

Again the world keeps Christmas
 Each home and heart alight;
 The faithful praise a Savior
 Born one Holy night.

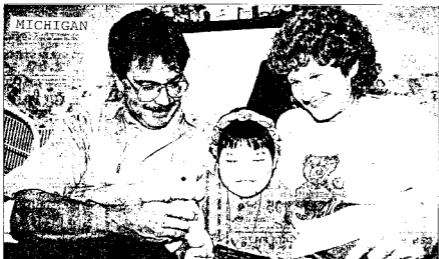
And as you, too, keep Christmas
 May you feel His presence near;
 May His tender love surround you
 Through a happy day and year.



Keeneey Update

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They are a family. Matt and Brenda Springstead returned from China Sept. 13 with their newly adopted daughter, Hope Leigh Zhou, whom they plan to name Hope Leigh. Hope, who is somewhere between the ages of 5 and 10, is blind and was found abandoned in 1990. She had lived in an orphanage since that time.

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Fate brings little girl, new parents together

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WYANDOTTE — After a young couple ruled out adoption, something inexplicable changed their minds.
 This month Matt and Brenda

CIVIL WAR SERVICE OF JOHN MARION KEENEY

John Marion Keeneey was the ninth of the thirteen children of Charles Perry Keeneey and Mary Beck, who with other Keeneey relatives, immigrated to Polk Co., Iowa from Indiana. Charles Marion Keeneey enrolled at Des Moines, Iowa, 12 Aug 1862 in Co B. 39th Reg't Iowa Infantry. Age at enlistment, 19 years, born Sept 21 1842, Montgomery Co. Indiana. Mustered out at Washington D. C. June 5, 1865. Ref: (Bureau of Pensions, application, 21 September 1912, his age 70, living at 2109 Tripp Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate 593962).

John Marion Keeneey wrote a 16 page memorandum of his Civil War experiences titled:

A SHORT SKETCH OF MY MILITARY RECORD AND SERVICE

The following is abstracted from his memorandum.

After about two month in barracks in Des Moines, the 39th Regiment was ordered to Davenport, Iowa, where they drew their uniforms and guns. From there they entrained for Chicago where they transferred to the Illinois Central Railroad for the trip down to Cairo, Illinois, Cairo, at the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, was the principal army base from which the various new divisions were sent on to the various armies in the field. Keeneey noted the place was principally known by the men for it's knee deep mud and it rained all of the time they were in Cairo.

From Cairo the Regiment was shipped by boat down the Mississippi to Columbus, Kentucky, where for the first time the men camped outside. They had a miserable time. It rained and the campsite was muddy. Either one could stand

"We walked into this thing without knowing anything . . . All we knew is that God had laid the groundwork."

— Matt Springstead
 adoptive parent

Springstead of Wyandotte returned from a trip to China with their newly adopted daughter, Jinghua Zhou, whom they call Hope Leigh, because that is what she has brought to them.

And it is hope they will bring to this blind child as well.

If it is of divine intervention, they say, that brought them to this point.

After 10 years of marriage and three unsuccessful pregnancies, the Springsteads had reconciled themselves to the fact that they would not have any children.

HIGHLY PUBLICIZED cases of natural parents seeking custody of their children from the adoptive parents frightened them away from the prospect of adopting a child here.

Adoption was not an option . . . or so they thought.

Then came a phone call from Brenda's parents telling them of a member of the Woodhaven Worship Center who was going to China on a mission to investigate the orphanages there to what could be done to find homes for those children.

This month, the Wyandotte couple returned from those same orphanages Julie Ryan had visited in May 1994 in south central China. And they returned with a daughter they never imagined they would call their own.

ONCE THE couple had decided on an international adoption.

BRENDA WILEY SPRINGSTEAD, dau. of CARMIALETA KILBURN WILEY, dau. of FRANCES KEENEY KILBURN, dau. of ROSCOE C. KEENEY, JR., son of JOHN S. KEENEY, West Virginia

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 Wyandotte, MI 48192

tion, they had two requirements that the child be healthy and an infant. Instead, they have adopted a child who has been blind since birth and is somewhere between the ages of 6 and 10.

What changed their minds so drastically? The couple isn't quite sure.

"It was something he [my son] was doing us here," Matt said of their decision to seek adoption of the child from China.



IOWA

KEENEY & McGLOTHLEN REUNION

A reunion was held on July 8-9, 1995 in Des Moines, Iowa for the descendants of William McGlathlen including Mary Hannah McGlathlen (1784-1865) and her husband, Jonathan Anthony Keeney (1778-1850) and their descendants. 100 people attended the reunion with many cousins meeting cousins they had never even heard of. It was a great occasion with relatives coming from 15 different states. Representing the Keeney side of the family were Kay and Rex McClain of Danville, Indiana and Jim and Shirley Robertson of Lincoln Nebraska.



One of the activities of the reunion was to visit the Avon Cemetery near Des Moines.

CALIFORNIA/PENNSYLVANIA



MILDRED A. DICKINSON

She designed the innovative adobe house, which was the family home, after they moved from the farm on Crazy Horse Canyon Road. Her retirement home in town blossomed from a dark and tiny box into a light-filled stratum, bright and cheerful on all but the darkest days.

Mildred loved to travel for pleasure and for charity. She went to Guatemala to sew for an orphanage. She toured the eastern United States several times. In October 1989, Mildred and her niece, Joan Dickinson Soe, visited relatives in Wallabee and other parts of Pennsylvania.

Preceding Mildred Dickinson in death are husband, Rex; brother George of California; sisters, Maybelle, Helen and Myra of Okla-

homa. Surviving are her son, Wayne of Salinas, and numerous nieces and nephews. In Tioga County she leaves her niece Catherine Dickinson Caste, and nephew, Donevan Dickinson, numerous Colegrove, Ferry, Gee, Hackett, Keeney, Niles, Smith and Wilcox cousins.

Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Salinas, Calif.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tioga County Historical Society.

MILDRED A. DICKINSON

Mildred Anna Dickinson died on Thursday, March 30, 1995, at Salinas, Calif.

She was born on March 10, 1903, on her grandfather's farm at Keeneyville, in Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

Mildred was the first child of Burton Nathaniel and Bessie June Mayes Dickinson, and a descendant of early settlers of Tioga County.

Her paternal grandparents were George Washington and Alvin J. Jane Keeney Dickinson. George was the first son of Nathaniel and Eliza Lemonda Smith Dickinson. Almira was daughter of Richard Mitchell and Cordelia Niles Keeney.

Burton needed a drier climate for his health. He and a family friend, John Beard, went to Gottoke, Okla., in 1907. After buying land, the men sent for their families.

Mildred did not make this first trip to Oklahoma. She was left behind as solace for her grandparents. It was several years before Mildred would see her parents and Oklahoma.

She often spoke about the shock of getting out from the beautiful rolling

hills served her community with imagination and vigor. She was a charter member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, and first president of the church's Women's Association.

She was director of the Wedding Guild of First Presbyterian Church of Salinas during the 1950s and early 1960s. The Wedding Guild provided the ceremony and reception preparations for any wedding held at the chapel or the main sanctuary.

She served the North County on the seven-member County Board of Education, as a delegate and as president.

On Sundays, for years, she visited local hospitals and convalescent homes, providing magazines and warmth to patients and employees. Everybody knew her.

She went back to school at age 60 to learn to do secretarial work. Before retiring, she was a secretary for The Large Animal Veterinary Service for 15 years.

Her hobbies were making quilts, braided rugs, and needle point. She sewed her own wardrobe all her life because ready-to-wear always needed to be altered for her. An admired gardener, Mildred was planting seeds and repairing flower hubs up to the day she died. With her radial-arm saw and other wood-working tools, she built cabinets, and rebuilt furnaces.

green of Keeneyville to the flat, desolate plains of Gottoke.

After the death of Burton's father in 1922, Mildred returned to Pennsylvania to be with her grandmother, Almira.

Mildred married her cousin, Ross Wellington Dickinson, on June 10, 1924, at Howard, Pa. Ross was a son of John Dickinson and his second wife, Orealia Eunice Smith, of Weiboro.

News Notes

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

ESTHER GERHINGER KEENEY was honored August 19 on her 90th birthday, by granddaughters Patty Hall, Beverly Fields and Jeannie Perkins, at the YMCA in Ashland. She was the wife of the late WILLIAM EARL KEENEY 91896-1980). She can be addressed at 3630 State Rt. 5, Ashland, KY 41101.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Col. WILLIAM F. PALMER, USAF-R, 2840 S. Mann St., Las Vegas, NV 89102, grandson of CALIFORNIA (Callie) KEENEY PALMER & William F. Palmer (1879-1935) was stationed at the Nevada Test Site in Nuclear Safety until his retirement in July 1994.

DANVILLE, INDIANA

F. KAY WOLFE McCLAIN, a descendant of John Hiram Keeney, was a happy participant in the Keeney-McGlathlen reunion in Iowa during the summer. Her mother is Edna May Rutledge Wolfe, dau. of Mary Keeney Rutledge, who was a dau. of David Darius Keeney, who was a son of Charles W. Keeney. Her address is 4414 E. Rd. 100 S, Danville, IN 46122.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

ANGELA L. KEENEY, dau. of Byron Leon Keeney (1941-1986), whose family line goes back through Meredith Eugene Keeney (b. 1918), Charles Otis Keeney (1889-1970), David Darius Keeney (1862-1938), Charles Willis Keeney (1835-1915), and John Hiram Keeney (1804-1856), is an accomplished Keeney family genealogist, particularly of the JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY family of Indiana, Iowa and other states. She is serving now as Administrative Secretary for the Salt Lake City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Angela L. Keeney
Administrative Secretary
(801) 328-5075



Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

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Keeney-Price

Announcements are made of the engagement of Nancy Ann Keeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Keeney of South Charleston, to Richard T. Price, son of Patricia Sue Billups of St. Albans and Charles T. Price of Charleston.

A May 1996 wedding is planned.

She is a graduate of West Virginia University and is employed by Frontier Ridge Schools. He is a graduate of West Virginia State College and is employed by Tru-Archie Haines Inc. They are students at West Virginia Graduate College.

KANSAS KEENEY TO REACH 100

GERALDINE G. BONJOUR KEENEY will be one hundred years old on April 5, 1996. Would it be too much for KEENEY UPDATE to suggest that we have a CARD SHOWER to honor the occasion - 100 Christmas cards or, a little later, 100 birthday cards? Her address is VALLEY VISTA, GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER, 2011 Grandview Dr., WAMEGO, KANSAS 66547.

Mrs. KeeneY was married on Christmas Day 1917 to Leroy CHARLES KEENEY, son of Staires Jade KeeneY (1869-1953) and L. Rosine Mentha (1871-1974, born in Switzerland). The genealogy of their daughter, Marjorie E. KeeneY Ayers Jenkins, and her family is as follows:

- A. MARJORIE E. KEENEY, born 16 May 1921 in Neuchatel, Kansas; lives in Wamego, KS
 m. Leroy Ayers (b.1 July 1915, d.1 Jan 1950
 m. Orville Jenkins (b.24 Jan 1911, d.31 May 1978)
 (Mr. Ayers is buried in Arlington Nat. Cemetery)
 B. SANDRA L. AYERS, b.9 Dec 1940 at Onaga, KS
 m. Duane E. McDaniel (b.14 Sept 1934 Belvue, KS)
 C. DORNA LYNETTE MCDANIEL, b.11 July 1963 at Manhattan, KS; lives in Topeka
 m. Randy A. Chrisman 11 Feb 1989
 D. JAMIE LOUISE MCDANIEL, b. 22 Oct 1982
 C. TRACI JO MCDANIEL, b.7 Jan 1965 at Chanute, KS,
 d. 29 Aug 1986 at St. Marys, KS, gunshot wound
 m. Charles A. Kling 2 Nov 1982 at Kansas City
 D. STEVEN MICHAEL KLING, b.10 Mar 1983
 D. DOUGLAS ANTHONY KLING, b.30 May 1984
 C. SCOTT DAVID MCDANIEL, b.22 Sept 1966
 B. DAVID AYERS, b. 25 Dec 1944 in Topeka, KS
 m.(1)Mary Manor (b.3 July 1949),(2)Doris Eddy
 (b.12 Oct 1944, (3)Susan Martindale Kenyon on
 16 Sept 1983
 C. LUKE NELLANS AYERS, b.9 Sept 1984 in Topeka
 B. JUDITH L. AYERS, b.8 July 1950 in Onaga, KS



Mooney

Carl H. and Roba F. Mooney of Chesapeake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 14, 1985, with a reception given by their children. He is retired from Appalachian Power Co. She is the former Roba F. KeeneY. Their children are Wayne of South Charleston and Regina Flankovic of Spring, Texas. They have four grandchildren.

After an accident, a woman stepped forward and prepared to help the victim. She was asked to step aside by a man who announced, "Step back please! I've had a course in First Aid." The woman watched his procedures for a few moments, then tapped him on the shoulder. "When you get to the part about calling a doctor," she said, "I'm already here."



LEROY & GERALDINE BONJOUR KEENEY are pictured with grandchildren Sandra and David in 1947 at Arlington, VA.

Earl O. KeeneY

ONAGA — Earl O. KeeneY, 85, Onaga, died late Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1990, at an Onaga hospital.

Mr. KeeneY was a farmer and stockman in the Neuchatel area north of Onaga until 1954. He later was a meat cutter at the Onaga Loper 30 Years.

He was born Nov. 6, 1905, at Neuchatel, the son of Jade and Rose Mentha KeeneY. He attended Neuchatel and Onaga schools and was graduated in 1924 from Onaga High School.

Mr. KeeneY was a member of the Congregational Church in Onaga and a former member of the Onaga City Council.

He was married to Lorene Roberts of Cornsua May 26, 1928. She died in June 1973. He was married to Berthe Surdez of Onaga March 2, 1974, in Onaga. She survives.

One survivor is his daughter, Audrey Sma, Highland, a son, Eugene KeeneY, Topeka; a sister, Blanche Stotts, Marysville; a brother, Claude KeeneY, Marysville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

EARL O. KEENEY and BLANCHE S. KEENEY STOTT'S were brother and sister of Leroy KeeneY.

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Mrs. Traci Jo Kling

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Verschelden Funeral Home, St. Marys, for Traci Jo Kling, 21, Topeka, who died Friday, Aug. 29, at a Topeka hospital.

Topeka police said she died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The shooting occurred early Wednesday.

Mrs. Kling was born Jan. 7, 1963, at Chanute, the daughter of Duane and Sandra Ayers McDaniel. She attended grade school and junior high in Manhattan, where she lived until she moved to Topeka about six years ago. She attended Seaman High School, and in recent years lived in Topeka and in Virginia Beach, Va.

She had attended First Congregational Church at Manhattan. She was married to Charles A. Kling Nov. 2, 1982, at Kansas City, Mo.

He survives. Other survivors include two sons, Steven Kling and Douglas Kling, both at home; her parents, Duane and Sandra McDaniel, Topeka; a sister, Lyn McDaniel, Topeka; a brother, Scott McDaniel, Topeka; a grandmother, Marjorie Jenkins, Wamego; and a great-grandmother, Gertrude KeeneY, Wamego.

Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery at St. Marys. memorial contributions may be made to a education fund for Steven and Douglas Kling.

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Blind

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While contemplating the decision, they saw a ministry show featuring James Robison. He, too, was visiting the orphans in south central China.

WAS IT coincidence or fate, they wondered?

During that show, Robison showed many children, including Jinghua. But having to choose a child from the hundreds there in need of homes troubled the Downriver couple.

"We just asked God to help us to pick the right child for us," Matt said.

They contacted Robison's Life Outreach International ministry, which put them in touch with Adoption Services in Fort Worth, Texas.

Drawn to Robison's show, telecast on the Family Channel, Trinity Broadcast Network and the Inspirational Channel, a couple of weeks later, the Springsteads heard the minister preaching again about the orphans in China. On that show Robison said he knew there was a couple in North America who felt the love radiated by Jinghua and who would adopt her.

AT THAT moment, the Springsteads knew they were that couple.

Without further hesitation, the wheels started turning and the process began to adopt the child, whom they knew little about.

"We walked into this thing without knowing anything about it," Matt said. "All we know is that God had laid the groundwork."

In the end, the process took about a year and cost the couple nearly \$5,000.

"Only God could have picked such parents for this child," said Deborah Davis, Robison's secretary, who met the couple upon their return trip from China. "This whole thing, without question, was ordained and structured through God."

ACCORDING to records at the orphanage, Jinghua Zhou is 19 years old. However, because of incomplete records and a lack of information, the Springsteads question their daughter's actual age.

She was found abandoned on Nov. 28, 1980, at a security post, and until her adoption her home was an orphanage in Nanchang, which the couple visited. There, they saw about 150 children, all of whom had been abandoned. Toddlers sat strapped to potty chairs and sickly children for whom nothing else could be done lay helplessly in cribs and on the Springsteads said.

China's one-child-per-family edict leaves many couples to abandon daughters and to raise sons instead. So the orphanages house mostly girls, they said.

AT THE orphanage, children are given names, and Jinghua, which means "awaken China," was given here and assigned Jan. 3, 1985, as her birthdate.

Nothing is known about her up until the time she was found.

"It's a miracle she survived,"

Davis said of the little girl, whose life changed dramatically as a result of Robison's visit to the orphanage she called home. "She is one of God's chosen. He man send no illness can touch her."

But after the couple arrived in China on Sept. 3, officials from the orphanage had tried to dissuade them from adopting Jinghua because of her age and her disability.

"**WE ALL** had butterflies, but we knew she was for us," Brenda said upon their first meeting with the child, who didn't speak for days. But after spending time with the couple in China and after a mere few weeks in their home in Wyandotte, the bond already is there.

In anticipation of the adoption, the couple took a six-month course in the Chinese language, and they began splitting time between their church, Woodhaven Preswift Baptist, and the Chinese Gospel Church in Livonia to acclimate themselves to the culture. And they began, like most expectant parents, to select a name. Hope is laugh — to buy toys and clothes, and to decorate their daughter's room. The couple even bought a van before making the trek to China to pick up their daughter.

Matt returned to his job at Auto-Alliance last week, and Brenda is getting used to being a stay-at-home mom.

"I've waited 15 years for this," Brenda said of which houses a program her job in the home health field to take care of her family. "I'm looking forward to being a mom."

THE COUPLE is likely to enroll Hope at Carr Elementary School in Lincoln Park, which houses a program for the blind. They also plan to have her expert evaluated at the University of Michigan Medical Center to see if the cause of her blindness can be determined and if any treatment is available.

"We're hopeful," Matt said of an improved medical prognosis. "But it doesn't work that OK, too."

For now, the family is looking for their lives to get back to normal. But they also know that life before Hope will not compare to life with her.

The transition, they say, has gone better than expected. Even the communication differences are being minimized with the couple's basic Chinese skills and Hope's quickness to pick up English.

SHE READILY calls Matt and Brenda "Momma" and "Papa" and clings to a cassette recorder and a tape, which tells the story of a child who has been adopted.

"This little girl has touched a lot of people," Matt said.

In fact, she has touched the Springsteads so deeply that the couple is considering a second adoption of another older Chinese girl who was Hope's best friend at the orphanage.

As they look at a picture of the two girls hand in hand before they brought Hope to the United States, their thoughts drift back to a time early on in their marriage when they talked about filling their house with lots of children. They just didn't realize it would take them 15 years to begin.

MILITARY RECORD AND SERVICE

up all night or put their blankets in the mud. During the night it turned cold and their blankets froze fast to the ground.

The next move was to Jackson, Tennessee, this time by rail. Around Jackson they became engaged for some time in sparring with the famous cavalry Rebel General Nathan Bedford Forrest. The General, with his hit and run tactics usually came out ahead in these engagements, but one time some 500 Confederates were captured and many killed. There were casualties for the Iowa boys too. After burying their dead, the Regiment moved on to Corinth, Mississippi, where they constructed a winter camp.

There was not much action that winter. Several times they were sent out to try to do something about Forrest but he successfully managed to evade any engagement. The Regiment was still in camp by spring and were still in camp during the siege of Vicksburg which ended July 4, 1863. The long camp at Corinth was not very eventful, but it was an unhealthy place with bad water and a great many of the Regiment was lost due to sickness.

In the fall of 1863, the Regiment was ordered to move east. There were a great number of minor engagements during this march as the Rebels contested every mile of the way. The men did not know where or why they were going. They stopped when they reached the railroad in central Tennessee that connected Nashville and Chattanooga. Here they had orders to take over all of the mills in the area. They then foraged far and wide for grain to grind and ship to the army by railroad. Now for many months they lived off the fat of the land, helping themselves to anything they needed, including cattle, hogs and chickens taken from the surrounding farms.

In the spring of 1864, after Union victories at the battle of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, Sherman was ready for an all out campaign against Atlanta. The Regiment took part in the advance toward Atlanta. There was hard fighting all along the way. By the middle of May, units of the army, including the Iowa 39th reached Resca, Georgia, where the Rebels had established strong defensive positions at a river crossing. A fierce and protracted battle ensued. John Keeney relates: "I was on the skirmish line all day at Sugar Valley (Resca) the Regiment was deployed as skirmishers. The Rebels were behind breastworks and close enough to us so we could see the buttons on their coats. A great many of our Regiment were killed or wounded. My cousin, Daniel Keeney, was shot down and died by my side. I was one of those who were detailed the next day to bury the dead. We had no coffins and their blankets were their winding sheets, with nothing to mark the place where we laid them to sleep which knows no waking." (Records show 600 Union men killed and 2,380 wounded in the four day battle)

The 39th Regiment was not engaged in the siege of Atlanta, but instead they were sent to Rome, Georgia, to guard hospital tents there. As soon as Atlanta was captured the brigade which the 39th was a part were put on cars and sent to Allatoona Pass, Georgia to capture the railroads there during the advance on Atlanta which were to be used for the start of Sherman's march through Georgia.

The Battle of Allatoona Pass was the most difficult and costly fight for the 39th Iowa during the entire war. John Keeney reports: "The fight had already commenced when we arrived there and the Rebels largely out numbered us. We had a fort built and that is all that saved us. The Rebels were so close to us that we did not have time to load our guns but used the butts of them to push them back so we could get inside the breastworks. We held the fort, though with a heavy loss, until Sherman sent reinforcements. In that engagement we lost half our Regiment...but it would have been very disastrous to our cause if we had been defeated at that time, and might have frustrated the plans Sherman had made for his march to the sea".

After the battle of Allatoona Pass, the 39th joined that famous 60 day march of Sherman's Army to the sea. John Keeney said he enjoyed that march more than any other he had participated in. The weather was fine. They were living off the country and had plenty to eat. There was little fighting until they got to Savannah. Here the Rebels put up a desperate stand. By this time supplies of the Union armies had given out and there was nothing around Savannah to forage. Keeney says the 39th was not firing well. He was on the picket line several times and was so close to the Rebels that he could converse with them. But Savannah surrendered on Christmas day. At last, after two months, there was mail from home. Savannah with its beautiful shade trees and splendid harbor was home to the Regiment the greater part of the winter of 1864. They were sorry to leave.

After Savannah, the 39th took part of in the expedition through the Carolinas. It was a dangerous, tiresome, and unhealthy journey. The march was largely through deep woods and Swamps. They had to make their own roads as they went along. Many men were lost due to exhaustion and exposure. At last

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they reached Charleston, South Carolina. The Rebel Army abandoned the city on the approach of the Union Army, and the city surrendered without much of a fight. Keeneey was appalled at the destruction and looting wrought by the Union Army as well as the recreating Rebels. He could see the city burning from his camp three miles away. But the Negroes received the Yankees with great joy, shouting "God bless you, we knowed you were coming to free the Negroes!"

John Keeneey considered the next a stop on the expedition through the Carolinas at Chewas, S. C. on the Pee Dee River as of some importance. He knew it was the burial place of General Francis Marion, known in Revolutionary War times as the "Swamp Fox". Keeneey says he was named for him and took a great deal of interest in looking for the General's grave. He said he picked up some acorns at the site and sent them home.

The advance through the Carolinas continued after a hard fight to get across the Pee Dee River crossing stoutly defended by General Johnston's troops. When they came to Goldsboro, North Carolina, and pushed the Rebels out of town, the company set up camp there. Here they were able to finally to take a bath and clean their clothes. Their next orders were to march toward Raleigh, North Carolina. When they were about half way there, on April 9th, they got the joyful news that Lee had surrendered to Grant. They all knew that the War was about over. They reached Raleigh on April 15 and watched and waited while General Sherman and General Johnston negotiated under a flag of truce. It was here we received the news of Lincoln's assassination, and the brave men who had faced death, shed tears in genuine mourning. The soldiers wanted revenge and were all for resuming the fight with the Rebels. However, Johnston surrendered on April 26th and the men were ordered to Washington.

The march to Washington passed through most of the battlefields of Virginia. The regimental bands were playing about all of the time and the colored folks were dancing for joy. In Washington the Iowa 39th took their turn marching down Pennsylvania Avenue in the Grand Review. The trip home way back to Iowa seemed to be one continuous ovation. Every farm house we passed people would come out and wave their handkerchiefs and flags. The regiment was mustered out at Clinton, Iowa. No railroads at the time reached Des Moines, so John Keeneey took the Northwestern R. R. to Ames, and had to take a stage the 40 miles to Des Moines. The stage got stuck in the mud several times during the journey, but in anticipation of home this annoyance was soon forgotten.

Keeneey's folks lived some distance in the country and walking from Des Moines he was caught in a thunderstorm. He went to a farmhouse along the road for shelter. There he found his sweetheart from before the war when he was only nineteen. She was the wife of a prosperous farmer and was now the mother of two children. This was quite a surprise even though he had not kept up a correspondence. But he was not discouraged as the soldier boys were popular with the girls at that time.

Keeneey concluded his memorandum "After the storm I proceeded on my journey and was not long in arriving at my home. It is not necessary to tell you that I received a warm reception, and no one was quite so pleased as Mother. Nothing is greater than a Mother's love".

Dated September 1, 1897.

HOLT COUNTY
MISSOURI
JAMES
&
NANCY ROSTOCK
KEENEY



TO BE BONAFADE OF NEAR DESCENDANTS
BEFORE FOR WEDD 20TH
12 TO REMAIN ALIVE & CALID
FOR MANY OF THE MONTHS
OF JAMES LIFE.
SPELLED BY THE MOTHER INTO THE LIFE
OF ONE ANCESTORS
BY THE RECORDS OF HISTORY

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JAMES RAMSEY KEENEY FAMILY

Generations:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
(Much historical information deleted for this printout)

- 1 Henry Kunkel I (1750 - 1827)
2 Henry Kunkel II (1785 - 1840)
3 Nancy Anna Rostock James Keeneey
(B 10/24/1840, Mich'd Co, OH (D 7/16/1939, D 8/31/913))
(D 4/17/1916, Holt Co, MO)
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- 1 James Ferdinand Keeneey m Anna Alice Geary (Keeneey) Baker
(B 10/26/1861, Oregon, MO (D 2/25/1917, Oregon, MO)) (B 2/18/1861, Mich'd Co, MO, 1841
Father: James, Mother: Ruth Ramsey Keeneey,
James was in 4th MI S. M. Cavalry, Civil War
Retired, Leavenworth, KS.
Father died in KY. Widow came to Holt Co, MO.
Daughter of Alfred & Rachel Hobbins Kenney.
Her 2nd m to W. L. Baker
- 1 Bessie Alice Keeneey (1890-1896)
2 Alfred Keeneey (1892-1893)
3 Ella Keeneey (1894-1906)
4 Nathan Keeneey (1897-1906)
5 Grant Keeneey m Mary Louise Dick
(B 10/19/1905, Oregon, MO (D 12/26/1966, Oregon, MO)) (B 7/18/1907, where? y c p e a n , M o .)
- 1 Helen Viola Keeneey m Clarence Clifford Charles Wilson
(B 6/9/1927) (B 6/19/1927)
1 Charlotte Day Wiltz m Billy Eugene Fishon
(B 7/21/1946) (B 12/26/1936)
Butler, MO 64730
1 Ronald Eugene Fishon (B 7/15/1967)
2 Timothy Ray Fishon (B 10/3/1970)
- 2 Susan Louise Wiltz m Rodney Isabel
(B 11/19/1949) (d. overcast, 1977)
1 Mark Anthony Isabel (B 12/29/1971)
2 Jamie Scott Isabel (B 3/11/1973)
3 Robin Michelle Isabel (B 3/4/1976)
- 2 Susan Louise Wiltz 2nd m Mike McFadden
(d. overcast, 1980)
1 Rebecca Renee McFadden
(B 8/29/1989, D 11/25/1999, Crab syndrome)
- 2 Susan Louise Wiltz 3rd m Ed Macy
* 2006 Jackson, Joplin, MO 64804
3 Clifford Hilda Wiltz m Ruth Ann McFadden
(B 9/27/1952) (B 9/29/1958)
1 David Joseph Wiltz (B 8/23/1975)
2 Daniel Wayne Wiltz (B 12/17/1977)
3 Jason Scott Wiltz (B 3/13/1987)
4 David Leo Wiltz (B 4/2/1966) May be wrong date.
- 2 Grant Loyd (Bob) Keeneey (B 8/6/1926, D 1/31/1959)
3 Betty Jean Keeneey m Kenneth Shelby Smith
(B 5/23/1930) (B 5/8/1925)
1 Linda Smith
(B 2/18/1933)
* 999 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
2 Vivian Kay Smith m John Randall Taylor
(B 6/23/1954) (B 12/28/1951)
1 Melinda Ann Taylor (B 8/19/1984)
2 Erin Suzanne Taylor (B 7/11/1985)
CHRISTIAN
3 Shelby Paul Smith m Louisa Lynn Fowler
(B 10/17/1956, D 8/9/1978) (B 12/25/1935)
1 Tamara Smith (B 3/6/1974)
2 Shelby Lee Smith (B 10/12/1976)
- 3 Betty Jean Keeneey 2nd m William Jordan
(B 4/29/1932) (B 5/28/1930)
Decided at Joplin, MO 64024
* 999 Hickory, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
4 Mary Lou Keeneey m Donald Lee Williams
(B 4/29/1932) (B 6/30/19...)
* Box 11065, 67133 Speaker Rd., Kansas City, KS 66111

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- 4 Mary Lou Lawson 3rd m Donald Ray Hasty
(R 11/19/94)
- 5 Alfred Lee Keeney m Patricia M. Howell
(R 1/19/1934) # 3016 Mayfair Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64506
- 1 Debra Lynn Keeney m David Stealey
(B 5/30/1955) # 1615 South 78th, St. Joseph, MO 64506
- 1 David Allen Beasley (B 7/20/1971)
2 Derrick Beasley (B 10/21/1975)
3 Daniel Joseph Beasley (B 3/27/1985)
- 2 Diana A Keeney (B 2/26/1957)
3 Richard Lee Keeney (B 4/4/1961)
- 6 Christina Anna Keeney m Max Raybill
(B 9/29/1935) (B 8/22/1934)
- 1 Michael Dee Raybill m Shannon Marie Chapman Miller
(B 4/1/1955)
- 1 Michael Dee Raybill 2nd m Pennie Christine (Roberts) Cooce
(B 8/29/1967) Mgmt. Surety Life Insurance (B 1/13/1960) Surety Life Assoc Rep.
6936 South La Rosa Court #31, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
- 2 Sharon Kay Raybill m Bruce Nelson Cain
(B 6/30/1948) (B 4/22/1955) Son of Marjorie Kunkel Cain, dan. of Raymond Kunkel.
333 Overhill Dr., Old Hickory, TN 37138
- 1 James Edward Cain (B 1/1/1977)
2 Duval Owen Cain (B 8/5/1978)
3 Rebecca Ann Cain (B 11/19/1982)
4 Laura Beth Cain (B 7/8/1987)
THOMAS MORGAN (B 4 MAY 1994)
- 3 Jeffrey Lee Raybill - In Az Nat. Guard, Rosemead Field, St. Joseph
(B 3/5/1965) # Rt. 1, Box 96, Oregon, MO 64473
- 4 Jennifer Leigh Raybill m JOHN JORDAN
(B 8/29/1967) (B 10/10/1968) Grand Children: COLEMAN, MIGHT, ROBERTS, SUPPER.
3901 South Hearnes Blvd. C23, Joplin, MO 64804
- 7 Ruth Ellen Keeney m John Joseph Keeney Sr.
(B 7/12/1945) (B 5/25/1944) Office Mgr., Midland Empire Union Carpenter/Midnight Girl Scout Council.
3120 South 16th St., St. Joseph, MO 64503
- 1 Sandra Rascoe Kretzer m Barry Woodson Willmore
(B 1/19/1965) (B 3/5/1965) # 1008 7th Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64505
- 2 John Joseph Kretzer Jr. m Lori Michele Goolbsy
(B 5/15/1966) (B 4/10/1967) U.S. Army, satellite equip. repair.
1824A Wallace Pl., Fort Deitch, MO 21701
- 3 Lisa Ann Kretzer m Matthew Raymond Ellis
(B 4/28/1967) (B 11/31/1965) Homemaker 2-color printer
Rt. 1, Box 111, Maysville, MO 64469
- 1 Drew Allen Ellis (B 11/3/1985)
- 1 Russell Dean Williams m Mary Ann McMahon
(B 6/11/1952) (B 10/12/1954)
- 1 Carl Grant Williams (B 7/14/1977)
2 Thomas Lee Williams (B 8/14/1975)
3 Benjamin Wade Williams (B 10/15/1976)
4 Jason Dean Williams (B 9/6/1977)
- 1 Russell Dean Williams 2nd m Catherine Beatrice Moccia
(B 6/30/1955) (B 10/15/1947)
- 2 Wesley Carl Williams m Christie Elizabeth Pennington
(B 6/30/1955) (B 3/20/1957)
- 1 Donna Carole Williams (B 1/8/1979)
2 Jennifer Lora Williams (B 5/22/1984)
3 Eric Carl Williams (B 4/27/1985)
- 3 Sylvia Irene Williams m Allen Lee Myers
(B 5/7/1957)
- 3 Sylvia Irene Williams 2nd m Ronald Eugene Lee
April Ann Lee (B 6/1/1984)
- 3 Sylvia Irene Williams 3rd m Jerry Lee Stovod
- 4 Mary Lou Williams 2nd m Richard Lee Lawson
(B 4/26/1932)
- 6 Moss Keeney - m four times:
3 - Ann Marie Julian
4 - Sarah Opal Gathersby

OBITUARIES

Sylvia T. Keeney

ASHFORD - Sylvia T. Jetta Wair Keeney, 91, of Ashford died July 23, 1995, at home after a long illness.

She was a former cook at Runkle school. She was a former charter member of Runkle Church of the Nazarenes and a member of Ashford Church of God (Holiness), where she was a member of the choir.

Surviving sons, Douglas and Vernon, of both Ashford; daughters, Anna Hager of Richwood, Nora Carroll of Hampton, Va., La-wanna Pelt of Columbus, Ohio, Edna Pagan of Villa Grove, Ill., brother, Ernest W. of Lawrence, Ky.

15 great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren.

Service will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Ashford Church of God (Holiness) with the Rev. J. Moyer, the Rev. Herd Lawson and the Rev. Richard Harold officiating. Burial will be in Barker Cemetery, Ashford. Friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. today and one hour prior to service at the church, Leonard Johnson Funeral Home, Marmot. It is in charge of arrangements.

Sidney L. Keeney

Sidney Lester Keeney, 60, of Diamond died Sept. 12, 1995, at home after a long illness.

He was a retired coal miner from Sharples Coal Co. and a member of the Valley Freewill Baptist Church, and UMW.

Surviving wife, Frances Kirk Keeney; daughters, Debra, Heidi of Jeffers, Donna Frye and Gae Gallagher, both of Cleveland, Ohio, Frances Ball of North Carolina, one, Charley of Madison, State of Kansas City. 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fidler & France Funeral Home, Marmot. Burial will be in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow. Friends may call after 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Keeney-Halstead

Lori Ann Halstead, daughter of Richard and Ruth Halstead of Drexel, and Scottie E. Keeney, son of Bill Keeney of Proctor and the late Virginia Keeney, were married Aug. 19, 1985, at Pentecost Church of Christ, John Duty officiated.

Jeri Adams was maid of honor. Bridemaids were Crissa Bell and Shannon Halstead. Bestman, Dwayne Davis was James Man. Ushers were Jerry Halstead and Jimmy Halstead.

Following a reception at Racine Park, the couple left for wedding trip to Llano Springs Resort. They are living in Peytona.

She is employed by L. Douglas Collins, Trenton, Mo. He is employed by Curtis Building and Construction.

Mary E. Skeens

PARRELSBURG - Mary Elizabeth Fout Skeens, 89, of Parkersburg, formerly of White, died Sept.

22, 1995, in Ravenswood Village Nursing Home after a long illness.

She was a 26-year employee at the local (Diamond) Department Store and a member of White-er Baptist Church and North Parkersburg Baptist Church. Surviving daughters, Nancy Naegle

of Washington, Karen Lawson of Finch, Iowa, Anna Frances Milam of Victoria, Texas; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Service will be 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Vaughn Funeral Home, Parkersburg. Burial will be in Evergreen South Cemetery, Parkersburg. Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mamie H.K. Moore

Mrs. Mamie H. Keeney Moore, 87, of Charleston, died Oct. 28, 1995, at Arthur B. Hodges Center, Charleston, after a long illness.

She was a long-time resident of Charleston and an active member of Dream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

Surviving husband, Willis W. Moore Sr., daughter, St. Patricia Moore Collins of Middleburg, Va.; son, Willis W. Moore Jr. of Charleston; brother, Frank Vincent Keeney of Glendale, Ariz.; sister, Geraldine "Jerry" Jackson and Elaine E. Bird, both of Charleston; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

There will be no service or visitation. Her body has been donated to the Human Gift Registry, WPI Medical Center, Morgantown. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Dream Memorial Presbyterian Church.



Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Keeney former Lora Halstead

SYLVIA WHITE KEENEY WAS THE WIFE OF ADRIAN LEROY KEENEY 91(908-1968). He was a descendant of Moses Keeney via son William, grandson Samuel, and great grandson Oscar O.; SIDNEY L. KEENEY was a son of Stacy Keeney and a grandson of Andrew Jackson Keeney of Cabin Creek; MARY E. (Lizzie) Skeens was a daughter of John & Katie Keeney Fout and a granddaughter of John S. & Hannah C. Keeney; MAMIE KEENEY MOORE was a daughter of Charles Franklin (Frank) Keeney, noted UMW union organizer, son of Michael R. Keeney. SCOTTIE KEENEY is a grandson of WM. SUMMERS KEENEY.