox (b.2-1856 in KY) on 5-20-1882
10. EDWARD KEENEY, b. 2-1887 in Athens Co.
10. MYRTLE KEENEY, b. 2-1890 in Athens Co.
9. GRANVILLE KEENEY, b.8-1861; age 48 in Ward Township, Hocking Co., Ohio, census  
 m. Mary J. (Mollie) Hardy (b. in WV, both parents born in England)  
 No children; raised two of Ida Kerton's children
9. MOSES KEENEY, b.7-1863 in Ohio; d.5-5-1946 at age 82-9-20 in Athens Co.; buried at Whitmore Cemetery, Buchtel, Ohio  
 m. Frances Hammond (b.7-1868, d.9-14-1939)
10. NORA MAY KEENEY, b.5-27-1887,d.5-2-1951  
 m. Lewis Wetsel on 6-27-1903
10. AGNES KEENEY SWAIN, b.9-1868; lived in Canton, O.; daughter, Illa, worked as a model in California
10. JERRY KEENEY, daughter, b. 9-1891
10. FREDERICK L. KEENEY, b.5-9-1893 in Athens Co.,O.; d.5-9-1964; buried at London, WV  
 m. Olive Elkins (b.1899 in Boone Co.,WV, d. 9-20-1985 in Charleston) on 11-17-1922
11. ARTHUR E. KEENEY, b.3-19-1923 at Buchtel, O., d.9-24-1975 at Smithers,WV; no immediate survivors listed; buried beside his father at London  
 m. Irene Austin
12. CHARLES L. KEENEY, b. 1942 in Fayette Co.
12. PHYLLIS ANN KEENEY, b.10-29-1949
11. BETTY KEENEY, died 6-18-1940, b.1924
11. ROBERT EARL KEENEY, b.1927 in Fayette Co.  
 m. Paye Perty (b.1924) on 10-21-1961
11. HAHOLD KEENEY - served in US Air Force in England; lives at Ft. Walton Beach, FL
11. JOHN DEE KEENEY - lives at Gatewood, WV
11. RICHARD MOSE KEENEY, b.1-18-1933 at Longacre, Fayette Co., WV
11. PHYLLIS JOANNE KEENEY, b.1935; lives in Cleveland, Ohio  
 m. Howard Bussen Mills (2nd m.) (b.1927)  
 m. Melvin Edward Seacrist 7-27-1950 (1st)
12. CYNTHIA ANN MILLS, b.12-15-1956
11. ROSE MARIE KEENEY, b.9-29-1940  
 m. Herbert Clinton Hodnall (b.1936) on 4-6-1962 at Fayetteville; lives in Utah
10. DONALD WILLIAM KEENEY, b.3-25-1900, died 8-6-1972  
 m. Lilly Wright in 1921; one child:Opal  
 m. Dollie Elkins, sister of Fred's wife; one child: Virgie  
 m. Beessie Alice Wright Wade (b.3-22-1904, sister of his first wife; six children
11. OPAL IVENA KEENEY, b.9-14-1921  
 m. Elmer Willard Edgell 8-30-1940 in Logan, Ohio; he died 7-16-1966
12. LOLA MAE EDGELL, b. 3-22-1941  
 m. Gilbert Hornyak 12-15-1961; children: Stanley V., Laura M. (dec.), Brian G.
12. BRUCE VINCENT EDGELL, b.11-19-1942  
 m. Bonnie Westbrook in 1965; children: Bruce V., Jr., Jennifer  
 m. (2) Jane Dickerson 7-3-1977; son: Justin Adam
12. MELINDA RUTH EDGELL, b.8-1-1951  
 m. Wayne Paul Claggett 11-14-1970; children: Thomas W., Crystal C.
11. VIRGIE KEENEY - daughter of Donald and Dollie Elkins KeeneY
11. DOROTHY JUNE KEENEY, first child of Donald & Beessie Alice Wright Wade, b.9-20-1931

- m. Homer Frederick Clark (b.12-15-1931) on 5-6-1950, divorced 1965
- m. Leroy Grant Rathburn (b.6-15-40) 2-14-1966
- m. Howard Higgins (b.5-26-1921) on 8-9-1943
12. MARY KATHYNN CLARK, b.6-13-1951
- m. Donald Weaver 6-21-1974 (US Army 1963 to 1986; Mary K. in Army 1969-74; children: Jeffrey A., Sean Thomas
12. HOMER FREDERICK CLARK, JR., b.6-16-1953
- m. Linda Linsman on 7-12-1974; daughter, Elizabeth Ann, b.8-28-1982
12. THOMAS JOSEPH CLARK, b.2-28-1956
- m. Ann Lou Whitlington 8-21-1975; children: Joseph M. (1976), Joshua Joseph (1980)
12. LORA LEE CLARK, b.4-8-1962; Air Force E5 since 1981; m. John Richard Ryan, Jr. on 10-24-1981; children: Jon P., Robert J.
12. DAVID HENRY RATHBURN, b.6-5-1967
11. DONALD JUNIOR KEENEY, b.9-20-1931 (twin)
- m. Shirley Horn on 7-24-1955; two children
- m. Mary Alice Stevens on 5-1-1982; 2 children
12. WINCE ALLEN KEENEY, b.8-1956
- m. Ruth Medcalf; children: Dianna H., Deedra
12. DONALD ARTHUR KEENEY, b.3-25-1958
11. CHARLOTTE ANNE KEENEY, b.1-23-1936
- m. Donald Junior Fickett 2-21-1955 in Indiana
12. JERI LYNN PICKETT, b.5-17-1956
- m. James Lincoln on 6-28-1975; children: James W. (1978), Bryan C. (1981) (Jeri Lynn m. Charles Martin on 4-4-1988)
12. CHRYSYAL DAWN PICKETT, b.2-24-1968
- m. Stephen Alwyn Griffin on 11-15-1986
11. WILLIAM HAROLD KEENEY, b.11-13-1938, d.7-29-89
- m. Carol Sneathers on 9-14-1956
- m. Betty J. Murphy on 11-17-1961 (b.4-4-1939)
12. SHERRY LYNN KEENEY, b. 3-31-1957
- m. Charles F. VanCuren; children: Richard O. (1974), Tamra K. (1976), Chelsea W.H. (1981)
11. FRANKLIN DERWOOD KEENEY, b.11-6-1940
- m. Linda Joyce Stalling (b.6-7-44) on 4-1-1960
12. PAMELA LOUISE KEENEY, b.8-22-1961
- m. Michael Handy Sizma 8-25-1978; children: Mandy Marie (1982), Nicole (1982)
12. FRANKLIN WAYNE KEENEY, b.7-10-1963
12. ROBERT LEROY KEENEY, b.1-12-1965
12. SHERRY LYNN KEENEY, b.5-5-73, d.8-9-73
12. SUSAN RAE KEENEY, b.7-21-1975
11. ROBERT EDWARD KEENEY, b.2-16-1951; lives in FL
- m. Mary Frances Johnson (b.6-3-51) on 3-6-1973
10. OLIVE MARGARET KEENEY, b.9-13-1904, died 1978; buried at St. John's Cemetery
- m. James Jones; three children
- m. Dewey Whitrow (b.7-3-1898, d.3-7-1967)
11. WANDA MARIE JONES, b. 4-21-1924
- (married name: Provence; lived in PA)
11. EDRA JONES, b.11-8-1927, d.4-4-1972
- m. William Pocer Reitter (b.11-8-22, d.3-25-79)
12. WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER REITTER, b.9-7-1946
- m. Carolyn Geiger (b.3-21-1950), 2 children
- m. Shirley Larkey (b.7-15-1942), 1 child
- children: Carol Christine (1969), Melissa Jo (1970), Christine Marie (1978)
12. EDRA ELLAMAE REITTER, b.11-25-1947
- m. Frank Scott Young (b.2-14-1944), children: Jeffrey Scott (1966), Melanie Dawn (1973)
12. RICHARD JAMES REITTER, b.6-29-1949
- m. Tina Marie Snyder (b.8-8-1958), daughter: Molly Lynne (b.2-14-1988)
12. GARY LEE REITTER, b. 7-17-1952
- m. Katherine Leavitt (b.11-15-1955)
12. ROBIN ELAINE REITTER, b.7-8-1955 twin
- m. Benjamin Attilio DiFabbio (b.8-21-1950)
12. ROBERT ERIC REITTER, b.7-8-1955 twin
- m. Leanne Marie Martin (b.6-27-1960)
12. PAUL RASKO REITTER, b.11-24-1967
- m. Patricia Ann Calhoun (b.5-13-1969) daughter: Edra Marie, b.8-18-1988
10. WILMA KEENEY, b.1907 at Buchtel, Athens Co.; buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, OH; married to a Valentine, then to a Wright
10. RUTH L. KEENEY, b.1910 at Buchtel, Ohio
9. IDA KEENEY KEETON, b.1866; age 14 in 1880 Boyd Co., KY census; mother of several children, including GRACE, b. 1897 in Ohio
9. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (Frank) KEENEY, b.1872 in Boyd Co., KY; age 37 in 1910 census, Athens Co., Ohio; died in 1952
- m. Margaret Ellen (Ellis) Snyder (b.1868) on 11-5-1897 in Athens Co. (county records)
10. AUGUSTA MAE KEENEY, m. Harry Andrews; lived in Detroit and Baton Rouge and went to Arizona and California after husband's death
11. ALVIN LEE ANDREWS, married and father of Gary and Denny Andrews
10. EPPIE BLANCH KEENEY, m. Carl Hall; lived in Nelsonville and Athens, O., then moved to Aqualla, Arizona
11. PAULINE HALL COPE PENNEY - lives in Nevada; 2 daughters from Cope marriage, one son from Penney marriage
11. CARL HALL, JR. - died at age 16
11. MADONNA HALL, m. Earl Davis; 3 children
10. EVERETT WILFORD KEENEY, b.1900; moved to Wellsburg, WV in his youth; lives at McKinleysville, WV; m. Mary Wilson
11. JAMES KEENEY - lives in Florida
- m. Gueta McDanielis
12. JAMIE KEENEY
12. CINDY KEENEY
11. DORIS J. KEENEY, m. Richard Fox
12. RICKY FOX
12. BONNIE FOX
10. FRED A KEENEY - died at birth
10. LEONA KEENEY - died at age 1
10. CLIFFORD ELLIS KEENEY, b.1903
- m. Ann Richards; divorced, no children
10. HUBERT KEENEY, b. 1906, d.1922 at age 16
10. FLOYD KEENEY, b.9-15-1907; moved from Buchtel, O. to Wellsburg, WV at age 15 to work 48 yrs. for Eagle Mfg. Co. m. Mee Elizabeth Cumberland (b.12-22-1909, d.3-19-1984)
11. NAOMI MARIE KEENEY, b.9-11-1928
- m. Walter F. Pollock on 5-6-1949
12. FAYE ELIZABETH POLLOCK
- m. Alvin D. Long; children: Richard, Reann, Bridgett
12. CHERYL LYNN POLLOCK, b.1952, d.1966
12. WALTER WILLIAM POLLOCK - adopted in 1968 at age 7
11. VIRGINIA MARDELL KEENEY, b.7-9-1930
- m. James Kotch
12. DEBRA KOTCH, m. Mark Cippoletti
12. PAMELA KOTCH, m. James Stewart daughter: Shannon Mae Stewart
12. KIMBERLY KOTCH
11. FLORENCE MAY KEENEY, b.9-7-1935; lives at San Dimas, CA; m. Robert Gallagher Family: Duke, died at age of 2 mos.; Doug M., one son; Shawn, 2 daughters; Tonya Gallagher Lepre - no children
10. EDITH GENEVIEVE KEENEY, b.1909, d.1984
- m. Jake Wolfe; moved from Wellsburg, WV to Bell Gardens, CA
11. WILLIAM WOLFE, wife: Joan; reside in Weirton, WV; children: Bill, David, Tim
11. DONNA WOLFE, m. Frank Godina, five children, divorced; lives at Vernal, UT
11. SHIRLEY WOLFE, m. Charles Bloom; lives in California
11. RUSSELL WOLFE, m. Marlene Sayre; lives at Wellsburg, WV
10. MELVIN FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.1912; lives

- at Wellsburg, WV; m. Mary Miller  
11. FRANK KEENEY - lives in WI after 20 yrs. in U. S. Navy  
11. CATHERINE RUTH KEENEY BOOTH; 1 child  
10. RUTH MYRTLE KEENEY AMOS, b.1917  
11. LOLA JEAN KEENEY, m. James McDaniels  
12. DENNY McDANIELS 12. WENDY McDANIELS
8. MARY IRENA KEENEY, b.1832 in Kanawha Co., WV; age 76 in 1910 census, unmarried, living with David and Minerva Keeney in Athens Co., Ohio
9. CATHERINE KEENEY, b.2-14-1834 in Kanawha Co., d.9-2-1917 at Buchtel, OH; buried at Buchtel m. Stephen S. Price (b.10-1-1822 in Lawrence Co., KY, d.9-19-1873), married 10-2-1851 in Lawrence Co., Ohio - 11 children  
m. (2) Alexander Williams - 1 child
9. SARAH LOUISA PRICE, b.9-1-1822 at Argillite, KY, d.3-17-1855 in Scioto Co., OH  
9. MARTHA JANE PRICE, b.8-17-1854 in Scioto Co., d.2-9-1940 in Hocking Co., OH  
m. Simon Lovett
9. ALICE PRICE, b.6-4-1857 in Scioto Co.  
m. Thomas Gosney
9. ISADORA PRICE, b.2-19-1859 in Lawrence Co., O.  
m. Bernard Smith
9. JOHN RICHARD PRICE, b.11-4-1860 in Jackson Co., OH, d.5-27-1904 at Vivian, McDowell Co., WV  
m. Jennie Latimer on 8-14-1885 in Hocking Co.
9. MARY CATHERINE PRICE, b.12-23-1862 in Scioto Co., d.8-17-1926 at Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio  
m. Robert Stewart 8-25-1880 in Hocking Co.
9. ANN ELIZA PRICE, b.4-1-1865 in Scioto Co.  
m. Norman Stewart on 4-16-1885
9. ALPHARETTA PRICE, b.11-16-1867, d.10-23-1888  
m. James Conway on 6-19-1884
9. STEPHEN ROBERT PRICE, b.11-18-1868 in Scioto, d.9-16-1882 in Hocking Co., Ohio
9. GEORGE HARVEY PRICE, b.3-28-1871 in Scioto Co., d.12-18-1945 at Mansfield, Richland Co., OH  
m. Addie M. Zimmerman 1-30-1895 at Athens, OH
9. JAMES HOOD PRICE, b.3-2-1873, d.5-2-1873 at Estill, KY
9. MAUDE WILLIAMS VERMARTEN, b.5-20-1876, died 9-21-1943 at Athens, OH; widowed at age 32; two children
8. LUCY A. KEENEY, b.1836 in Kanawha Co., WV; age 14 in 1850 Scioto Co. census; may be the Ruth Ann Keeney, who m. Milton Patton 1-14-1854 (in Scioto Co. marriage records)
8. WILLIAM H. KEENEY, b.1-1-1840 in Kanawha Co., WV, d.3-11-1923 in New Boston, OH; buried at Wheelersburg, OH; parents, John Keeney and Elizabeth Farney, listed on death certificate issued by Scioto Co.; Greenup Co., KY in 1880  
m. Mary Ann Cunningham (b.5-27-1840 in PA, died 2-27-1885; buried in Greenup Co.), married on 3-11-1863 in Greenup Co., John F. Rate, surety  
m. Samantha Pruett (b.5-12-1861 at Clay Lick, KY; d.5-26-1929), at home of Henry Pruitt 6-11-1892
9. GEORGE KEENEY, b.1865 - 15 in 1880 census of Greenup Co., living with William and Mary
9. JAMES H. KEENEY, b.10-1867 in Ohio; 12 in 1880  
m. Eliza E. Green (b.1880) 12-24-1894 at home of his uncle, Alfred Keeney; she d. 8-5-1901 and was buried in Greenup Co., KY
10. CLARK KEENEY, b.3-24-1896, d.9-27-1898
10. JEANNE IRENE KEENEY, b.8-1899 in Boyd Co.  
m. Nora Green (1st m.) (b.6-19-1871, died on 12-16-1893) son: HUGHES, b.4-1892, d.10-1893
9. WILLIAM S. KEENEY, b.1874 in KY, 6 in 1880; died at age 92 in Ross Co., OH, near Chillicothe  
m. Lucy McKenna White Defoe (b.1868) 11-6-1905
9. JOHN R. KEENEY, b.1863 in KY, d.10-8-1912  
m. Pearl Knapp (b.1887) on 12-28-1904 at Fairmont, WV
9. HENRY HARRISON KEENEY, b.6-1-1893 at Argillite, KY, d.4-6-1967  
m. Nellie Mae Douglas 6-24-1915 (b.1897 at Waitland, KY, daughter of Merion and Dora Evans Douglas)
10. LESTER EUGENE KEENEY, b.11-2-1915 at Wolf Pen, KY; lives in DeLand, FL  
m. Marjorie Lillian Hardy (b.1-26-1920) on 11-2-1936 at Ironton, OH, daughter of Frederick E. & Emma Middleton Hardy
11. CARMEN EMMA KEENEY, b.12-17-1938 at New Boston, Ohio  
m. James Aloysius Lyons on 7-4-1957  
12. BRENDA LYNN LYONS, b.3-25-1958  
12. LESLIE JEAN LYONS, b.4-6-1959  
12. JAMES AJOYSTUS LYONS III, b.6-27-1960
11. MARINELL RUTH KEENEY, b.10-28-1941  
m. LeeRoy Davis, Jr. 7-31-1959 in Atlanta
11. BARBARA IRENE KEENEY, b.8-24-1943  
m. Donald Slope 2-22-1963 in Bragg, OK
11. JAMES HARRISON KEENEY, b.8-6-1947  
m. Sharyl Seigler 6-26-65; (2) Linda Lopez 6-12-68; (3) Pauline Smith 11-79; (4) Jessie McPecke 5-8-82
11. ELIZABETH ANNE KEENEY, b.8-17-1952  
m. Robert W. Milling, Jr. (b. Colorado)
10. LLOYD BERWIN KEENEY, b.9-28-1917 in Ashland, OH; d.11-17-1978 at Portsmouth; St. Peter's Cemetery, Wheelersburg, OH  
m. Marcella Emmett
11. JERALD KEENEY, b.4-18-1944 at New Boston married in 1969; wife: Marge
11. MARY ANN KEENEY, b.4-5-1948  
11. MICHAEL KEENEY, b.4-13-1949  
11. RITA KEENEY, b.11-18-1951 at New Boston  
11. JOHN KEENEY, b.1-12-1953 at New Boston  
11. MARK KEENEY, b.9-7-1954 at New Boston, OH
10. EVELYN MARJORIE (Marge) KEENEY, born on 10-18-1920 at Ironton, OH; d.12-12-1984 at Columbus; Forest Lawn Cem., Columbus, OH  
m. Gene J. Wintersole (died 7-4-1976)
11. GENE ALAN WINTERSOLE, b.6-28-1942  
m. Brenda Cox on 4-25-1964
11. JANE ULDINE WINTERSOLE, b.9-25-1947  
m. David Winkle on 7-22-1972
10. MABEL RUTH KEENEY, b.8-10-1922  
m. (1) Richard Gaffey; (2) Lowell Fyle; (3) Orville Bratcher; (4) Roger Preest
11. JANE CORNELL GAFFEY, b.11-24-1945  
m. Robert Laas in June, 1964
11. TOM DEAN PYLE, b.6-21-1950; unmarried
11. CHARLES BRATCHER, b.2-29-1952  
m. Renee Williamson in June, 1976
11. ROGER PREEST, b.6-7-1955  
m. Karen Waldren in 10-1974
10. GEORGE HENRY KEENEY, b.7-22-1924  
m. Darlene Amundson (divorced)
11. TIMOTHY ALLEN KEENEY, b.6-14-1958  
11. DALE DOUGLAS KEENEY, b.11-7-1960  
11. LINDA MARTINE KEENEY, b.5-4-1963
10. DOROTHY JEAN KEENEY, b.1-12-1933  
m. Paul D. Dreaden 11-5-1951 in Indiana
11. PAULA JEAN DREADEN, b.12-3-1952 in Baltimore, MD; m. Michael Kelley (b. GA) on 3-27-1969
11. CAROL LEILANI DREADEN, b.7-1-1954 in Hawaii; m. Albert Pullmore 3-30-1970
9. EVA KEENEY, b.7-7-1898 in Greenup Co., KY  
m. Warner Adkins (b.1895 in Elliott Co., KY) on 9-13-1919 in Boyd Co., KY
9. CHARLES KEENEY, b.6-21-1902; 7 in 1910 Greenup Co. census, son of Wm. & Samantha
8. GEORGE W. KEENEY, b. c.1839 in WV; age 11 in Scioto Co., OH census; member of Co. F, 91st Regt., Ohio Vol. Infantry, Civil War; buried

- in Howard Furnace Cemetery, Vernon Township  
m. Romans Burnett on 3-10-1867 in Scioto Co.
8. DAVID KEENEY, b.1-1845 in Scioto Co., Ohio,  
first member of family after leaving WV; age  
9 in Scioto 1850 census, 75 in 1880 Boyd Co.,  
KY census, 55 in 1900 Hocking Co., OH census  
m. Minerva E. Baker (b.9-1844 in Greenup Co. KY)  
on 1-8-1871 in Greenup County
9. IRVINE F. KEENEY, b.3-1873 in Boyd Co., KY  
9. SARAH F. KEENEY, b.12-1874 in Boyd Co.
9. JOHN ERVING KEENEY, b.8-1876 in Boyd Co.  
wife: Mary (b.8-1879 in KY); lived with Erv-  
ing's parents and family, Buchtel, OH in  
1910; coal miner
10. ALICE M. KEENEY, b.5-1899  
10. CYNTHIA F. KEENEY, b.1901  
10. MILLIE M. KEENEY, b.1903  
10. MIRIAM S. KEENEY, b.1905  
10. THEODORE D. KEENEY, b.1906
9. GEORGE A. KEENEY, b.1890; 2 mos., 1860 census
8. ALFRED KEENEY, b.10-1849 in Scioto Co., d.1920  
in Ashland, Boyd Co., KY; Dixon Cemetery  
m. Sarah Alice Ives (b.10-1855 in Greenup Co. KY,  
daughter of George Ives; d.5-2-1931 at age 76  
in Lawrence Co., OH
9. LURETIA KEENEY, m. Charles Chinn
9. MOLLY KEENEY
9. GEORGE W. KEENEY, b.3-1-1876 at Coslight, KY,  
d.7-6-1949 at Coal Grove, OH; buried at Ashland  
Cemetery, Ashland, KY
- m. Della Ruth Barber (b.10-1880 in Ohio) on  
5-16-1899 in Lawrence Co., OH
10. ADAM KEENEY, b.5-21-1908 at Burnwell, WV, a  
mining town; d.11-1964; Ashland Cemetery  
m. Georganna Neville 3-5-1927 in Boyd Co., KY  
father: Isaac Neville; 3 children  
m. Nelle Conroy - 2 children
11. RALPH ADAM KEENEY, b.1-17-1926 at Iron-  
ton, OH; lives in Columbus
- m. Mary Ann Willis (b.1927) 4-17-1948 at  
Greenup, KY; p-Clayton & Dorothy Willis
11. MARY FRANCES KEENEY MEYERS - Ironton, OH
11. FRANKLIN D. KEENEY - Ironton, OH  
m. Melinda C. Broughton 6-26-1981
11. KAREN ELAINE KEENEY, b.3-26-1947
11. GEORGE WILLIAM KEENEY, b.9-1954
10. EVE KEENEY, b.9-8-1913 at Burnwell, WV  
m. (1) James Turpin; (2) George Fillingier
10. NAOMI RUTH KEENEY, b.1-27-1917 at Ashland,  
KY; d.5-1-1976 at Columbus, OH; buried beside  
second husband at Sunset Cem., W. Jefferson, OH  
m. Clifford H. Elkins (b.1914, on 6-6-1938 in  
Boyd Co., KY; m. (2) Ralph Borland
10. MARY MAGDALENA KEENEY, b.4-6-1921 at Ash-  
land, KY  
m. Lifford Carey (b.1916 in Lawrence Co., OH)  
in 1937 in Boyd Co., KY
11. PATRICK L. CAREY, b.3-27-1946; lives in  
Marton, OH

(Ceda Murdock is a pen name for Marcella Fuller,  
of Nashville, TN, whose Keeney ancestry traces  
back to Lawrence Co., OH and old Greenbrier, WV)

## Convey Your Family Heritage Without Leaving Your Doorstep

• Ceda Murdock

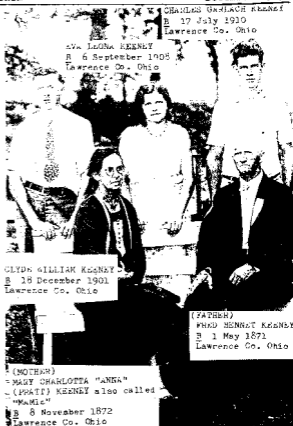
Will your grandchildren know who your grandparents were? Will they ever find the old family cemetery near the clearing where that first cabin stood? Who will tell them?

Great Aunt Lavinia says her grand-  
children and nephews will think the  
old family shoe last was bought at a  
yard sale. She says she ought to tell  
someone the importance of family  
memorabilia.

Many men and women are willing  
to hand on their family recollections.  
And many younger relatives expec-  
tation interest in learning about their  
ancestors.

You may convey the essence of  
your family heritage without leaving  
your doorstep. Let's consider six  
main features (plus a variety of  
options).

Record the lineage, of course.  
Identify the old family photographs.



Point out the old homestead, or if it  
no longer exists, provide a picture or  
draw a floor plan (or both). Identify  
family heirlooms and memorabilia.  
Direct younger relatives to locate the  
old family cemetery. And so they  
will understand how they are all kin,  
do family relationships.

First the people. Record your  
family lineage, going back  
as many generations as you know. Do  
not be surprised if your  
information is unweaving.  
Sometimes the family  
line is filled in for five  
generations (or more), and another  
shows only two generations.

Give full names wherever you  
know them, with dates and places of  
birth, marriage, and death (include  
place of burial). Indicate an approxi-  
mate date (around 1894) when that is  
your best information. Give essential  
nicknames too. Otherwise, some  
relatives will never be recognized.  
Whether you are typing or writ-  
ing, consider your first copy a  
working copy, so you are free to add  
a footnote that "Great-grandfather  
Abe joined the California gold rush,  
sailing south around the Cape."

Genealogical charts for recording  
family lineage are widely available  
today. Most common is the four-gen-  
eration chart, beginning with your-  
self, and tracing back to four sets of  
great-grandparents. This seems sim-  
ple enough. Yet often the madden-  
name of a great-grandmother is un-  
known. And where was Great-grand-

father Abe born? And when?

Throughout this project, as you  
record your family heritage, you will  
be seeking a suitable format for your  
information. Whether you choose to  
create one ultimate file or a dozen,  
someone will undoubtedly need fur-  
ther copies. So make your best copy of  
your lineage (whether typed or  
written) in black ink on white paper  
to guarantee clearer photographs.

Whether your lineage is written on  
a fan-shaped chart or typed on the  
block-form genealogical sheets, do  
remember that your family is relying  
on you for clarity of information.  
Make accuracy your primary goal.

Next, sort your photographs, set-  
ting aside old family pictures that  
need to be identified. Allow ample  
time and plenty of space to spread  
the pictures. You may want to divide  
these photographs and work first on  
those you know well.

Write the names on the backs of  
pictures. A fragile picture may re-  
quire an envelope, with the names  
listed on the envelope. Or you may  
want to arrange your photographs in  
a family album, with identification  
clearly marked beside each photo.

Do your school pictures date back  
to group shots taken in front of a  
one-room school? How many family  
members attended there at one time?  
Is that really Cousin Kermie beside  
Chester? And if this is your fifth-  
grade photo, where is the sixth?  
Would Clarence have it?

Here is Cousin Otha with his  
own. There are several copies of this  
picture, but never too many. All of

## Memorial Obituary



**John S. Keeney III**

John S. Keeney III, 63, of 2023 Carson St., died Oct. 28, 1989, in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was a superintendent for Robert C. Agnes Inc. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and organist. He was a member of the car pool committee and the Holiday Rambles. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving wife, Marjorie Rodgers Keeney; sons, Scott of Charleston and Gary Wayne; daughter, Susan, Trinity Baptist of Orange, Calif.; Helen Clinic of Nitro, Rickett Brookers of Medina, Ohio, and Mary Susan Crawford of Belle; three granddaughters. Friends may call from 10 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at Bostert-Burke Co. Funeral Home.

**JOHN S. III, grandson**  
sake of John S. & Henniame-  
Keeney (p.104); **BERNICE C.,**  
w/o David T. (Dave) Keeney (p.88); Richard Crandall,  
great great grandson of William S. & Frances Keeney-  
Brawley; **CLIFFORD WHITE,** great grandson of Robert  
"Bull Bob" Keeney and Mary J. Bowles Keeney (41)  
(page references in 2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES)

### Bernice C. Keeney

Mrs Bernice C. Keeney, of Malden, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1989, in CAMC, General Division, after a short illness. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Malden.

Surviving: son, James L. Walker of Charleston; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Stevens-Grass Funeral Home, Malden.

### Richard M. Crandall

Richard Matthew Crandall, 48 of 4102 Malden Drive, died Nov. 15, 1989 in Thom-10 Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He was a member of Kiewitua School Presbyterians Church, Malden, N.H. Area Association for Advancement of Science and a graduate of Hamilton-Sydney College, Hamilton-Sydney, Va. He was a retired physicist for OGO Railway lab, Hanell, Ky., with 36 years' service.

Surviving brother, John W. "Jack" of Malley. Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Stevens-Grass Funeral Home, Malden, with the Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial will be in Memorial View Memorial Park, Charleston. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Clifford B. White

Clifford B. White, 78, of 482 Witcher Road, Belle, died Aug. 20, 1989, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was a retired vicepresident captain and owner of White Brothers River Contractors. He was a member of Witcher Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, trustee, Sunday school teacher and past Sunday school superintendent. He was a Mason, Shriner and a member of Scouting Rite Riders.

Surviving wife, Marie, brother, Capt. Harry F. of Witcher; sisters, Grace Jarrett and Irene Cameron, both of Houston, Tex.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Friday at Witcher Baptist Church, with the Rev. Billy Wilburn and the Rev. John Matthews officiating. Burial with Masonic rites will be in White family cemetery, Witcher. Friends may call after 5 p.m. today at Valley-Town Funeral Home, Belle.

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Otha's old playmates remember that team of oen, and what a wonderful time he had with them!

Arrange those family reunion pictures in chronological sequence, so your identification from the most recent pictures will help you work your way backward in time.

Your identification of photographs may be accomplished at any of several levels. You may simply identify the pictures you know and stop. You may want to send to the Carnes photo you cannot identify to a cousin in Illinois. Photographs of neighboring families may be offered to descendants of that family. Some prefer to throw away pictures they cannot identify.

But don't give up too easily. Perhaps looking at these pictures again when your brother and sister come to visit may prompt one of you to recall those faces from long ago.

So you've retired in Florida, and your grandchildren in Atlanta and southern California have never visited your home community in Ohio. The old house no longer stands, and you have no clear photograph. Yet you can see it all clearly in your mind's eye.

Describe that homestead, so it will become a real part of their heritage. You might draw a floor plan of the house. Remember to include the details as the bay window in the dining room, the fireplaces, the open loach, and the pantry of the back porch.

The outbuildings will interest your grandchildren too. In addition to the necessary, list the wash house (where the Delco panel was mounted), the storeroom (where the meat was cured), the coal shed, and garage.

The barn deserves a separate floor plan. Remember how you used to climb into the hay mow into the workshop? Include the stanchions for the cows, the stalls for the horses, and the separator. And the egg house with a newborn calf.

There you have it— floor plans of the white frame house and the barn, and a list of the outbuildings. Does that really sound hard? Describe how your father turned up Indian arrowheads with his plow when you were a child growing up on that farm.

Tell about the tower you built when the jonquils died and how your mother had the bulbs replanted and the pit filled in for fear of snakes. It seemed that nature rewarded her for such caution, as the bulbs multiplied and people came for miles each spring just to see the jonquils.

Now that your daughter has embroidered a tablecloth to highlight the pattern of the family china you gave her, you rest a bit easier about the family's lasting appreciation of your life, crystal and jewelry.

But consider the less familiar family treasures, such as Uncle Ed's candy hook. Great-grandmother Singer's cake plate, the old family Bible, just a set of letters, and period post cards. Will your grandchildren—or great-nieces and nephews—know the special values of these items?

Will they know that your dad's bow tie, now cherished as a distinguishing gown—was originally an everyday dress, and those tiny tucks were hand sewn by his mother?

While you may find

occasion to tell young-er relatives about your special memorabilia, that is hardly sufficient. So you want there to be able to convey this information many years hence, do write a brief description of each item. Then photograph these special features—these photographs and their tags these photographs and their descriptions in a small album.

You might try a first-person account for some items. Write about the candy hook as if Uncle Ed were describing it: "I got this candy hook when I was a young man. My when I was a young man, they used to travel together on our wagon across Ohio into Indiana, making and selling our candy at county fairs. We'd dip one end of the candy in powdered sugar, then in our own cord, sour in oil, and the other in almond, and red and white. Sweet on those faces from long ago. We'd sing that with a kind of rhythm. The family pulled had a kind of rhythm too, so cowboys would gather round to watch, and to buy our candy."

Along with your photographs and descriptions you might list who has possession of each item.

Don't overlook items of sorrow. Grandpa Munklock's funeral brought back many who are signed in the funeral register. Laid in that register was a simple sheet of paper with a hand-drawn family tree, including a name no one recognizes. Was Brady an elder brother, who died much earlier? Is her name the name of your relatives about the tin-knives?

Direct them to the old family cemetery. List this be a grim occasion. Plan to make an outing of it. Unless you know the cemetery, you need to know where they make this trip in winter. You will find less overgrowth, and the gravestones are easier to locate, as well as to read.

For this expedition, send to your group with you. Choose one strong person to act as guide. The guide should be careful with detail (to record the inscriptions), and a driver who can cope with narrow access roads. Suggest that they leave space to lay along a cousin who lies in the vicinity of the cemetery. A local person often knows who owns the adjacent land, and which access road is better.

Mark a road map for them, and give locations on a map to the exact location. (Look for a tall cedar tree on the river side of the road about two miles above the laurgrounds.) Looking a cousin in the vicinity, have them inquire of the neighbor who has land around the cemetery about allowing access to a family cemetery.

Try getting someone in each family of Great-grandfather Stephen Swain's twelve children to record a family group sheet: A comparison to the genealogical chart, the family group sheet provides space to record births, marriages, and deaths of one husband and wife, and their children. The name and address of the person providing data on each of the family sheets will give a link to each family.

So you're geographically separated from your family? Tape the lore and anecdotes. Together with your family's family-identified family photo, sketch and recollections of the homestead, album of memorabilia, directions to the family cemetery, and family group sheets, this tape will enhance your relatives' sense of family.

## SILVER PEN

Charleston, WV  
DAILY MAIL

### Injustice truly desecrates the flag

My most vivid and moving memory of our stars and stripes is Joe Rosenblatt's picture of the Marine flag-raising on Iwo Jima. It symbolized the dedication and sacrifices of all men, everywhere, for their convictions.

As we returned from World War II we were zealously determined to broaden our liberties, fight injustice, make our own kind, gentler society, before the mundane tasks of daily living dimmed our zeal.

The person who burned the flag to attract attention to his cause in defiance of the law sacrificed himself. Most of us do not subscribe to his cause, but many of us offered to sacrifice our lives to protect his right to express himself, regardless of the unpopularity of his beliefs. Civil disobedients whom we admire include Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Paul Reveré, and the Chinese students.

Too often, it is the injustice, rather than

the protest, that desecrates our flag. As we attempt to burden our society with laws protecting our flag, at what point, in a physical sense, do we draw the line? Are we to protect the lawless imitation flags that, if set on fire, would melt instead of burn? Cheap trinkets that cheapen our flag? Flag insignia on clothing.

Let the Supreme Court ruling stand. Few of us will burn our flags. When it does occur, the burning could conceivably make our flag and our liberty and our beliefs even more precious to us.

George Keeney  
Hurricane



August, 1982

Crawfordsville



The Keeney "Mansion"

## Home built in early 1860s

The land on which the Keeney home was built originally belonged to the pioneer Dunn family and was sold to James Thompson, the prime mover in the founding of Wabash College. The land was flatted as the Thompson Addition on Feb. 14, 1849, and included 14 lots composing the square between Walnut, Perry, West and Elm Streets and two lots north of the Perrysville Road.

This addition was enlarged by the inclusion of land to the east of Elm Street. This portion is located on a Union Township map of 1864 with four and a half acres labeled as the Jere Keeney property. The well-known newspaper editor had purchased the land from the Thompson family and sometime in the early 90s erected the "Keeney Mansion."

Like Lane Place, the Keeney home recalls both in exterior and interior design, the southern tradition. The last-named structure, because of its longer hall and better proportioned rooms creates the atmosphere of spaciousness. This home, like its contemporary, depended on fireplaces which were the heating units for every room. The home was located at the crest of a gently sloping hill and set off by a giant beech and a pair of arrow-straight poplars.

The Highlands at that time was a heavily wooded area. A century ago if a resident ventured beyond the section known as Old Town, he found wide-spreading stands of primeval forests, including groves of walnut, poplar, oak,

maple and ash. Walnut was so common, it was used as fuel and the giant ash, poplar and oak trees fell victim to the merciless ax. Log cabins were built of such hardwoods and when the sawmill appeared, the large trees cleared for building lots were used in the construction of homes.

Walnut and poplar that had been felled on the spot were used in the interior construction of the Keeney Home. The baseboards and other wood trim were made of poplar while the stairway was created from walnut in a pattern that sets off the generous proportions of the hall. A window set above the stair-well afforded a lighting effect that emphasized the depth of the long passage-way.

The house, which resembles the original executive mansion of the Confederacy located in Montgomery, Ala., faces the west with a front and back parlor on the south and a music room and dining room on the north. While the windows of these rooms do not have the obvious functional design assigned to some modern picture windows, they do impress the observer as adequate and appropriate features of the building.

The Jere Keeney reputation for individualism and eccentricity is intentionally or accidentally expressed in the structure for the floor joists run in length rather than the width of the foundation. This departure from the conventional construction methods, however, does not impair the

strength of the under pinning for the joists are made of walnut and are massive enough to carry the weight of the structure despite the builder's departure from conventional methods. The exterior of the home has an entry graced by a small but well-designed Doric portico.

A most attractive feature of the exterior were the green blinds or shutters that made a pleasant contrast to the siding. Today these shutters are brown which are attractive against the beige siding.

At the time of its building, the Keeney Home was a country home. Today the surrounding area still has some of the qualities that justified the name. The Highlands

Ownership of the popularly-known Keeney Home has changed several times over the years. In 1952 it was sold to Addington Vance. A Mr. Scott owned it later and made some changes and removed the porch on the north side. When Don Eilingwood owned the property he added a three-car garage in the back. The home was vacant for about two years and last February, it was purchased by Mrs. Moreland Hudson.

Mrs. Hudson said the nine-room mansion now has only one fireplace in operation. No major changes are planned but there is considerable work to be done since it was vacant for a period of time. The home has three-acres of lawn and orchard surrounding it with many trees and bushes.

# Indiana

# Past Times

By Patricia Hainline

OREGON

Another Starnard story concerns pioneer Jonathan Keeney, the tough mountain man who settled east of Brownsville, on Courtney Creek way. Keeney was helpful to pioneers just arriving in the valley, but his "itchy feet" kept him from settling permanently in the area, and he later went to Vale, where he operated a ferry across the Malheur River.

Let's read Starnard's story: "Although the pioneer proved conclusively that he could defend his home and loved ones, and also carry an aggressive warfare to the redskins of Eastern and Southern Oregon, it is not a fact that the early-day Oregonians were gentle in love with the military life. The typical early settler wanted to get the war over and done with, so that he could return to his home and take up things where he had left them off.

"In what rough and ready fashion Captain Jonathan Keeney from Line county interpreted orders from his superior officers during the Rogue river war may be seen from an historian's report as follows: 'Captain Keeney's company, amid the winter's rain and mud, in the damp and growing to resemble grayhounds in figure, Keeney received orders to take the horses to grass and recruit them up for the spring campaign. Captain Keeney observed that he knew of some right good grass in Line county, and he ordered his company home. This was not construed as desertion, and the Line county boys proved their full fidelity some months later.'

"But the whole truth is not to be found in the above version. Keeney's 'boys' returned to the war in 1856, but the redoubtable Jonathan did not lead them. James Blakeley was given command that year while it appears that Keeney went to the Yakima war. Whether he was ousted, or of his own volition, resigned his command is not known."

With the blessings of our Heavenly Father

Mr. and Mrs. John Keeney

and

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harmon

invite you to celebrate

the marriage of their children

Heather Catharine

and

Timothy James

on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of October

nineteen hundred and eighty-nine

at seven o'clock in the evening

St. Paul Presbyterian Church

Washburn, Iowa

IOWA



**PATRONS**

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