

The
Work
of
Christmas

When the song of the angel is still,
When the stars in the sky are gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their sheep,

The work of
Christmas begins:

to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoners,
to rebuke the nations, to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.

—Parson Theolan

Kenney, Henry

Most probably Henry, Sr., he was born ca. 1624. Kenney settled in Salem Village about 1648 and served as a soldier in 1654 at the capture of St. John. He was a yeoman and died after 1705. A son, Henry, Jr., was born in 1669 and was living on his father's homestead in 1692, a year after marrying Priscilla Lewis.

Henry Kenney (b.1623 in England) was a son of JOHN, who was a son of WILLIAM, who was a son of Sir Thomas Kenney. He was married to Ann Putnam in Salem (now Danvers), Lewis, Mercy

A 17-year-old servant girl living in the Thomas Putnam household. Lewis was born about 1675 in the Casco, Maine area. Upon her parents' deaths at the hands of Indians, she resided in Maine with Rev. George Burroughs for a time, later to find a temporary home in the Salem area with William Bradford and finally by 1692 with the Thomas Putnam family.

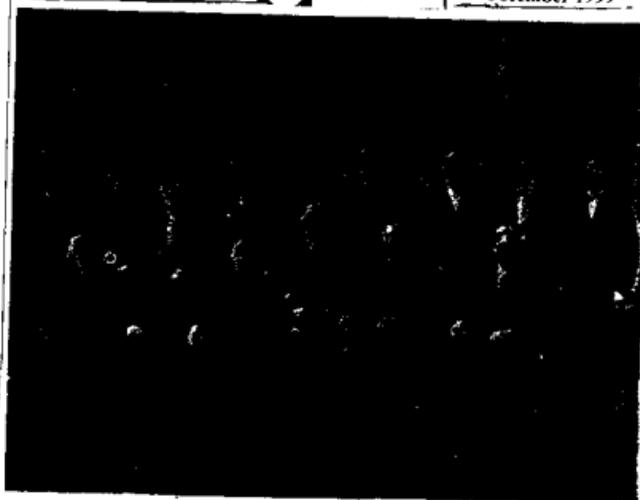
Keeney Update

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GRANDPARENTS< UNCLÉS & AUNTS: The family of JOHN S. and HANNAH FRAZEE KEENEY (seated on left) includes ten sons and two daughters, all deceased. Seated are URIAS Z. (1874-1928) and McDONALD (1877-1938); standing between their parents are EBON O (1894-1976) and ROBERT H II (1896-1982); also standing are FLEM D (1879-1965), NICK B. (1878-1951), HANNAH C. (Katie) (1890-1962), FRANCES H. (Fannie) (1892-1963), DANIEL W. (1884-1973), ROSCOE C. (1882-1969), WALTER H. (1888-1957), and JOHN S. JR. (1886-1961). All lived in WV except Daniel W., whose family grew up in Indiana.

MASSACHUSETTS

Examination of Rebecca Nurse

The examination of Rebekah Nurse at Salem Village

24.Mar. 1691/2

Mr. Marthorn. What do you say (speaking to one afflicted) have you seen this Woman hurt you?

Yes, she beat me this morning
Abigail. Have you been hurt by this Woman?

Yes
Ann Putman in a grievous fit cryed out that she hurt her.
Goody Nurse, here are two An: Putman the child & Abigail
Williams complains of your hurting them. What do you say to it

I can say before my Eternal father I am innocent, & God will clear my innocency
Here is never a one in the Assembly but desires it, but if you be guilty Pray God discover you.

Then Hen: Kenney rose up to speak
Goody: Kenney what do you say
Then he entered his complaint & farther said that since this

A Documentary History
of the Salem Village
Witchcraft: Outbreak
of March 1692

N.

"The Devil hath been raised"



Keeney Memorial Cultural Center

At the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, attention is given to the meeting or party planner's every request. Whether you need a custom room set-up, advice on catering arrangements, or assistance with audio-visual equipment, the Keeney Center staff is happy to accommodate your specific requests.

For your group's comfort and convenience, the Center offers ample, free parking and is fully air-conditioned and accessible to wheelchairs.

Let us help you plan a very special occasion for your next group function. Call the Keeney Center now, where Old World elegance is surprisingly affordable.

Erected in 1893, this stately brick and sandstone building originally served as a Wethersfield public school. With additions and renovations, the building continued its community service through the years as school, town court, and public library.

Rotary Lecture Hall boasts a separate projection booth and wide screen for dramatic audio-visual presentations. Set-up lecture style, the room can comfortably seat up to 70 people. This 30' x 24' room also accommodates up to 100 people at parties and receptions.

Bardani Room, measuring 30' x 22', with wall-to-wall blackboards and a variety of table sizes, is ideal for hands-on projects and workshops for up to 46 people.

These features also make this a perfect break-out room for business conferences and committees.

In 1985, a major renovation began through the generosity of a longtime Wethersfield resident, Mrs. William Keeney. In appreciation, the Wethersfield Historical Society named the Center in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Keeney's only child, Robert Allan Keeney. At the age of 21, Navy Lieutenant Keeney perished with hundreds of servicemen when the U.S.S. Indianapolis was sunk in the last days of World War II.

Proudly bearing the name of a Wethersfield son, the Robert Allan Keeney Memorial Cultural Center continues to serve the community as a meeting place for organizations and celebrations, as a showplace for artisans past and present, and as home to the Wethersfield Historical Society.

KEENEY FAMILY

TENNESSEE - Cumberland Co.

Jonathan Keeney age 69 d.1918,
Thomas Keeney age 70 d.1916,
Verdon Columbus Keeney age 3 d.1916

MISSOURI - Madison Co.

Charles S> Keeney b. Osage Co in 1852 s/o Calvin L. & Mary L. Boatright gs/o Michael Keeney of Anderson Co TN

OKLAHOMA - Quinton, Indian Territory - Claudia Lee Annie Keeney b.20 Sept 1891; parents: Ike & Alice Wooliver Keeney; m. Charley White 1 Sept 1910

MARYLAND - Frederick Co. Solomon Paul Keeney b. 14 Mar 1839 d.24 Aug 1910 m. Mary Jane Beard; bur. Rocky Hill Cem. son: Calvin b.24 Jan 1876 d.1 Dec 1963 m. Emma Jane Smith

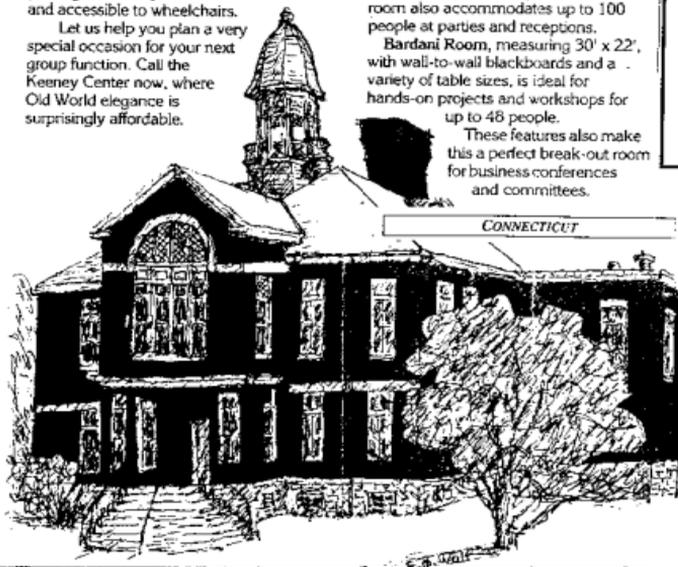
KANSAS - Pawnee Co.

B> L> Keeney, Sheriff first located in Pawnee 4 Oct 1876; engaged in agriculture until 1879, then became clerk and deputy sheriff and then elected as sheriff in 1881; b. in northern PA 10 Dec 1840, enl. in PA Reserves 1861 and was wounded at Spotsylvania VA in 1864; m. Clara Thayer of Laceyville, Wyoming Co PA 20 Sept 1864; she died 19 May 1895; m. Dora Williams 5 Oct 1882

CALIFORNIA - San Diego 1920 census Walter L> Keeney 57 b. IL Bernice B. Keeney 48 b. TN, Bessie (d) 10 b. CA, Daniel (son) 7 b. CA

E-mail messages for KEENEY UPDATE

to: 1144342@compuserve.net



Nurse came into the house he was seized twice with an amazed condition

Here are not only these but, here is ye wife of Mr. Tho. Putman who accuseth you by credible information & that both of tempting her to iniquity, & of greatly hurting her. I am innocent & clear & have not been able to get out of doors these 8. or 9. dayes.

Mr. Putman: give in what you have to say
Then Mr. Edward Putman gave in his relate
Is this true Goady Nurse
I never afflicted no child never in my life
You see these accuse you, is it true
No.

Are you an innocent person relating to this Witchcraft.
Here Tho: Putmans wife cryed out, Did you not bring the Black man with you, did you not bid me tempt God & dye-How oft have you eat and drunk yr own damon--
What do you say to them
Oh Lord help me, & spread out her hands, & the afflicted were grievously vexed



HERITAGE

ENGLAND

Even the casual browser on the Internet will soon know that there are lots of people who are interested in the genealogy of the Keeneey family. Much of the information thereon is helpful; a great deal is speculative; no small amount is plainly in error.

The KEENEY UPDATE has sought for seventeen years to publish "everyone's theory" and let the reader determine whether the information is helpful to his/her research. In a slight departure from this process, we present a consensus of what seems to be the origin of the Keeneey name in America.

The original Keeneey (Kinne) Coat of Arms: The letter on the original reads: By the name of Kinne, granted and confirmed 4 October 1618, to SIR THOMAS KINNE of Norfolk (England) and his descendants of the name. (from Ancestry From A to Z by E. P. Adams)
SIR THOMAS KINNE (KENEY)

Sir Thomas Keneey, Baronet of Kings Lynn Co Norfolk, England was born in 1578 at Norfolk and died sometime before 1677 in New London CT. Various records indicate that he was twice married, the second marriage to a Jane (who died before 1661). One source states that he was a brother of William Kinne (1601-1675), who married Agnes Annie.

There may have been many children, but there are clear records of two sons, John (1600) and William (1602). Tracing the ancestry of the Hollister family in New England gives one information on Mary Kiney, daughter of Sir Thomas, who married John Loomes (Looms and later married Jeremiah Tibbets. Jeremiah & Mary were parents of Henry Tibbets (1675-1727), who was married to Mary Ackerman (sp). Henry and Mary were parents of Capt. Benjamin Tibbets (1700=1761).

Families of sons John and William have been fairly well documented. KEENEY UPDATE welcomes lists (with dates of their descendants too) check against lots of information that is already available.

NEW ENGLAND



The limbs that move, the eyes that see,
These are not entirely me;
Dead men and women helped to shape
The mold that I do not escape;
The words I speak, my written line,
Those are not uniquely mine.
For in my heart and in my will
Old a cestors are warring still:
Celt, Roman, Saxon, and all the dead
From whose rich blood my veins were fed.
In aspect, gesture, voices, tone,
Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone;
The fields they tilled I plow the sod,
I walk the mountain paths they trod;
And round my daily steps arise
The good and bad of those I comprise.

Richard Rolle, English poet 1300's
from Keeneey Net <http://www.Keeneey.net>

My Mother taught me.

LOGIC. "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."
MEDICINE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."
TO THINK AHEAD. "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"
ESP. "Put your sweater on, don't you think that I know when you're cold?"
TO MEET A CHALLENGE. "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you. Don't talk back to me!"
HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
ABOUT SEX. "How do you think you got here?"
GENETICS. "You are just like your father!"
ROOTS. "Do you think you were born in a barn."
WISDOM OF AGE. "When you get to be my age, you will understand."
ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until your father gets home."
RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when we get home."
SYMPATHY. "This will hurt me more than it hurts you."
ZOOLOGY. "You can sit there until the cows come home."
LAW OF MOTION. "Stick your hand out of the car window and it will blow off!"

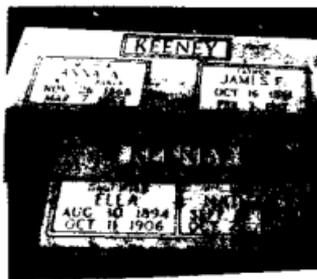
With thanks to *Questing Heirs*

MISSOURI

Would like to clarify item in KEENEY UPDATE Vol. XV No. 2 June 1998. James Ramsey Keeneey married Anna Rostock on the 22nd day of March, 1960 at Oregon, Holt County Missouri, by G. A. Lahmer, Justice of the peace, recorded March 23rd A.D. 1860, E. VanBuskirk, clerk by L. VanBuskirk deputy. Volume B, at page 127, of the marriage record of Holt County Missouri.

Their children: James F. Keeneey b. October 13, 1861, d. February 04, 1917 Oregon, Holt, Co. Missouri. Nancy Anna Keeneey b. December 12, 1862 d. September 22, 1933. Willow Springs, Mo. Nathan Henry Keeneey b. January 18, 1870, d. March 26, 1944 at St. Joseph, Mo. buried at Oregon, Mo. Ella Mae Keeneey b. March 4, 1873, d. January 22, 1958, Doniphan Ks.

James Ferdinand Keeneey b. October 13, 1861 d. February 4th 1917 at Oregon, Holt county Missouri. Married Annie Alice Gentry 11th day of October 1887 at Oregon Holt county Missouri. Their first 4 children died of diphtheria. Bessie Alice b. September 27, 1890, d. January 21, 1893; Alfred b. June 30, 1892, d. January 27, 1893; Ella b. August 30, 1894, d. October 11, 1906; Nathan b. September 1, 1897, d. October 22, 1906; Grant Keeneey (my father) b. October 05, 1905, d. December 20, 1968; Moss Keeneey b. February 03, 1910, d. December 26, 1990.



Betty Keeneey Jordan
P O B 24
Excelsior Springs, Mo 64024-0024

KEENEY

Harry B. and Virginia Keeneey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, September 3. They were married by the late Reverend Lloyd Parkinson in his home in South Charleston.

"Ben" is retired from Kanawha Manufacturing Company, where he was manager of the coal products sales department. Virginia was previously employed by the Diamond Department Store. They are members of the Judson Baptist Church in Belle.



Mr. & Mrs. Harry B. Keeneey
50 Years

HARRY BENSON KEENEY b.30 Oct 1926 s/o Lonnie Gatewood (1899-1983) & Elizabeth Nelson Keeneey (1897-1982) Keeneey m. Virginia Deloris Rice on 3 Sept 1949. Harry's grandfather was Traber Gatewood Keeneey ans great grandfather was the Rev. T. Y> Keeneey. JOHN EDWARD KEENEY b. 24 Jan 1918 m. Freda Maxine Herndon on 18 July 1940. They lived at Walton, Roane Co. unrl recent years. He was the oldest child of JOHN S> KEENEY JR (1886-1961) and Rosa Cline Keeneey (b 7 Apr 1895 d. 16 Feb 1997 at the age of 101. His grandparents were JOHN S> KEENEY SR (1849-1932) & Hannah Catherine Frazee (1853-1944). His brother, Phillip Preston Keeneey, died 22 Mar 1993.

VIRGINIA DARE JONES COHENOUR b.17 Jul 1922 at Princeswick, a daughter of William C> Hizer and Archie Kester KEENEY. Grandparents were John B> & Emma Maude Keeneey and great grandparents were Joseph & Elizabeth McClung Keeneey. Her siblings included Pearl Jones Hall and Herbert, Hobert and Kent Jones.

OBITUARIES

John Edward Keeneey

MONROE, N.C. — John Edward Keeneey 80, of Monroe died Sept. 27, 1999, in Hospices of Union County.

He was a native of Whites, W.Va., and was retired from DuPont.

Surviving: wife, Freda Herndon Keeneey; daughter, Kay Marie William of Monroe; sons, Michael of Nashville, Tenn., Don of Tacoma, S.C.; sisters, Neale Beaman of Belle, W.Va., Lenora Bond of Clearwater, Fla.; brother, Floyd of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday at Grandview Memorial Park, Danville, W.Va., with the Rev. Jerry Clark officiating. There will be no visitation. McEwen Funeral Home, Monroe, and Stevens & Gross Funeral Home, Maiden, W.Va., are in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, February 4, 1988

Virginia D. Cohenour

ALDERSON — Mrs. Virginia Dare Cohenour, 85, of 901 Maple Ave., died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1988, at 8 a.m. at her home following a long illness.

Born July 17, 1903, at Princeswick, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Emma Maude Keeneey Jones.

She had preceded in death by an infant daughter Brenda and Cohenour in 1961; two sisters, Edith Ruffe and Leta Withrow; and two brothers, Jimmy and Bob Jones.

Mrs. Cohenour was a homemaker and a member of the Blue Sulphur Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, William Arthur Cohenour Sr.; four sons, William A. Cohenour Jr. of Mellis, James B. Cohenour of Smoot, Frank E. Cohenour of MacClenny, Fla., and Dale Lee Cohenour of Danville; three daughters, Rave M. Carter of Alderson, Wanda F. Holliday of Smoot and Mary M. Leary of Danville; a sister, Pearl Hall of Huntington; two brothers, Herbert Jones of Smoot and Joseph Jones, address unknown; and Keel Jones of Virginia; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

TEXAS — Coleman

MARIE BURGE KEENEY 79 d. 28 Feb 1999; widow of Vernon Cecil Minor, whom she m. in 1936, she m. Isaac Keeneey in Abilene TX in 1948; born in Hillsboro; Coleman Cem; step-children (children of Isaac Keeneey): Floyd, Nancy Bebles and Carolyn Broyles, all of Coleman

JOHN KEENEYS IN US CENSUS (1790-1870)

Arkansas 1, California 4, Connecticut 21, Illinois 3, Indiana 2, Iowa 1, Kentucky 2 Maryland 1, Michigan 3, Minnesota 1, Missouri 8, Nevada 1, New Jersey 1, New York 6, North Carolina 1, Ohio 2, Oregon 2, Pennsylvania 4, Tennessee 3, Virginia 1, West Virginia 2

KENTUCKY

Surveyed for Isaac Keeneey 100 acres of land his father of a land of 1000

Located lying & being in the County of Lincoln & joining to Pitman Creek & bounded as follows to wit, Beginning at a Black Walnut at A standing on Peter Keeneey line thence S 26° E 182 poles to a forked Black Oak thence South 60 poles to W oak & cedar on the bank of Pitman Creek at C thence running down said creek with its channel thence S 87° W 68 poles to D. S 45° W 80 poles to two white oaks at E thence S 91° W 115 poles to a black at F thence S 82° E 90 poles to the beginning as surveyed April 15th 1799

John Davis Esq
Abraham Keeneey 56 M
(Peter Keeneey) Isaac & his sonathan & sister Sall

LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY survey of 100 acres of land on Pitman's Creek for MOSES KEENEY (1770 -1846/7) borders the line of his father, PETER KEENEY, is dated 15 April 1799 (before Lincoln Co was divided) and is witnessed by ABRAHAM and MICHAEL KEENEY, brothers of Moses.

To Forget
One's Ancestors.....
IS to be a Brook
without a Source.....
A Tree without a Root!



PATRONS

Thanks to these angels who have helped us recover from the huge September issue, which centered mostly on one family and ran up a record postage bill. And by the way if any McRoberts, Montgomerys or Iowa or Ohio Keeneys would still like a copy of the special MICHAEL KEENEY/CATHERINE LEWIS issue, just send the address and \$1 for large envelope and postage.

Donors since September include: Dr. John B. Pennington VA. Robert E. Douglass Jr GA and Roy D. Keeney WY \$25 each; Dr. P-C- Keeney MO, Col. William F. Palmer NV and Nancy Bevills OK \$20 each; Herman A. Keeney WA and Stanley R- Keeney Case NC \$10 each; Rosemary Korhel WY \$8.

If you want the UPDATE you will need to send clippings, pictures and family listings. Only one person sent material for this issue. Search your archives and albums and share! That's the spirit of the season.

The Original "St. Nick"

Little resemblance remains between the modern St. Nick (a.k.a. Santa Claus) and the original Saint Nicholas. Little is known for certain about Saint Nicholas, other than that he was a fourth-century Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (the area of modern Turkey, Syria, Lebanon). But numerous legends abound, most having to do with his habit of giving gifts anonymously to the poor. He became the patron saint of many, but especially of children.

One way you can resist the consumer-Santa syndrome is by telling the tale of the original. Better yet, act it out. During Advent, take your children on a "St. Nick" adventure. Identify a family in need—maybe one in your congregation or neighborhood.

Purchase a bag full of groceries. Have the children write a note, telling the story of St. Nicholas and saying that these gifts are being given in that spirit. Drive to their house, instructing the kids to put the bag on the front porch, ring the doorbell (or knock), and then run back to the car and drive away before someone comes to the door.

The object, of course, is not to be seen, to make this an anonymous gift—no thank-yous, no credit, no indebtedness. Sheer grace.

Children enjoy the adventure! (Grown-ups will, too.)



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CALIFORNIA - San Diego 1920 census

Walter L- Keeney 57 b. IL Bernice B Keeney 48 b. IN, Bessie (d) 10 b. CA, Daniel (son) 7 b. CA

MISSOURI - Ray/Johnson Cos.

John H- Keeney 1824-1900 m. Narcissa Thompson (1825-1891) II Mar 1847 Johnson Co, Warrensburg, both buried Maus Cem in Vernon Co MO. lived in Vernon Co in 1870 census, children: Missouri 1849 m. Jamesay, William 1850, Luther M. 1852 (in Johnson Co 1880), Mary M. 1854, John R 1858, James H 1860 (age 52 in 1910 census).

TENNESSEE - Anderson Co 1914-1921 Death: William Keeney age 74 d. 1921

MISSOURI - Ray/Johnson Cos.

John H- Keeney 1824-1900 m. Narcissa Thompson (1825-1891) II Mar 1847 Johnson Co, Warrensburg; both buried Maus Samuel D. b.12-1861 (45 in 1910) m. Julia A. Lanham II Sept 1884 c-Thomas 1886 Oscar 1890, Lester 1896 John H Keeney named in will of Isaac B. Oiphant of Jefferson Co TN Aug 1849

OREGON - Vale (pop. 1701)

Seat of Malheur Co at Jct US20 & US26 on banks of Malheur River; natural hot spring made it a prime stopping point on the Oregon trail. Markers point to historic river crossing where pioneers dunked their aching bodies in still-hot river springs and to KEENEY PASS, south of downtown Vale where 150 yr old wagon ruts are still visible.

GOD does not open paths for us in advance of our coming. Yet, when we are on the very brink of need, God is there. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2)

MEMORIAL

Helen Keeney Metheny

WALDORF Md — Helen Keeney "Bennie" Metheny, 78, of Waldorf, formerly of Witcher, Md., died Nov. 5, 1999, at the home of her daughter, Judith Kline Lindsey of Waldorf, after a short illness.

She was a retired secretary from National Education Association, Washington, D.C., and International Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Washington, D.C.

Also surviving husband James Thomas Metheny Sr. of Dumfries, Va.; daughters, Joan Elizabeth Bousher of LaPlata, Md., Jennifer Gail Tolbert of Dumfries, son, James Thomas Jr. of Witcher; sisters, Dorothy Lee Gwin of St. Albans, W.Va., Mildred A. Keeney and Harriet M. Keeney, both of Witcher; brothers, George McClure Keeney of Hurricane, W.Va., Albert "Buster" Keeney of Iles, W.Va.; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Roscoe Keeney officiating. Burial will be in Keeney Off-Cutting. Burial will be in Witcher Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Helen "Bennie" Keeney Metheny was the youngest of five daughters of McDonald (Mack) & Mamie Stanley Keeney and a granddaughter of John S & Hannah C Keeney.

Ernest Ferrell was the husband of Phyllis Mae Keeney - daughter of George Washington (1896-1970) & Elsie V. Kelley Keeney (1902-1984) of Riverside. Woodrow Bowles & Mary F. Moore Keeney were her grandparents.

Ernest L. Ferrell

Ernest L. "Boy" Ferrell, 67, of Riverside died Nov. 5, 1999, in Marmet Health Care Center after a long illness.



He was retired from Donaldson Mine, Kelleys Creek, was a Protestant and a lifelong resident of Kanawha County.

Surviving wife Phyllis Keeney Ferrell; daughter, Kelly Ann Clay of

Charlotte, N.C.; sons, George Michael Ferrell of Belle, David Lee Ferrell of South Charleston, sister, Shirley Seber of Riverside; brother, Dick Ferrell of Elkhart, Ind.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Service will be 1 p.m. Monday at Cooke Funeral Home, Cedar Grove, with the Rev. Charles B. Burke Jr., Pastor Gray Tucker and the Rev. Kirby Lilly officiating. Burial will be in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Cooke Funeral Home, Cedar Grove.

GETTYSBURG PA - Walter Keeney,

member of Marsh Creek Church of

the Brethren, Friends Grove 1973

TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL All-Time

Letterman; Floyd Keeney 1973-74

Mike Keeney 1977

APPALACHIAN STATE U., Chapel

Hill NC - Harmon Keeney received

B> S> May 1998

IOWA

ANDREW/AMANDA KEENEY OF OREGON

MORTIMER T. KEENEY

MT. KEENEY, of Shelby Township, is one of the early settlers, having come to the county in 1872. He was born in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1844. He is a son of J. N. and Pernelle (Tupper) Keenev. The mother is a native of Pennsylvania; her mother came from Connecticut on horseback to Pennsylvania when she was eleven years old. Mr. Keenev had three brothers, of whom he was the eldest. When he was two years old his parents moved to Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, where the father remained until his death. The mother now lives in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The subject of this sketch was reared a farmer, and received his education in the common schools. During the great rebellion he enlisted; he joined the Fifty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, Company H, March 28, 1864, serving until the close of the war. The regiment was stationed at Morris Island, South Carolina, in front of Charleston, where they were frequently under the fire of the enemy, and where many died of disease. In the spring of 1865 they were moved to North Carolina, and were on a forced march when Lee surrendered. Our subject was honorably discharged at Rolla, North Carolina, and returned to Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. He was married to Miss Julia Reynolds, a native of Susquehanna County, and a daughter of Robert and Matilda (Godwin) Reynolds. In 1868 they removed to Carroll County, Illinois, where they lived until they came to Shelby County, in 1872. The land was then wild prairie, but they have made many improvements. They have a snug house on a sunny slope, surrounded with a fine grove and orchard of eight acres; a good barn and other good buildings, all showing the energy and prosperity of the owner. Mr. and Mrs. Keenev have two children—Edgar N. and Hattie M. Mr. Keenev is a Republican and a member of the G. A. R., Dick Yates Post, No. 364. He has served as junior-vice, and is the present officer. He is a member of the Masonic order of Shelby, and a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church; he first joined the Baptist church when he was fifteen years old; his wife and son are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Keenev is one of the representative men of the township, and has done his share in the religious and educational labors; he is honorable in business and has the confidence of all who know him.

HISTORY OF EARLY COUNTY



ANDREW JACKSON AND AMANDA J. KEENEV - ***
(1819 - 1898) (1827 - 1892)

Andrew Jackson was the son of John, Jr. and Mary Ramsey Buckhalter; brother of Mary, Thomas, Isley, Jonathan, James, Abraham, Rebecca, and twins Eli and Elias.

Andrew Jackson Keenev, known as "Jackson", or "Blackjack", or just "Jack", was born on his Father's farm in Fayette County, Indiana, on October 7th, 1819. About 1820, his Father moved the family to Ray County, Missouri where young Jackson grew up. Ray County is located 20 miles east of present-day Kansas City. When Andrew Jackson was 21 years old, he struck out for himself, working in southern Missouri. A year later, he bought a farm in Holt County, in north western Missouri, which had been opened up to settlement under the 1837 Platte Purchase. On November 18, 1841, he married 16 year old Elizabeth Mulholland in Clinton, Missouri, and took his bride to his Holt County farm, where he engaged in farming.

A daughter, Frances, was born to the young couple, but, both Mother and child drowned in the Missouri River. The Missouri, which floods regularly, forms the western boundary of Holt County. Jack's farm was near enough to the river to account for this tragedy.

In 1847, the young widower enlisted as a private in the Missouri Mounted Volunteers, to fight in the Mexican War, which had begun the year before. He served 16 months, patrolling the northern border, which then extended from the Oregon Coast into present-day Wyoming. It is believed that they never saw any of the enemy. The National Archives has his application for a pension.

Returning home to Holt County, he married Hannah Daniels Cooper, on June 3rd, 1849; a widow, with a year-old daughter, Anna. Soon after, he went to California, by way of Nicaragua. It is not known for sure if he took his new bride with him or not. They were on a small river steamer carrying passengers over the mountains from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, when the boat was carried over some rapids, due to a drunken Captain trying to land above them. Many passengers jumped overboard and were drowned, while those who remained aboard were not injured. Finally, they crossed the Isthmus of Nicaragua and sailed up the coast to land in San Francisco. This year was recorded as 1849.

It is possible that he prospected for gold in California, and perhaps joined his two brothers, Jonathan and Elias on the American River. Later, he may have visited his brother Jonathan and family, and Elias, who lived with them, in the Calapooya River Valley, as he is recorded as a resident of Oregon in the 1850 United States Census. The same year, he returned to Missouri by ox team and wagon and farmed in Holt County for the next few years. Jackson and Hannah had five children, besides her daughter Anna. Four of the children were born in Missouri and one was born in Oregon.

Anna Isabella Cooper, Step-daughter (18 Nov 1847 - 30 Nov 1914)



James Madison (15 December 1853 - 8 February 1913)
George R. (22 January 1856 - 18 June 1859)
William Daniel (1857 - 11 April 1930)

It is possible that the tension of slavery which soon would erupt into the Civil War, along with the availability of land in the West, or the fact that most of his family had already moved West in 1851, may be what prompted Jackson and Hannah to leave Missouri and join the immigration to Oregon. Whatever the reason, early in 1857, Jack sold his farm in Holt County, bought an ox team, and headed west to California.

It is doubtful that Andrew Jackson traveled alone, as another Jonathan H. Keeney, whose relationship to Andrew we have not yet determined, also went to California in 1857 and seemed to take the same route to Oregon as did Andrew Jackson.

Jackson sold his outfit in San Francisco and boarded a steamer with his family and sailed up the coast to Portland, Oregon, landing in October. Jackson purchased another outfit and headed down the Willamette Valley to visit his Mother, brothers and sister. (In 1851, all the family, except him and his oldest sister, Mary, had come west on the Keeney Wagon Train and taken advantage of free land in Oregon under the Donation Land Act of 1850.)

A short time later, Jackson bought the Milton Riggs Donation Land Claim of 640 acres, seven miles south of Eugene, near Goshen, where he and Hannah set up housekeeping in a little log cabin near a spring. In June, 1859, their three year-old son, George died, and another son, John Blanden was born in October.

John Blanden (20 October 1859 - 1 September 1942)

He returned to his farm, near Goshen, in February of 1855, where his son, John B. and wife Ella, and their children were living and they cared for him the rest of his life.

In January, 1898, he joined a church in Goshen. Previously, it was believed that he had been a friend to all ministers, but not a religious man himself. Soon after, he became very ill with Bright's Disease, and died three weeks later at his home March 4, 1898. His sons, John, Ben and Tom were with him. Al was on his way, and Martha and Nelson were stepping off the train in Goshen, when he passed away. He is buried beside his wife, Amanda, in the Keeney Cemetery.

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CHAPTER LIV.

POLK COUNTY TOWNS

AVON.

The town of Avon in Allen Township was platted in August, 1855, on land belonging to Charles Keeney, one of the early settlers who had previously built a mill there, and had also erected one of the first brick farm houses in the county. The town was on a beautiful site, and it became a thriving village with considerable trade, and was a religious and educational center for a considerable scope of country. There was built the first good school house in Allen township. A United Brethren Church was organized there as early as 1856, and early in the '60's a fine church was erected. Other churches were also organized at an early date, and have since flourished. When the railroad came Avon Station was located about one mile from the original town, and this naturally did some injury to the latter. But Avon continued to be a beautiful county village, the center of a magnificent farming country. The first election in the township of Allen was held April 5, 1853, and the following officers were elected: Trustees, J. P. Deaton, John Watts, James S. Mills; Clerk, Henry O. McBroom; Assessor, Charles B. Flemming; and the first meeting was held at the house of John D. McElphinstie. The latter was one of the early settlers, prominent in township and county affairs, and in every way a most excellent and enterprising farmer and citizen. He died some years ago. In this township was also located the Indian village of Keokuk, chief of the Sacs and Foxes, and there he made his home for several years. Nothing is left now but a few traces of this once large Indian village, but the beautiful land thereabouts yet retains the name of "Keokuk Prairie."



KEENEY FAMILY

George Harvey

George Harvey Keeney, son of Benjamin and Martha Rankleman Keeney, was born March 16, 1880 at Carlisle, IA. He was educated at Drake University in Des Moines, with graduate work at Harvard Medical School and the University of Minnesota Medical School. He interned at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, and practiced from 1910. He practiced after 1920 in Mallard, IA. He was called Mallard, Iowa's "Doc of the Year." He was also a fifty year member of the Iowa State Medical Society. He served three terms in the Iowa State Legislature where he had served on the school committee. In 1966 he received the National P.T.A. Distinguished Member's Scroll and life membership for his years of service. He delivered more than 2000 babies in the years he practiced family medicine.

He married Alice Maude Webster, daughter of James and Hannah Jeys Webster. Their children, both born at Mallard, are Marguerite and Ruth Carolyn. Alice Maude was born September 11, 1885, died September 18, 1965. In 1969 George Harvey went to live with his daughter Marguerite in Los Angeles. He died on March 3, 1969. Both are interred at Carlisle.

Marguerite Keeney was born April 29, 1911. She received her B.S. from Drake University and was a primary teacher five years at Laurens, and three years in Des Moines. On June 24, 1939 she married George S. Johnson, a dentist, of Canton, Pa. He was educated at Oregon State University and received his D.D.S. at the University of South Carolina. He served thirty months in the U.S. Navy. Their children, born in Los Angeles are Judith Ann and Stephen Taylor Johnson.

Judith Ann Johnson, born April 14, 1942, was educated at U.S.C. and California State College of Los Angeles, with a B.S. in Nursing. She works as a school nurse. On January 31, 1964 she married Orin Chris Shaw, Jr. who was born March 13, 1941. Their children are Melissa Alice, born April 14, 1966, Kristen Marie, born June 15, 1968 and Lillie Ann Kathleen, born September 20, 1972.

Ruth Carolyn, second child of George Harvey and Martha Keeney, was born November 29, 1913. She received a Masters Degree in Music and taught music in Iowa Public Schools in 1935-1940 and later at Beltsville, Maryland. She was married at Carlisle to Fred L. Marsh, born November 21, 1914 of Niagara Falls, N.Y. He has a P.H.D. in Christian Education. He works as a government researcher. Their children are Susan Jean Marsh, born March 2, 1943, who married Grant Blisworth in May, 1968, and Laurence Keeney Marsh, born June 19, 1946 in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the Belairville High School, received a B.A. at Indiana University in 1968 and has done post-graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles. He has worked for the Defense Mapping Agency/Board of Geographic Names. He is a talented cellist and played on Prince George's county high school orchestra and the All Maryland State high school orchestra.

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UMW LEADER Frank Keeney was tried in a long drawn out trial for inciting violence, but was not convicted. He, CHARLES FRANKLIN KEENEY JR (1882-1970) was the youngest child of Charles F. (Sonny) & Elizabeth J. Knight Keeney; his career is documented in BLOODLETTING IN APPALACHIA by Howard B. Lee, and in Charleston WV Newspapers August 21, 1922 and days following. He was the father of six children.

Under a complete code of coercion, a near deathblow was dealt to the hopes of the union in the southern counties. Probably in McDowell County that day, and on record in Charleston two days later, Mother Jones went to District 17 and asked for a mass meeting. The leadership, with understandable trepidation, refused. Mooney claims Jones began one of her blue-ard tirades before twenty-five to thirty men. "Keeney and Mooney have lost their nerve. They are spineless and someone must do something to protect the miners."

Though the general leadership attitude was one of necessary caution for a time, a need for a "cooling" period, it was a temporary mood. With "Bloody Mingo" and now "Bloody McDowell" as spurs, Keeney did call a meeting at the capitol on Sunday, August 7, 1921. Mother Jones arrived with her fiery mantle of verbiage and spoke to an estimated 5,000; and in those famed blue-veils called Governor E.P. Morgan a "tool of the goddamn coal operators."

Keeney followed, acknowledging that the governor had refused his request to "free" the miners in Mingo County from their long bondage and end martial law. "The only way you can get your rights is with a high-powered rifle." He sent the gathered miners from across the state to their homes to get ready. Hugh "Red" Tabor got his gun in Kimball, and so did others from the county, Dawson recalled.

Fierce and fired though Mother Jones had been, suddenly, oddly, the ninety-year-old woman turned around. She had earlier called for an army to go to Lens Creek, near Marmet, and now as the day dawned, Jones tried to dissuade any searing movement. Mother Jones went out to "her boys" and read what she claimed was a telegram from the president vowing to send troops if the men marched. When questioned about the authenticity of the telegram and asked to show it, Mother Jones told Keeney to "go straight to hell."

A subsequent wire to the president brought the reply that no such telegram had been sent and some miners, including some of the leadership, thought Mother Jones had "sold out" to the operators. Others felt, and Keeney expressed the same to Lee in 1962, that she was just old, "and age had quenched much of the fighting spirit that characterized her earlier years." "The turning of Mother Jones" would long, and still is, a matter of debate. It cannot be ruled out that she simply, manipulatively, tried to use her power to prevent an action she personally felt was not advisory. Whatever the truth, this was the last time the old war-filly is known to have been in West Virginia.

But the miners were now determined to "free Mingo." So long and "bloody" was the war in Mingo that Arthur Warner in an article in "The Nation" in October 1921, referred to it as "West Virginia's Ireland." Prior to the massacre, there had been a "Three-Day Battle" along fifteen mines of the Tug River near Williamson, where an estimated 100,000 shots were fired. All the towns along the way were towns of terror.

In August 1921, the miners began to mobilize. With hundreds gathered along the Lens Creek banks, the scenes were reflective of the Civil War, and all were indeed preparing for America's Second Civil War.

Hoping to deter, the president sent Brigadier General H.H. Bandholtz to warn Mooney and Keeney. This time the president was clearly sending in troops unless the marchers disbanded, or "we are going to snuff this out just like that." And "snapping his fingers under their noses," Bandholtz acknowledged that with millions unemployed at that Post World War I period, such a movement "might assume proportions that would be difficult to handle."

"Between 1919 and 1921, the southern West Virginia coalfields exploded in wildcat strikes." Among the causes then, as ever, were wages; the question of unfairness in the weighing of the miner's coal load; and the growing demand for union recognition, including the dismissal of non-union personnel. Significantly larger numbers of non-union miners were themselves using the manipulative power of strikes. The result was one so long desired, the formation of a local in McDowell County. This Roderfield when approximately one hundred miners met in McDowell County to organize.

Other evidence of the pro-attitude was that already mentioned, that an indefinite number of McDowell County men are alleged to have been involved in the "March to Logan." By that time, Fred Mooney and others of the District 17 camp were involved in organization thrusts in the Logan-Mingo-McDowell regions.

The point belabored here is that by the time the guns were loaded in Matewan, many McDowell County miners, either covertly or overtly, were ready to join their Mingo brothers.

How it goes: With almost two decades entrenchment of their totalitarian control of the southern counties, the coal companies were prepared to do whatever was necessary to stop the spread of the union-malignancy. The UMW, on the other hand, was ready to do anything necessary to break that hegemony on the coalfields along with the southern controls of the N&W. Consequently, District 17 President Frank Keeney, determined to break up what Campers had called "the last remains of industrial autocracy," sent fifty organizers into Mingo County to begin to end that "reign of terror."

According to UMW files, Districts 17 and 29 met at a joint session and agreed to "go to the assistance of men in the Guyan Field, in order that they might exercise their lawful rights and become members of our organization." Keeney vowed, "Organize Logan and Mingo counties we will, and no one shall stop us. If our organizers come back in pine boxes, neither heaven nor hell will stop the miners."

By 1920, Keeney felt that union locals in Mingo were strong enough to demand that county operators recognize them. The operators rejected Keeney's demands for a union contract and refused to even meet with union officials. To entice laborers, the operators offered increased wages to miners who did not join the union while they "blacklisted" miners who did. Mingo miners struck. Baldwin-Felts officers evicted their families. Keeney issued his warning that the union meant to resist the "private army enlisted by the coal companies." The operators responded by bringing in even more guards. As they were being evicted, according to Keeney's later testimony in "Coal Age," the families sent their furnishings thrown out on the street, and even the "roof torn from their houses."

Realizing that tensions were explosive, Fred Mooney tried to get support to prevent open conflict; among his efforts was a plan to piece the evictions under the legal Mingo officials rather than the Baldwin-Felts forces. All efforts failed and on that May day in 1920, eleven guards arrived in Matewan to evict families of the union men who were employed at the now legendary Red Jacket Coal Company. Days before, William D. Ord had informed Governor John J. Cornwell that conflict was imminent.

KEENEYS COAST TO COAST

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Mary A. KEENEY Buck d/o Henry Keeney (1815-85) & Mary Munson, w/o John R. Buck; grandparents: Timothy (1775-1823) & Anna Franklin Keeney; great grandparents: Alexander (1748-96) & Martha Miner Keeney; Alexander was sergeant at siege of Boston in 1776 (DAR information)

OREGON - Linn Co

Ames Cem, Hwy 228 w. of Sweet Home, Keeney graves: Nan Cathy Cole Keeney, Zilla M. Keeney, Isabelle A. & Jasper Harmon (JACK H) Keeney, Chesley J. Keeney, George W. & Jerry E. Keeney (twins) Jerry 1863-1946, Katie Cole w/o Jerry, Lenoce J. Keeney; George & Jerry were children of James Benton & Susan Dalaney