

# Keeney Update

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## ANCESTRY ON THE VIRGINIA-KENTUCKY FRONTIER

Tracing ancestry along the Virginia frontier in the late 1700s calls for a study of geography as well as history, with some educated guessing. It requires an atlas of maps that were constantly changing.

It is important to note that the site and length of settlements depended on volunteer local militia, the building of forts, and the ever-present danger from Indian tribes, prodded by the French to prevent colonial English expansion. A pioneering spirit, determined to be free from European religious bondage as well as the economic bondage that came from the wealthy land owners who had grabbed up land as it became available, provided the incentive for secure settlements.

On top of this background the genealogist needs to know when and why settlement of the West (anything West of the Blue Ridge Mts.) was prohibited and when it was encouraged. There were notable periods of population growth during and following the American Revolution and rapid growth following the War of 1812. A lot of those who served in the militia against the Indians and the French were offered land grants in lieu of payment for their services, causing many young men and their families to enter Tennessee, Kentucky, the Ohio River valley and further West.

A map study will show that much of Virginia and adjacent'd on next page

### THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

When we walk to the edge  
of all the light we have  
and take that step into the darkness  
of the unknown,  
We must believe that  
one of two things will happen:

There will be something solid  
for us to stand on ...  
or God will teach us how to fly.

### CROSS-EXAMINATION

People often think of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian Year that lasts for the twelve days beginning December 25 and lasting until January 5 - the Day of Epiphany, when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the Light of the world and recalls the journey of the magi.

From 1558 until 1928, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as a sign of secret catechism that could be sung in public without the risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Christian church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.  
Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.  
Three french hens stand for faith, hope and love.  
Four calling birds are the four gospels.  
Five gold rings recall the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament.  
Six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.  
The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.  
The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5).  
The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.  
Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.  
Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.



## TEXAS/ MISSOURI

MICHAEL KEENEY II, born 7 Feb 1917 in Missouri, died 22 May 1890 in Texas, was married 18 January 1840 in Gasconade Co., MO to CELIA ELLEN BACKUS (1822-1895). Their family scattered throughout Coleman and San Saba counties, Texas, and included three daughters and at least six sons. Included in the picture are the parents (seated), George Keeney (1840-1916), Thomas Michael Keeney (1849-1929), Isaac Keeney (1853-1917) and Jonathan Keeney (1859-1946). Parents of Michael Keeney II were Michael Keeney, Sr., of Pulaski Co., KY and Susannah Rawls.

## ANCESTRY ON FRONTIER (cont'd)

most all of West Virginia were included in Augusta County in 1745. Bedford and Botetourt and Greenbrier counties did not exist; for instance in a 26 Aug 1749 court case of John Keeney vs. James Rutledge over property at Muddy Creek (Greenbrier) was listed as an Augusta County case. Meanwhile, a 1750 patent, confirming an order of the Virginia Council of 29 Oct 1743 granted John Robinson, James Wood, Henry Robinson, Thomas Lewis and Andrew Lewis the privilege of purchasing Greenbrier area land for one shilling per 50 acres, to be paid on the feast of St. Michael and by cultivating their land within 3 years. Those taking advantage of this bonanza included Feltz Yokum, who had moved to the area in 1750 from Hampshire Co., 480 acres; Matthias Yokum (1715-1793) 330 acres; Frederick See, uncle of M. Yokum's wife 480 acres; George See 360 acres; and John Keeney got plots of 40 and 375 acres. Unfortunately, Feltz Yokum and Frederick See were victims in the Indian massacre about 1770.

William Hening's A COLLECTION OF LAWS OF VA, Vol. VII lists Abraham Keeney among the 13 from Augusta Co. who received pay for militia service in Augusta Co. Some of the other Keeney sons received land grants in Tennessee and probably Kentucky. Of particular interest to the family genealogist is that Peter Keeney gave the name of Abraham to his fourth son, born about 1775.

Peter Keeney, founder of the large Keeney family in Kentucky which scattered to Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and other states, lived in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia and was closely associated with Matthias Yokum, likely his father-in-law. They are listed in a Bedford Co. court record in 1864 and Peter witnessed the Yokum will in 1780, which was probated in 1783 in Mercer Co. KY. Peter was a witness to the wedding of Isabelle Taylor and George Yokum in 1780 in Botetourt Co. (Botetourt became a county that year; Greenbrier and the Roanoke area were parts of Botetourt).

Michael and Abraham Keeney witnessed a 1799 Lincoln Co. deed for their brother Moses, all sons of Peter. Michael commanded the Cornstalk Militia in 1798 in Lincoln Co., transferring to Pulaski Co. in 1820. Most, if not all, of these sons were born in Virginia.

## SIXTH CENSUS 1840

## KENTUCKY CENSUS REPORTS:

FIRST CENSUS 1790 (tax list of 7-17-1789)

Peter Keeney Mercer

SECOND CENSUS 1800 (tax list of 7-28/29-1800)

Jesse Keeney Pulaski

Michael Keeney Pulaski

Moses Keeney Pulaski

Peter Keeney Pulaski

## THIRD CENSUS 1810

James Keeney Pulaski

Jesse Keeney Pulaski

Joseph Keeney Clay

Moses Keeney Pulaski

Peter Keeney Pulaski

William Keeney Fleming

## FOURTH CENSUS 1820

James Keeney Pulaski

Moses Keeney Pulaski

## FIFTH CENSUS 1830

James Keeney Caldwell

Henry Keeney Pulaski

Michael Keeney Pulaski

Moses Keeney Pulaski

James Keeney Caldwell  
Jonathan Keeney Caldwell  
Abner Keeney Pulaski  
Moses Keeney Pulaski

## FINDING ANCESTORS IN VA/KY/VA

County	Founded	From
AUGUSTA	1745	Orange
LUNENBURG	1746	Brunswick
HAMPSHIRE	1754	Augusta
BEDFORD	1754	Lunenburg
BOTETOURT	1770	Augusta
FINCASTLE	1772	abolished 1776
MONTGOMERY	1777	Fincastle
KENTUCKY	1777	Fincastle
GREENBRIER	1778	Montgomery, Botetourt
ROCKBRIDGE	1778	Augusta
Lincoln	1780	Kentucky
Mercer	1785	Lincoln
Kanawha	1789	Greenbrier, Montgomery
Wythe	1790	Montgomery
TAZEWELL	1800	Wyeth, Russell
ROANOKE	1838	Botetourt
PULASKI	1839	Montgomery, Wyeth

## MICHIGAN

## A KEENEY WEDDING FROM THE 1870s

## KEENEY-HANNAH.

At Traverse City, Mich., Thursday evening, occurred the marriage of Miss Estelle, the eldest daughter of the Hon. Perry H. Hannah, of the lumber firm of Hannah, Lay & Co., to Mr. J. E. Keeney, of this city, well known in real estate circles.

The ceremony took place in Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Large officiating. The church was tastefully decorated with plants, flowers, and similar. The most noticeable design was a monogram of red and white carnations. While the guests assembled sweet strains from the organ discoursed a bridal march. Upon the entrance of the bridal party the "Lohengrin" was playing in the choir, and during the impressive ceremony "Forever and Forever" fell softly on the ears of the assembled audience.

The groom was assisted by Mr. F. G. Hoyne, of Chicago, as best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Gabriel Hannah, sister of the bride; Miss Mary Hannah, of Hinsdale, a cousin; Miss Noble, of Elk Rapids, and Miss Ward, of Detroit. The dresses were combinations of white tulle skirts and satin boucles. Each carried a basket of roses or violets.

The bride wore a costume of the most elegant Ottoman silk, with sleeves and flourishes of exquisite point lace. Diamond ornaments.

The ushers were Mr. Julius Hannah, a brother of the bride, and Messrs. C. G. Beers and George Brown, of Cassaga. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The guests followed them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, where, under a floral canopy of lilies and doves, congratulations were received from the brilliant representatives of many cities.

An elegant collation was served by Mr. Kuhn, of Grand Rapids, after which the bride and groom repaired to the special car awaiting them, which was prettily entwined to suit.

Among the presents were checks from the bride's father and family to the amount of \$6,000. The groom's gifts were of great taste and magnificence, comprising a set of diamond bracelets, earrings, and pearls, also diamond brooches, necklaces, and rings. Gifts were received from friends in Philadelphia, Washington, New York, Chicago, and places in Iowa, Kansas, and Michigan.

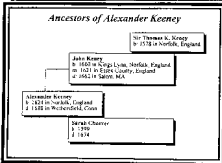
The groom presented to each bridesmaid a diamond bracelet, and to the four assisting gentlemen a diamond stud. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Andrus and the Misses Ward, of Detroit; H. H. Noble, wife, and family, of Elk Rapids; the Hon. D. A. Blodgett, wife, and daughter, of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Kessey, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, and the Misses Hoyne, Bridles, Derby, and Arrick, and Messrs. Hoyne, Brown, and Beers, of Chicago, who accompanied the groom in a special car generously provided for the trip. The journey party being entertained as the guests of Mr. Hannah at the magnificent summer resort, Park Place Hotel, where on Wednesday evening a hop was tendered, and Thursday carriages were placed at the disposal of the guests, who thoroughly enjoyed the ride around Traverse City and suburbs.

(J. F. Keeney was also the founder of WKeeney, KS)

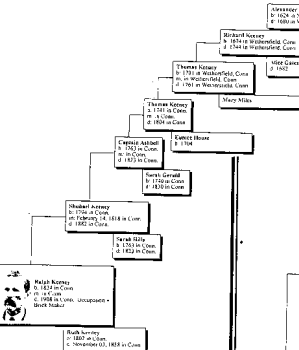


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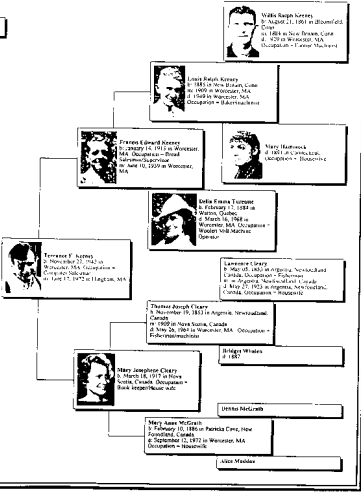
### Ancestors of Ralph Keeney



### Descendants of Sir Thomas K. Keeney

- 1 Sir Thomas K. Keeney 1578 -
- 2 John Keeney 1600 - 1662
- + Sarah Cheover 1599 - 1674
- 3 Alexander Keeney 1624 - 1680
- + Alice Gates Colfax - 1682
- 4 Richard Keeney 1674 - 1744
- + Mary Miles
- 5 Thomas Keeney 1701 - 1761
- Eunice House 1704 -
- 6 Thomas Keeney 1741 - 1804
- + Sarah Gerrald 1740 - 1830
- 7 Captain Ashball 1763 - 1823
- + Sarah Hills 1763 - 1823
- 8 Shubael Keeney 1794 - 1882
- + Caroline Wright
- \* 2nd Wife of Shubael Keeney:
- + Ruth Keeney 1802 - 1858
- 9 Ralph Keeney 1834 - 1908
- + Louisa Jane Bramble 1834 - 1908
- 10 Willis Ralph Keeney 1861 - 1929
- + Mary Hammock - 1891
- 11 Louis Ralph Keeney 1885 - 1949
- + Della Emma Turcotte 1884 - 1968
- 12 Francis Edward Keeney 1913 -
- + Mary Josephine Cleary 1917 -
- 13 Terrance F. Keeney 1943 -
- + Deborah Chace Eaton 1941 -

### Ancestors of Terrance F. Keeney



### MASSACHUSETTS



### CONNECTICUT

71 Blueberry Hill Lane  
Sudbury, MA. 01776

*Terry Keeney*  
Terry Keeney

## ILLINOIS

HARVEY KEENEY FAMILY  
OF WARREN CO., IL

(Harvey Keeneey was a descendant of PETER KEENEY ca 1740-1810), MOSES & Catherine Pence Keeneey (1770-1847) and PETER KEENEY (1794-1845 & Peggy Daugherty Keeneey of Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois)

HARVEY KEENEY was born 25 Oct 1818 in Pulaski Co. KY, son of the second Peter Keeneey & Peggy Daugherty (1794-1838) Keeneey. His grandparents and great grandparents were among the very first settlers who came from Virginia into Kentucky. He died 17 Dec 1866 at Greenbush, Warren Co. IL. His parents had left Pulaski Co. soon after their marriage with other Keeneey migrants into Indiana and were listed in the 1820 Fayette Co. census. Peter Keeneey was married secondly to the former Mrs. John S. Johnson of Monroe Co. IN in 1840.

Harvey was the oldest son in a family that included an older brother, Augustine Washington (listed in Monroe Co. IN in 1840 and Marion Co. IL in 1850) who married Marthe J. Parks in 1837, two sisters and two half sisters:

MARGARET KEENEY m. William W. Ashley in 1853 in Pulaski Co.

MARY (Polly) KEENEY m. Elisha Hoover in 1841 in IN

ELIZABETH KEENEY m. Alexander Blais  
NAOMI KEENEY m. Sanford Hoover in 1846 in IN

SARAH ANN KEENEY b. ca 1841 in IN

MARtha KEENEY b. 1844/5 in IN

Harvey was married to Mary Woolard on 3 June 1841 in Johnson Co., IN. They were parents of one son and seven daughters, born in three different states:

PERMELIA ELIZABETH KEENEY b. 24 Jan 1842, d. 28 Oct 1875; m. William Robinson in Caldwell Co., MO 23 May 1858; William died 22 June 1865; CHILDREN: Franklin H. (1861-1867), John W. (1869-1904)

MARGARET JANE KEENEY b. 12 Apr 1844, d. 9 Mar 1923; m. Charles B. Dunn 15 Feb 1866; son: John Wesley Dunn b. 12 Nov 1866, d. 12 Apr 1944 Monmouth IL

RACHEL ELLEN KEENEY b. 20 Apr 1847, d. 13 Feb 1906; m. George W. Shepard

MARY JANE SHEPARD b. 25 Oct 1868 in KS, d. 12 Nov 1954 in IL; m. M.H. Powers

SUSAN SHEPARD b. 14 Jul 1871, KS, d. 1 Apr 1916

JOSEPHINE SHEPARD b. 25 Mar 1873 in IL, d. 13 Apr 1968 m. Andrew J. Tinder

WILLIAM HARVEY SHEPARD b. 15 Aug 1875 in IL; m. Mrs. Lucinda S. yers

GEORGE BUCHANAN SHEPARD b. 2 Feb 1877 in IL, d. in Knox Co.; m. Elsie L. Miller

ELLIE MAY SHEPARD b. 12 Feb 1884, d. 933 in Burlington, m. James Fitzgerald

NANCY MINERVA KEENEY b. 9 Feb 1850, d. 29 Oct 1882, m. Wm. Bennett Taylor (1841-1882) on 10 Mar 1867, Greenbush Cem.

Children: MARY C. TAYLOR b. 1871 in KS, Julius E. Taylor b. 1874 in MO, Adolphus B. Taylor b. 1876 in IL, SAMANTHA M. TAYLOR b. 1878 in IL

HARRIET ANN KEENEY b. 21 Apr 1852 in IN, d. 31 Mar 1876 m. Francis Lafayette McDonald (1846-1910H) on 12 Jun 1870

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## HANNAH, EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE

HANNAH  
MARGARET  
KEENEY

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Into its nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

HANNAH MARGARET KEENEY has always made others feel important; the words losing or quitting are not a part of her vocabulary. Though she is small in stature, she is to all who really know her a tower of strength.

KEENEY UPDATE has listed the accomplishments and sacrifice of many of our ancestry, but let me say that the most self-sacrificing, most humble, most serving Keeneey that I have ever known is HANNAH MARGARET KEENEY.

Hannah was born 16 Jan 1914, the second daughter of McDonald Keeneey & Mamie C. Stanley Keeneey, at Witcher, in the Woodford Keeneey home. Sister Maxine (Harless) b. 30 Nov 1913, Dorothy Lee (Gwin) b. 10 Feb 1915 and Mildred A. Keeneey b. 8 Aug 1916 followed. Mildred being born at the family's new Piedmont Rd. address, which sat between the homes of Ure Fiew and Uncle Urias Z. Keeneey. Albert McDonald (Bus) arrived 3 June 1918.

Hannah's father built a new home, the first beyond Hillcrest Dr. on Greenbrier St. in 1920 and Helen P. (Bennie) was born 9 Nov 1920. The house is still standing. Another brother, George McClure, was born 18 Aug 1922.

In 1920 Hannah enrolled in Kanawha School on Elizabeth St. She still remembers Principal Hungerford, Mrs.ONEY, Mrs. Barger and Mrs. Kyle as her teachers. From there she went to Thomas Jefferson Jr. High (Morris St.) and in January 1930 graduated with sister Maxine from Charleston High. Susan (Brookline) Graham was a special high school friend. Hannah was a track star and played violin in the school orchestra.

For three semesters Hannah and Maxine attended Marshall College together. Then in the following years until the 1960s she attended summer and night classes, along with teaching, earning her A.B. and M.A. degrees.

The depression years were devastating to most everyone, including the Keeneeys. The family moved about three times, settling at Levi (now Rand) in June 1930. Maxine, Hannah and Mildred played for many of the area churches with hymn singing, violin and piano.

It was in the fall of 1931 that Hannah began teaching in the one-room school at Witcher, to which several of her younger cousins had difficulty saying "Miss Ganner" to an 18-year old teacher. From Witcher she went to Pusney, Campbell's Creek, living part time with her Aunt Maude Stanley at Tad and riding the local train up and down the hollow.



Hannah Keeneey

From Putney Hannah went to Rand (Levi) as first grade teacher for twenty years, serving with Gladys Llewellyn, Margie Green, Rose Mansour, George Cassy (her favorite principal), Macel Koon, Lois Brown and Nell Hawkins. When the Kanawha County schools integrated in 1956 she transferred to Chelynn J. High, where she taught art and was in a myriad of activities. When the Cabin Creek area junior high schools merged at East Bank she became the new school's art and geography teacher. During all these years Hannah was involved in professional teachers organizations as zone leader, committee chairman, delegate to MVEA and NEA conventions, and upon retiring became secretary in the new Kanawha Teachers UNISERV office. Retiring at age 65, she was immediately hired to teach in the UPWARD BOUND program at West Virginia Tech. As an artist, she produced a large catalogue for Baldwin Supply Co. and painted a huge mural for Rose Mansour's new restaurant.

McDonald (Uncle Mack) Keeney died in 1938 and Hannah's mother, also a teacher, died in 1957. Hannah, who had started to work at 18 to help support the family, remained at home, while her sisters and brothers married and established homes. Sister Mildred, who had teaching assignments at DuPont High, WV Tech, New York, Greenbrier Co., and Manassas, VA, returned to Mitcher upon retirement, joining Hannah in their new home at 2000 Orchard Ave. built for them by their brother "Buster," who had worked many years at the DuPont plant.

The Keeney girls had been active in churches wherever they lived, but in their retirement years Hannah and Mildred became loyal members of the Mitcher Baptist Church, where Mildred authored the church history to mark the church's 100th anniversary in 1989.

Having no children of her own, Hannah has been everyone's favorite aunt, favorite cousin, or special friend. If she ever had a favorite each person thought it was she/he. That quality of genuineness has never wavered; she's "100% for you", "has the right word to say exactly when you need it", "a real team player", "unselfish to the core". The sacred legacy of Mammy's house maintained by Hannah will live in the hearts and minds of all who have dwelt there.

No one loved Hannah more than Uncle George Stanley. He affectionately called her Jane. It broke her heart when they could no longer care for him and had to take him to a VA hospital. They buried him, as he wished, in the hill at "Turkey Creek." But Hannah's loving care also reached out to my dad, her "nephew" because, as Uncle Eben and Uncle Tom, whom she befriended by never being too busy to fix a sandwich, serve coffee, or be chauffeur to the local doctor's office.

I am greatly indebted to these cousins. Soon after they came to Mitcher, Hannah knew of my inclination for major league baseball, and together we saved enough money, packed some sandwiches, and got a Greyhound to Cincinnati. I was so excited and tired that I fell asleep before the game ended. Dot (Gwinn), Hannah's sister, was the driving force that convinced me that I could go to college and succeed. They, as well as their mother, told me to "join the professional teachers associations on the very first day or to not bother to come home". That decision eventually led me to 38 national conventions in America's major cities, as well as international teacher meetings in Switzerland, Canada, Israel, Indonesia and Brazil.

When Hannah finally admitted being sick a few years ago and reluctantly went for surgery at

had a princess or rock star. The "OU" waiting room was filled with brothers, sisters, in-laws, and nephews and nieces and their children from over the state and several southern states. She had loved, taught, baby-sat, and entertained most of them all their lives and they had regarded her as indestructible. At Christmas and on birthdays they had never been overlooked. Hannah made lots of money, if you add it all up, but she spent it all on others. Expensive cars and the latest in clothes did not tempt her when someone else had a need - such as money for lunches and for dates, tickets to school events or the movies, college tuition, prom clothes, and other "emergencies".

As her health begins to fail, as walking and even eating become chores, all of us are made aware of what a great blessing Hannah has been and how much better we are because of her influence. Now it is she who needs our acts of love and care, our patience, and our prayers.

"And the King shall answer and say to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it unto Me.'" Matt. 25:40



### Tribute To A Teacher

"There have been eulogies at other times and other places. But these can not compare with the tribute paid, the laurels freely given, to the little woman, Mrs. M. A. Keeney."

Most can recall that favorite teacher from school days. In Danville, for many years, every student's favorite teacher was Mattie A. Keeney.

In 1914, the former pupil of Mattie Keeney gathered for a special reunion in her honor. The crowd gathered at the school building in the south part of town. The guest register recorded 183 names of "old-time boys and girls" taught by Mrs. Keeney.

Prior to the reunion, a petition had been circulated among Danville citizens to name the building in honor of the beloved teacher. It was presented to the school board, and the newspaper reported that it was "carried with a vim." The minutes recorded that the building was to be hereafter known as the Mattie A. Keeney school building.

In 1913, as Mrs. Keeney began her 30th year of teaching, another gathering

of former pupils occurred with a bronze tablet was unveiled at the school. It read: "This building dedicated to Mrs. M. A. Keeney by her loving pupils scattered o'er land and sea."

Former pupil Harry C. Seacord addressed the crowd. "Even though the bronze tablet might withstand the ravages of time for years, perhaps centuries, it could never last as long as the good effects of the splendid teachings of Mrs. Keeney in the boys and girls under her."

When Mattie Keeney died in 1939, Mrs. Julian D. Hogate wrote a tribute to her in *The Republican*.

"She had the rare gift that only the greatest teachers possess — the ability to win and hold the trust and confidence of those whom she instructed, and through this relationship, to plant seeds that flowered into the highest of ideals of citizenship."



INDIANA



## Catherine Stogdill

Catherine Stogdill was the second wife of Moses Keeney, marrying him about the age of 31, when Moses was about the age of 65 Catherine's stepson, Abner (son of Katherine Pence Keeney and Moses Keeney), married Catherine's sister, Elizabeth Stogdill. Remember, Catherine was only thirty-one year old when she married Moses. Agee sixty-five, so she was closer to the age of Abner than Moses, and her sister would be too.

1850 Pulaski Co., KY, Census, Line 834, lists Catherine, head of household, age 44, born in KY, Margaret, 14, KY, Daniel, 12, KY, Sarah, 10, KY, Gideon, 8, KY, Polly, 6, KY, Jenkins, 2, KY.

## MISSOURI

Catherine in 1861 after the 1850 census, but found after the 1860 census, living in Missouri with various married children and friends.

Catherine moved to Missouri with Abner Keeney, his wife Elizabeth and their children sometime after 1850. Most of her children went west her. Some were quite young. Gideon was only about eight to ten years old. One daughter, Margaret, did not move to MO. At the age of fourteen, she married William Ashley and remained in KY. Catherine's parents, Daniel Stogdill and Sarah (Hagen) Stogdill (married 11 Dec 1806) moved to MO with their daughters and grandchildren. Ernst Keeney, grandson of the old Abner Keeney (Abner, son of Moses and Katherine Pence) before his death, told Eva Ben about traveling to Missouri in a covered wagon driven by a team of oxen.

Following is from a taped interview with Eva Ben, Sept. 22, 1996, Reels, MO. By Donna Bond.

"He told us that they crossed the river at Cairo, IL, and with a team of oxen pulling a covered wagon and they came to Texas County, which sounds a little bit reasonable because they might come in that way into Texas, Co. They would have come that way because Cairo, IL, is around Cape Girardeau, down by the Boat Head.

Abner came with his wife Elizabeth and his children and Catherine had her children to Missouri. Two of her children (Catherine) did not come. Margaret married and remained in Kentucky. They came in a covered wagon to Missouri. Ernst Keeney told us this. He was one of the ideas living Keeneys who just died. He was Abner's grandson.

Once in Missouri, Catherine lived from time to time, with various married children and friends. She worked at Pittman's store. And, the store was supposed to be down on the river and she was living with the Pittman family when she passed away.

Catherine lived to be ninety-six years old and never remarried. She was a widow for over fifty years. She remained a widow. She died, Catherine Keeney died at Edgar Springs. It was in January. And, it was so cold that they built her casket there in the house. It was so cold and ice and snow were so bad that they had to hold the body in that house for several days before they could ever get out with it to take it to the Smith Cemetery to bury it. Smith Cemetery is in Rolle, which is right out of Edgar Springs". (sic. Plat. Phelps Co., MO) End of interview.

1880 Census Records of Phelps County, Spring Creek, MO, Vol. 26, ED 128, Sheet 10, Line 36 lists:

Catherine as living in the household of her son, Gideon Keeney. It states her age as being seventy-four and that she is a widow. Her parents were both born in North Carolina.

Obituary of Catherine Stogdill Keeney, from J. J. Watts Records, LMR Library.

(Catherine, widow of Moses Keeney and daughter of Daniel Stogdill was born in Pulaski Co. KY Nov. 4, 1804 and died at Gibraltar, Virginia's house on Spring Creek, near Edgar Springs in Phelps Co. MO Jan. 13, 1901, at 25 minutes to 11 o'clock p.m. aged 96 years, 2 full of William Keeney and her second wife had six children, Rebecca, Rebecca, Sally Matius, Gid Keeney, & Polly, wife of Dan Hargis, and Peggy and Blank space). Two are now living, Rebecca and Sally. Her grandchildren number 39 - 32 still living and more than 50 great grandchildren. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Two steps & bro. living - Duke Stogdill, Sabra, wid. of Ben Fore, & Geo. 25, 19 Hymus - "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day", page 166 and "My Heavenly Home is Bright & Fair", page 101. And "The hark when I Oh how I love", page 158. J. J. Watts.

One of Catherine's daughters, Sarah "Sally" Keeney Matius married Gibraltar and they are listed in the 1900 Phelps Co., MO Census.

FROM THE ROLLA HERALD DEMOCRAT NEWS, Dated January 24, 1901.

-DIED-  
At the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gibraltar Matius, January 13, 1901, at 11 o'clock p.m., widow of Moses Keeney - aged 96 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Sister Keeney was a daughter of Mr. Daniel Stogdill and was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, November 4th, 1804. The mother of six children, two of whom survive her. Sister Rebecca Evans and sister Sarah Matius. Both of Edgar Springs. Her grandchildren number 39, with 32 living and more than 50 great-grandchildren.

On Wednesday, January 16th, at the Smith Cemetery, surrounded by relatives and friends, we addressed them from Luke 2:29. After which Catherine Keeney was laid to rest. She being the oldest person in Phelps County so far as I know, except for fathers Groves, who is nearly 101. Res. J. J. Watts.

This house was the home of Poletus and Mary Ann Coiner Ballard from 1914 to about 1918 and the home of just Mary Ann (after her husband died) from 1920 to 1938. The Ballards purchased this house and land at Fosterville in Boone County in 1914 while they were still living at Eskdale in Kanawha County. Next to the house was a large barn where Poletus ran a general store. That store was one of the first buildings in Boone County to have a power box (generator) in it's basement.

After Mary Ann died in 1938, their son Jimmy occupied the house with his wife, Goldie. Jimmy died in 1961 and Goldie lived there until about 1983 when it



The Home of Poletus and Mary Coiner Ballard

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## Memories

By Roscoe  
JULIA ARTHUR and FRANCES KILBORN were my two oldest sisters. I was Julia's power of attorney for 18 years as Alzheimer's took over. Mom & Dad had 8 of us. Calvin (#7) died in 1992, Nick (#3) died in 1996, and Margaret (#5) died 3-7-1997. All of us lived into our senior years.

HELEN CLINE, a month older than Julia, was a daughter of Uncle Nick (1878-1951) & Mary E. (Lizzie) Buckholt (1879-1907). She was raised by her grandparents, John S. & Hannah Frazee Keeney.

MARY ETTA KEENEY THOM was a daughter of Flen D. KEENEY (1879-1965) & Ida Meadows (1884-1931). The Thoms moved from WV to Newark, Delaware, to be near their daughter.

IDA MEHLMAN of Summit NJ was a daughter of Theodore (1878-1965) & Daisy E. Brewer (1882-1961) of Cabin Creek WV. WILLIAM V. (Bill) OTEY was a great great grandson of William E. & Sally Huff Keeney through Samuel (b.1842), Mary Elizabeth & Van Foster, & Minnie Hale Foster & Wesley Ballard Otey.

RALPH CARTE was a grandson of Elizabeth Keeney & Thomas Hix White and son of Mark & Eva White Keeney.

ROGER KEENEY was a son of Fred & Oleva Elkins Keeney and grandson of John & Matilda Joseph Keeney of the Lawrence Co. OH family.

In "green pastures"? Not always; sometimes He who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me. Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright, Out of the sunshine into darkest night, I oft would faint with sorrow and afflict, Only for this: I know He holds my hands; So, whether laid in green or desert land, I trust, although I may not understand.

(granddaughter of Stires Jade Keeney)

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## OBITUARIES



## Julia Keeney Arthur

Julia Keeney Arthur, 91, of Marmet died Aug. 28, 1998, in Marmet Health Care Center after a long illness.

She was a former cook with Keeney Brothers River Contracting and a Sunday school teacher and member of Beckwith Apostolic Church.

Surviving sisters, Frances Kilburn Wyandotte, Mich., Alma Rose of Charleston, brothers, Roscoe Keeney Jr. of Charleston, William H. Keeney of South Charleston.

Service will be 2 p.m. Monday at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Robert L. Totten Jr. and the Rev. Roscoe Keeney Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Witcher Cemetery, Belle. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Answer Ministries, 2601 Hayslett Ave., Hurricane, WV 25326.



MARY ETTA THOM, 85, of Four Seasons, Newark, died Friday in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Thom was a homemaker and a member of Ogetown Baptist Church.

Survivors: husband of 63 years, John W. Thom, daughter, Joan W. Moody of Newark; brother, the Rev. Leroy Keeney of St. Albans, W.Va.; sister, Emma E. Harmon of Memphis, Tenn.; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Service: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Ogetown Baptist Church, 316 Red Mill Road, Newark. Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Spicer-Mullikin & Warwick Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark. Burial: Gelpin Manor Memorial Park, near Elkton, Md.



## Helen Gould Cline

Helen Gould Cline, 91, of Nitro died Oct. 22, 1998, at home after a long illness.

She was a homemaker, a 31-year resident of Nitro and a native of Witcher. She was a member of Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Hurricane.

Surviving: daughter, Marie Fought of Nitro; sisters, Mary Susan Crawford of Belle, Trudy Keeney-Riche of Stanton, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Cooke Funeral Home Chapel, Nitro, with Pastor Bruce Young officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Kanawha Hospice Care Inc., 1143 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, WV 25804.

## Roger Lee Keeney

OAK HILL — Roger Lee "Rocky" Keeney, 47, of Oak Hill died Aug. 15, 1998, in a Texas hospital after a short illness.

Surviving: wife, Tammy Myers Keeney of Clendenin; brothers, James Mykier of Fayetteville, Fred Keeney of Clendenin, Virgil Keeney of Layland; sisters, Arthur Hill of Charleston, Dolores Martin of Dothan; several aunts and nephews.

Private family memorial service will be 1 p.m. Monday in High Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum, Oak Hill, with the Rev. Jesse Parker officiating. Information provided by High Lawn Funeral Home, Oak Hill.

## Ralph Thomas Carte

Ralph Thomas Carte, 81, of Belle died Nov. 7, 1998, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a short illness.



He was a retired locksmith for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Manner Locks. He was a veteran of World War II, a life-long resident of Kanawha County and a member and usher at Witcher Baptist Church.

Surviving: daughter, Wanda Smith of Charleston; sons, Mark of Belle, Tom of Columbus, Ohio, Larry of Williamsburg, W.Va.; sisters, Bea Ramsey of Indianapolis, Fla., Goldie Barnhart of Captain, N.M.; brother, Thurgood Carte of Belle; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild.



## Frances Keeney Kilburn

WYANDOTTE, Mich. — Frances Keeney Kilburn, 89, of Wyandotte died Oct. 13, 1998, in Ford Wyandotte Hospital after a long illness.

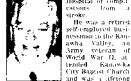
She was a native of Witcher, W.Va.

Surviving: daughters, Carmelita Wiley and Lisa Kilburn, both of Wyandotte; sons, Charles Clinton and Michael Ray, both of Jackson, Clotius Lee and Jack Ray, both of Wyandotte; sister, Alma M. Rose of Charleston, W.Va.; brothers, Roscoe C. Keeney Jr. and William H. Keeney, both of Charleston; 17 grandchildren.

Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Nixon Funeral Home, Wyandotte. Burial will be in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Wyandotte.

## William V. Otey

William Van "Bud" Otey, 76, of Lakeside died Thursday, Sept. 24, 1998, in Cannon Memorial Hospital of complications from a stroke.



He was a retired self-employed businessman in the Kanawha Valley, an Army aviator of World War II, a former Kanawha City Board of Health and was a lifetime resident of the Kanawha Valley.

Surviving: wife, Dorothy Jane Berke; stepson, Babby Otey of St. Albans; daughter, Debbie Otey of Charleston; sister, Ida Elizabeth Otey of Montgomery; grandson, James Otey; step-grandsons, Sean Loftis and Curtis Pennington; one great-grandchild.

Service will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston, with the Rev. Alvin Cox and the Rev. Ron McClung officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, Loudon, with military grave rites by VFW Post 4788.

## BLANCHE KEENEY STEPHENS INJURED

Blanche Keeney Stephens, family genealogist and authority on the PETER KEENEY family, was seriously injured last month when a town drunk ran a red light and plowed into her car, as well as another car. She suffered fractured ribs, whiplash, shoulder & back sprains and other pains. All of the cars were demolished. Send messages to 275 South St., Apt. 5D, Vernon, CT 06066.

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An updated printing of the book, Rev. Jonathan Anthony Keeneey and His Descendants is now being prepared. If you have material which I could include, or pictures of early Keeneys of this family, or wish to reserve a copy, would you please notify Patricia Fouke Kaufman, 1400 SE Melmart Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

**HARVEY KEENEY FAMILY (Cont'd from Page 4)**

Children: MYRTLE McDONALD b.1872, d. in Anderson, IN during W.War II, m. Frank Crouse; CORNELIUS JOY McDONALD b.9 Mar 1872 Effington Co.,IL, d. 4 Jul 1940, m. Rosa May Johnson 6 Jun 1894, CHILDREN:

GAYLORD JOY McDONALD b.24 Jun 1895, d.25 Mar 1896; VADA McDONALD b.7 Aug 1898,d.19 Jan 1899 twin, born just before midnight; ADA McDONALD b.8 Aug 1898, d.24 Jul 1906; MILES LAFAYETTE McDONALD b.12 Jul 1902, d. 13 Oct 1970 m. Emma M. Lammerts (1905-1969) 20 Dec 1924; HERMAN AUSTIN McDONALD b.1 Aug 1908, d.19 May 1954 m. Charlotte L. Aldridge (1904-1953) on 7 Feb 1935; BLANCHE ALBINA McDONALD b.23 Jul 1912 m. Charles C. Sands (1899-1982) on 10 Dec 1930, parents of CLARICE VIRGINE SANDS b.7 Jul 1934 in IL m. Harry M. Radmacher, Jr. on 5 Jul 1970 and DONALD DAVID sands b.14 Jul 1936 in IL, m. Beverly Jane Nebel (b.1 Jan 1940) on 1 Sept 1963, children born in Iowa: James David 1965, Donald David II 1967, Jennifer Lynn 1970, Eric R. 1974 in Davenport.

GEORGE WASHINGTON KEENEY b.25 Jun 1857, d.23 Sept 1932; never married

SARAH WARTHA KEENEY b.25 May 1860, d. 21 Apr 1881 of cancer, m. her brother-in-law Francis Lafayette McDonald 22 Jan 1877 after her sister's death; CHILDREN: ALONZO McDONALD b.1880, interior decorator in Brooklyn NY, twice married; MAUD McDONALD b.6 Sept 1884, adopted by Wm. & Agnes R. Darr, m. Ralph Jones

SUSAN CASSINDA KEENEY b.9 May 1862, d. 20 May 1863

The following family members were buried at the Greenbush Cemetery, Warren Co., IL: Harvey & Mary Keeneey, Sarah McDonald, Nancy & Bennett Taylor, Charles & Margaret Dunn, and George Keeneey. The New Hope Baptist Church, a pre-destinationary church, was organized in Swan Township in 1836, meeting in the home of Caleb Hoedges. It was later moved to Greenbush Academy and, in 1897, a new building was erected.

Information on this family assembled by Mrs. Clarice (Sands) Radmacher, 310 N. Second st., Monmouth, IL 61462

**HARDY KEENEY** (son of Michael KEENEY sr and Elizabeth SEYOURNER) b. 1800, Ky. m. (1) ca1820, **Julia Ann PATTIE**, (daughter of Sylvester Pattie) d. ca1855, m. (2) 1860, **Lucinda Nelson DAVIS** Hardy died 1891, Kansas. 1850 Crawford twp Osaage on 297, Hardy 49yrs Ky, Julia 45, Oliver H P 24yrs, Susan 19, Matilda 14

1. **Oliver Hazard Perry KEENEY** (son of Hardy KEENEY and Julia Ann PATTIE) b. 28 No 1825, m. (1) **Mary Jane LAUGHLIN**, d. 1882, m. (2) 1 Mar 1883, in Maries ITerrill jp. **Elizabeth ANDERSON** Oliver died 22 Ap 1894.

- JOHN H. KEENEY b.1854 Mo, age 27 in 1880 Osaage Co. census; m. Laura Glover (b.1857); Ch. - tva b.1878, Myrtle b.1880
- MARTHA C. KEENEY b. 1857 in OH
- WALTER LAFAYETTE KEENEY b.1858 in OH, d.1932; m. 31 Mar 1885 Emma "Mamie" Flagg (1867-1955); Ch.: Earle Mason (27 Oct 1900-13 Mar 1959), m. June Etta Mixer (b.1903) Bob Mason b.1924; son: Harry K. b.1894
- THOMAS B. KEENEY b.1860 in OH lived in Page Co. in 1910; Ch.:Earl 1896, Dottie 1901, Nellie 1907; wife: Lula

2. **Sylvester Pattie KEENEY** (son of Hardy KEENEY and Julia Ann PATTIE) b. ca1829, m. 1848, **Mary Jane ROBERSON**. Sylvester died bef 1870. 1850 twp Osaage on 298 Sylvester P 21yrs, Jane 18, Susan 1yr

- Susan A KEENEY b. ca1849, m. 4 Aug 1870, in Maries by JMJohnson, Andrew JOHNSON, b. ca1843, MoKyKy, (son of John JOHNSON and Margaret Peggy DURBIN) Andrew 1880 Jack twp Maries on 248 Auden 37yrs. Susan A 31, Barney M 17, Virginia 15, Eliza M 13, Missouri 9, Mary L 7, Pary A 5, Josephine 2, Isaac R 5/1/2
- James O KEENEY b. 6 Oc 1851, MoMoVa, m. 15 No 1874, **Delinda E ROGERS**, b. 13 Oc 1858, MoMoMo, (daughter of Maria L ROGERS and Mahala GAITHER) d. 29 Se 1916, buried: Hickory Grove. James died 4 Jul 1925, buried: Hickory Grove. 1880 Jeff twp Maries on 183, James 28yrs, Delinda E 22, Octavia Iyr David Collier twp Laborer

- Adia I KEENEY b. ca 1877, d. 10 Au 1878, buried: Travis<sup>3</sup>
- Frances KEENEY b. ca1879, d. 28 Jun 1880, buried: Travis<sup>1</sup>
- Octavia KEENEY b. ca1870.

c. **Mary Josephine KEENEY** b. ca 1854, MoMoTn, m. (1) 20 Ap 1871, in Maries WHTTravis jp.; **John JOHNSON**, b. ca1851, (son of John JOHNSON and Margaret Peggy DURBIN) m. (2) 25 Jul 1899, **Morgan F ROGERS**, b. 3 Jun 1849, (son of Alexander S ROGERS and Betinda WALLACE) d. 31 Jul 1922, Idaho. Mary died 6 Jan 1922, Idaho. John 1880 Jeff twp Maries on 95 John 29yrs, Mary J 26, James 17, Peter N 5, Eliza M 3, Lee S 3, Barbara Keeneey 20yr s/w

d. **Hannah M KEENEY** b. 19 Fe 1856, m. (1) 21 Oc 1875, in Maries WmHTravis jp.; **Andrew John BACKUES**, b. ca1850, (son of Isaac C BACKUES and Susan KEENEY) d. 12 Fe 1879, buried: Backues 7 m. (2) **John S WALLACE**, b. Fe 1839, MoMoMo, (son of William C WALLACE and Elizabeth RIDENHOUR) Hannah died 19 Jan 1924, John: 1900 N Jeff twp Maries on 27 John 41yrs, Hanna M 44, Md 19yrs 6 children 4 living, C A 18yr son, Belle 13, Blanche 10, F F 8 yr son. 1920 Jeff twp Maries on 10 JG 60 yrs, HM 64yrs

- Augusta BACKUES (daughter of Andrew John BACKUES and Hannah M KEENEY) b. ca 1877, m. E "Gus" WALLACE
  - Mary Maud BACKUES (daughter of Andrew John BACKUES and Hannah M KEENEY) b. ca 1880.
  - William R WALLACE (son of John S WALLACE and Hannah M KEENEY) b. 20 No 1884, d. 12 Ap 1900, buried: Liberty<sup>8</sup>
  - Esther WALLACE (daughter of John S WALLACE and Hannah M KEENEY) b. 11 Au 1894, d. 31 Oc 1896, buried: Liberty<sup>8</sup>
- e. **Barbara J KEENEY** b. 1860, MoMoTn, m. 18 Au 1887, **Thomas Hudson RIDENHOUR**, b. 1868, (son of Martin RIDENHOUR and Sarah A MAHON) d. 1899, buried: Liberty<sup>8</sup> Barbara died 1904, buried: Liberty<sup>8</sup> 1900 N Jeff twp Maries on 55 Barbara 40 yr wd, 3 children 3 living, Pearl 11yrs, Gerrie 10, Gustie 0

3. **Susan H KEENEY** (daughter of Hardy KEENEY and Julia Ann PATTIE) b. ca1831, m. 1851, **John G GOODMAN**. Susan died bef 1870.

4. **Mary Malinda KEENEY** (daughter of Hardy KEENEY and Julia Ann PATTIE) b. 27 Se 1832, m. 1850, **Thomas G GOODMAN**. Mary died 8 Jun 1924.

5. **Matilda Jane KEENEY** (daughter of Hardy KEENEY and Julia Ann PATTIE) b. 13 Jan 1836, m. 1872, **Benjamin GOODMAN**. Matilda died 4 Mar 1917.