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Pioneer Keeney Family



ELIAS KEENEY

(1825 - 1910)

Father of Emma (Keeney) McHargue

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The history of Brownsville would not be complete without the story of the pioneer "Irish" Keeney family.

Jonathan and Elias Keeney came to Brownsville with Hugh Brown and his nephew, James Haskely, in the fall of 1849. Jonathan Keeney had been on the West Coast as a fur trapper when a young man.

He had braggard with Jim Bridger, Sublette and others up and down the Continental divide. Jonathan returned to Missouri with the firm idea of coming to the Oregon country.

He sold his farm holdings in Holt County, Missouri, and married. There were 2 young sons when he came to Oregon. It is not known for sure if Jonathan captained the wagon train to Oregon; but he was surely a good guide for the party, as he had traveled up and down the rivers and mountains with the fur traders. Elias Keeney, Jonathan's younger brother came with the party.

In 1849 a number of Brownsville men went to the gold fields in California. Elias Keeney came back to Lane County with \$15,000 in gold. He had in mind returning to Missouri, but rain, and drove them to Oregon where they were so badly needed.

Elias Keeney rode horseback to Holt County in three months—in 1850—a small feat in mid-winter. Elias married soon after reaching Missouri and the return trip to Oregon was his honeymoon.

In the spring of 1851 the long party included Jonathan and Elias's 80-year-old widowed mother, his two brothers, Eli; and brothers James and



JONATHAN KEENEY

(April 27, 1813 - Aug. 15, 1878)

Son of John Jr. and Mary Ramsey Buckhalter Keeney

CAPTAIN JONATHAN KEENEY: Mountain Man with Jim Bridger - ***
Wagon Scout, Pioneer of Oregon Trail and Berlow Road, Settler,
Miner, Soldier, Inn and Ferry Proprietor.



EMMA KEENEY McHARGUE

1857-1927

and James Armstrong

OREGON

Andrew Jackson Keeney. The 5 Keeney brothers and 1 sister were the children of John Keeney and his wife, Mary Ramsey Buckhalter. The family had lost 3 sons with T.B. within a 3-year period in the early 1840's.

These young men were all married and left young children. Some were brought to Oregon to live among relatives.

Elias Keeney did purchase cattle in Missouri to bring to Oregon; but the Indians stampeded the herd and many were lost.

The Calapooza Valley must have been a welcome sight in the fall of 1851, after the long hard trip across the plains. My grandmother, Sarah Keeney, was 7 years old when she came with her family to Oregon.

In later years, she told me of the many trials and tribulations of the 6-months long trip. But, to her, the most frightening experience was after they reached Brownsville.

A short time after they had arrived in the Calapooza Valley, Indians—no respecter of anyone's privacy—entered the Keeney's living quarters . . .

By ELIS BENNETT-BROWNING
a Great-Great Granddaughter of
James Keeney and
His Wife, Catherine Stewart Keeney
unannounced.

The children, having heard so many stories of Indian scalping parties, thought they were doomed.

They hid under mother's very full skirts and thought they were safe. The Indians wanted tobacco. They were given the tobacco, grabbed food from the table and left.

The original Irish Keeneys came to America before the Revolutionary War, and migrated out of Virginia to East Tennessee.

They did not believe in slavery and left, in the early 1800's, for Fayette County, Indiana. All of the children of John and Mary Keeney were born in Indiana . . . except their twin sons, Eli and Elias, who were born, in 1828, in Ray County, Missouri.

The Keeneys were stock raisers; and, as they pioneered new areas, they established ferry boats across the rivers and helped establish Hard-Shell Baptist Churches. There were a number of Baptist ministers in

the family.
In Missouri, Mary, a daughter of Thomas Keeney, a Baptist minister, married Tolbert Kelley, the son of a Methodist minister. The Keeney family practically disowned her.

The young couple left Missouri and returned to Tolbert Kelley's old home in Kentucky; but as the Civil War drew nearer, they were anxious to leave Kentucky.

The Missouri Keeneys' fore-gave them, as they were wanting to see their Kelley grandchildren. Tolbert and Mary Kelley returned to Missouri with the intention of coming to Oregon. But Tolbert died suddenly and the children had necessities. These, and other problems, prevented Mary Keeney from reaching Oregon for several years. Mary finally arrived in Lane County and lived among Keeneys and Methodists, her relatives.

During the early Oregon Indian Wars several companies of volunteers were formed from Lane County. James Bakely and Jonathan Keeney both accompanied companies. Elias Keeney became noted as an excellent Indian fighter.

He fought in the Cayuse

Indian uprisings; and was one of the party sent from Fort Vancouver to Walla Walla, Wash. to help put down the Indians who murdered the Whitmans.

Capt. Jonathan Keeney was in southern Oregon during the Indian disturbances of mid 1850's. It was mostly guard duty, as the Indians were threatening to wipe out the settlers.

Shortly after 1870, Capt. Jonathan Keeney and part of his family left his beloved Calapooza Valley, moving to eastern Oregon.

Once again he had wide-open rangeland for his stock and a ferry on the Snake River. He died on his ranch on Willow Creek in Baker County.

Some members of the family followed him into that area; but many remained in Lane and Lane Counties.

In Lane County many of the descendants of the 5 pioneer Keeney brothers had intermarried with other early pioneer families . . . to mention a few: Overrons, Warrens, Wigles, McHargues, Pearls, Michaels.

The Keeney Cemetery, on Coburg Road in Lane County, is the resting place of many descendants of Eli and Andrew Jackson Keeney.

PENNSYLVANIA

Continued from last issue

THOMAS B. KEENEY, SR. Born 1751, son of Alexander, Married Mercy Lamb (10-12-1748-10-24-1839)

Thomas was a tall, large-framed man, possessing inherited longevity and athletic strength, as his father, Alexander, lived to the notable age of 106 years. Thomas d. January 13, 1840, age 88yrs, 8 mo.

The following information is from The Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford Co., Pa. (Nevbery) 1700-1825.

Thomas Keeney, native of Litchfield, Ct., first located at Wapwalopoc, came to Wilmot, Pa. home-seeking in 1797. He lived alone first season in a brush cabin. Next year he brought his family. He enlisted in the Army at East Hartford, Ct. and served 3 years of actual service during the Revolutionary War. Part of his service was under Capt. Bissel and Col. Pitkin. He was one of 15 or 18 persons concerned with the abduction of Col. Timothy Pickering, Prothonotary of Luzerne Co., Pa. One night in June, 1788, dressed and painted in Indian Costume they abducted Col. Pickering from his residence in Wilkes Barre, by forcible entry of his dwelling, by which they sought to hold him as hostage for the release of John Franklin, a Ct. Title Agent for lands. Thomas was taken to Wilkes-Barre and kept in confinement all summer. In 1812 Thomas sold his land to John Gamble and moved to Chemung, N. Y. At age 81 (9-11-1832), Thomas applied for a Pension and it was granted. Thomas was called, "The Emigrant," when the idea of railroads was first discussed, he thought (and said) it could not be done and that they had better build a new world; but he lived to see the cars running, and to ride on them. Thomas married Mercy Lamb, who was a singularly good-looking French lady with black eyes, black curly hair and very fair-complexioned, which made her strikingly beautiful. She died in Chemung, N. Y. 10-24-1839, age 91 yrs, 12 days. Thomas and Mercy and Thomas, Jr. & Eliza Keeney were all charter members of the new church in Fabius, Pa. in 1803. Thomas died at Ruby & Richard Mitchell's home near Tioga Village, Pa. but later his body was removed and he was buried beside his wife in Chemung, N. Y. (10 mi. below Elmira). Thomas and Mercy had 8 children:

RUBY KEENEY b. 10-7-1771. In 1792 m. Richard Mitchell. Thomas died at their home.

MARY KEENEY m. Major Benjamin Bentley,

BETSY KEENEY m. a Mr. Sackett.

LOUISA KEENEY m. a Mr. Wetherly and Mr. Howard

MERCY KEENEY m. Richard Keeney, distant cousin (first bride & groom of Wilmot. Richard from Wyslusing.)

SUSANNAH KEENEY m. Asa Parshall of Chemung, N. Y.

THOMAS KEENEY, JR. b. 1776 (9-8) m. Anna Parshall in 1797.

JESSIE KEENEY, b. 1778, m. Catherine Middaugh in 1799 in Litchfield, Ct.

Jessie was the son who gave us our direct descendants and from whom our lineage comes. In 1788 Mercy Keeney, daughter of Thomas & Mercy Lamb Keeney married Richard Keeney, distant relative and were Wilmot's first bride and groom. She, like her Mother, was a woman of great resolution. On one occasion a party of men had driven a panther up a tree at Rocky Point. Mercy, age 16, volunteered to stand under the tree and keep the panther up, while the men ran home to get their rifles, with which the animal was killed.

JESSIE KEENEY, born at Litchfield, Ct., youngest son of Thomas, Sr. and Mercy Lamb Keeney, 1778. Jessie married Catherine Middaugh 12-29-1799 and moved to Cortland, N. Y. in 1831. He located on a Farm in Mill Creek and lived there the rest of his life. Jessie d. 6-18-1834. His wife died 8-12-1848. Their children were:

ELIAS, b. in 1800, m. Ann Streeter, settled in Keeneyville, Pa. in 1838. Named for his SARAH K. m. George Daniels. Sarah d. 2-18-1889; b. in Keeneyville.

THOMAS M. LIVED IN Cortland, N. Y. Had a son Seabury, who also had a son, Frank.

Both were Methodist ministers.

PERMILLA m. Mr. Hill, son of Capt. Hill

JESSE settled in Tioga Co., m. Miss Fellows: 3 girls: Anna m. Abijah Reynolds, who died in 1905, leaving Anna with 2 sons, Abijah and Walter; Abijah lives in Tacoma, Wa. and Walter in Crete, Nebraska; is Professor of music in Doane College.

Abram settled in Tioga.

Kate Maloney m. Delinus Walker. C. were Albert, Sarah, Emma and Ruby. Emma m. Elliot Thorn;

Mercy m. Mr. Brady, and had 2 sons.

Richard m. Adella Wiles and had 8 children: George, Ira, Seldon, Almira, Simon,

Nettie, Herman and Elmer. George m. Marian Thorne, lived in Tioga. Their c. were Augie, Nettie and George. Ira m. Viola Holiday, 1 c. Ira's 2nd wife was Margarette Gady of Ekland, 2 c., Richard & Cora. Simon m. Zella Grover, had 6 c. Nettie & Herman deceased. Almira m. Geo. Dickinson 11-15-1868, 2 c. Anna & Burton.

Ruby No info.

George D. b. Cortland in 1825; moved to Keeneyville in 1848. He built a Saw Mill and engaged in lumbering. He m. Jane, daughter of John Drew, c. were: Florence, Agnes, Arthur (m. 3 ch.), Harry m. Mary Wheeler, 1 son, Wilbur, who died at Peekskill, N. Y. School 1919. Wilbur's wife lives at Wellsboro...c. Ida, Burton (San Diego, Ca.), Eva and Myrtle. George D. died 2-11-1896.

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ADNA KEENEY FAMILY (Continued)

5. CLYDE NEIL KEENEY, b. 9-30-1940
m. Janice Sue Martin b. 8-18-1966 at St. Louis
6. ANGELA JANICE KEENEY, b. 5-16-1970
6. DOUGLAS NEIL KEENEY, b. 10-12-1973
5. RONALD ERIC KEENEY, b. 12-8-1942 at Bourbon
m. Mary Ann Velle b. 1-1-1962 Crawford Co., MO
(b. 12-5-1941 at Boone Terra, MO)
4. BRENDA SUS KEENEY, b. 5-27-1964 in MO
6. KAREN LEANN KEENEY, b. 7-31-1966 in MO
5. KRISTEN LYNN KEENEY, b. 7-10-1962 at Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co., MI
5. JERRY DELANO KEENEY, b. 4-7-1944
m. Nancy Faye Rouse b. 1-8-44; 9-1-1963
6. TIMOTHY WILSON KEENEY, b. 7-16-1963 in IA
6. ERIC NATHAN KEENEY, b. 3-10-1970 in SC
5. SONJA JEAN KEENEY, b. 2-11-1949 at Bourbon
m. Theodore Kenneth Moore (b. 1948) 6-3-1966
6. TRICIA LYNN MOORE, b. 5-6-1957
6. KENNETH TODD MOORE, b. 10-10-1970
6. JACOB WADE MOORE, b. 10-21-1976
5. FANELIA KAY KEENEY, b. 9-16-1952 at Bourbon
m. David Joseph Reeser, m. Richard L. Seide
(2) 7-7-1984 at Bourbon, Crawford Co., MO
5. CHRISTOPHER KEENEY SEIDE, b. 5-22-1986
4. MAXINE KEENEY, d. 1980, m. Robert Seigle
4. APTON KEENEY, b. 9-28-1911, d. 9-5-1912
4. MARVIN WILSON KEENEY, b. 5-29-1916, d. 8-12-1916
4. IBER HOMER KEENEY, b. 4-19-1910, d. 6-14-1914
 3. HNCDA KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1963
m. John Wiley Jones
 3. ELIZABETH KEENEY, b. 1879
2. MAHALIA KEENEY, b. c. 1840
m. John Stackwell on 9-15-1858

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Barbara Marie Keeneey, daughter of Richard and Lucretia Keeneey, of Stow, Ohio, was married on 16 April 1988 to John Earnest. They are living at 5305 Monroe, Tallmadge, OH 44278.

2. WILLIAM C. KEENEY, b. 1842 in KY; age 28 in 1870
wife: Mary Jane (b. 1844 in Kentucky)
3. SARAH KEENEY, b. 1864 in Missouri
3. LORNGEA KEENEY, b. 1866 in Missouri
3. GEORGE KEENEY, b. 12-1867; wife: Susan
3. LOUISA KEENEY, b. 1869
3. POUNTAIN KEENEY, b. 1871
3. AHAMINTA KEENEY, b. 1874
3. IDA KEENEY, b. 1875
3. JULIA KEENEY, b. 1877
(to be continued next issue)

Elias, born in 1800, married Ann Streeter. Their children were:

Roxanna, m. Dr. Sunell

Jesse, m. Miranda Goddard, 3 d.: George, Alonzo & Ada. (Ann) died and Jesse m. and moved to Steep Creek, Ryland, Ky. Ada m. L. Spencer in Buffalo, N. Y. moved to Ky. Ada died and Spencer remarried. He died 1-2-1880, left 2 children: James & Isreal, a lawyer who died in 1863.

Elias, Jr., no info.

Israel P. went South to teach school, was a brilliant lawyer, died in Ky. in 1863.

EDWARD D. (Our direct ancestor) married Elizabeth Taylor and settled in Ky.

Jerusha m. Wellington Newcomb, had 1 daughter, Bertha, who m. Elton Gates.

Henry m. Ella Goddard, 1 son, Burton. Ella d. Henry m. Lura Goodwin.

Jane m. Theron Tetselling, and lived at Losey Creek, near Keeneeyville, Pa.

~~4. JESSIE KEENEY, b. 1840, m. L. Spencer in Buffalo, N. Y. moved to Ky. Ada died and Spencer remarried. He died 1-2-1880, left 2 children: James & Isreal, a lawyer who died in 1863.~~

A Solomon Keeneey was District Commissioner in 1818.

A Clinton Keeneey m. Avey Tompkins b. 5-1-1815 D. 8-12-1874. (C.) Louisa, John, Mary & David.

NOT OUR DIRECT DESCENDANTS, BUT RELATED:

Thomas Keeneey, 111, the 7th child and 1st son of Thomas Keeneey & Mercy Lamb Keeneey was born 9-8-1776. He married Anna Parshall 1797. The lived in Chemung, then moved to Onandaga Co., N.Y. Thomas was a soldier in the War of 1812.

In 1815 they moved to Middlbury, Pa. cleared a large tract of land and turned it into a most fruitful farm, with the help of his sons. The family endured all of the privations of Pioneer Life.

They were members of the Baptist Church in Tioga. Their children were:

Merch, b. 1800

Isreal, b. 1804

Elija & Elicha twins, b. 1-1806.

Jessie, b. 1808 D. Michigan 4-19-1879., m. Sophronia McCarther in 1827.

Alvira, b. 1810

Rannon, b. 4-1812 at the Pabius Keeneey Settlement in N. Y.

Anna, b. 1816

Thomas, b. 1819

Thomas 111 wife, Anna d. 1827 at Chemung while attending her Pather's funeral.

Jessie Keeneey, son of Thomas Keeneey 111 and Anna Parshall Keeneey, b. 1808 m. Sophronia McCarther 1827. All of their children were born at Holiday. They were:

Thomas B. lived and died in Michigan (1878)

Armenia m. d. in Hornellsville, N.Y.

Luther m. lived in Kansas City

Julia m. Clayton Craft, lived in Nebraska, moved back to Pa. Had 4 sons.

6—Star-Spacer, Kawanae, H., Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1984

By BETTY SULLIVAN
Star-Courier Correspondent
Harry Keeney, 1024 Kent St.,
was engaged in a very unusual —
how very rare — occupation from
1919 to 1967.

Since the business was located in
Neponset Township, right on the
county line, the Neponset
Township Historical Society Presi-
dent Ruth Gould stated Keeney
last week to get the story of the
rendering works for their
museum.

Keeney started helping his dad
at the rendering works as a
skinner, in '21, at the tender age of
12 years.

At the time, Keeney was still a
student in the old Bowen School,
located on Rt. 34, about a mile east
of the County Line Road, which
passes Francis Park running north
and south.

The rendering works was
located "way back in the field,"
Keeney said.

That's because the dead
animals, collected from area
farmers and elsewhere by the
Keeneys, gave off a horrible
stench as they were boiled in a
cooker, heated by a steam engine
90-150 degrees.

A farmer by the name of George
Moorcroft owned the farm where the
works was located, and Jack
Hendebow owned the plant.
Keeney reported that Moorcroft
was the area farmer to raise over
1,000 hogs per year.

Eventually, Moorcroft purchased
the works, on condition that the
Keeneys would come with it, and
Keeney's dad agreed to the deal.

In 1932, when young Keeney was
21 years old, he bought out of the
business altogether, and from then
on it was called Keeney's
Rendering Works.

It was moved to the Keeney's
place south of Rt. 34, but still on
the County Line Road, on the Wuz
and Tibbels' farm.

When his dad took sick, at age
42, young Keeney took over the
works. His dad had had heart
trouble, Keeney related, "but he
used to ride along with me
anyway," until he died in his 50s.
Times got hard for small
rendering works, especially after
sterergons, for the most part,
replaced pork on the market.

Keeney said that after the
carcasses were all boiled down,
the grease was used to make soap
and hog explosives.

"Kankage" ground up bones,
meat, and so on — it used in com-
mercial feed. Keeney says it is a
"high protein supplement."

He eventually went in with Art
Ber of the Central Illinois
Sering Co., Peoria, along with
Art Frasier, Buda, and the
tree works.

From them on, all the rendering
is done in Peoria. Keeney had a
jacking dock then (pictured),
somewhat resembling a corncrib,
but also having space between the
floor slats so air could circulate
around the carcasses and the
animals would stay in better condi-
tion while waiting to be hauled
away.

Later on, Peoria decided they
wanted delivery to Streator.

Keeney had moved to Kent St. in
1977, and hence he couldn't make
a living hauling all the way to

Streator. He quit the business for a
few months, and worked for the
Kewanee Schools.

Peoria then offered hauling to
Galesburg, and since he still had
his truck and loading dock, he
started hauling again.

Keeney said he took this job in
1963 with the idea of quitting when
he found another job, but he stayed
with it for 14 more years.

Then, in 1967, a new plant was
started up in Cambridge, so
Keeney started hauling there.

However, Keeney said
Cambridge instructed him to start
charging the farmers \$3 a carcass
for pick up — it had always been a
free service — because they were
going to have to lower their price
from \$1.25 per 100 wt. to 95 cents.

This lasted about 2-3 months, but
as Keeney had predicted, the
farmers only called if they lost a
large animal, and he couldn't
make ends meet. He finally had to
give up the business and went to
work for the last eight years
before his retirement as forklift
driver at Kewanee
Manufacturing.

Eventually, Keeney related,
Cambridge sold out to Darling and
Co., Chicago. He isn't sure
whether or not they pick up
animals anymore.

Keeney says he really enjoyed
running the steam engine. He
started out as a skinner, then
graduated to running the cooker,
and finally to running the engine.

More enjoyable jobs than

Harry Keeney Tells About Rendering Works

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STEAM ENGINE ENTHUSIAST — Harry Keeney
grew up with and worked with a steam engine —
running the rendering works cooker, a sawmill
and threshing machines until he was 30 years old. After that,
he just hauled carcasses to the rendering works, but kept

his love for steam engines. Here he shows a model of an
engine similar to the one that ran the cooker, and a
separator, or threshing machine like the ones he ran.
(Star-Courier Photo by Betty Sullivan)



KEENEY'S RENDERING WORKS — Harry Keeney's

trucked here with his truck, used to pick up and haul
away dead animals to be boiled down for use as food
and high explosive grease plus kankage, to be used in
commercial feed. The Keeney family ran the business,
which was a very important source for area farmers, for
many years, and then Keeney continued hauling for
longer rendering works until 1968. (Photo Courtesy of
Harry Keeney)



BITUARIES

Lillian M. Douglass

Mrs. Lillian Mae Douglass, 76, of 19-A Orchard Ave., Belle, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 1996, at home after a short illness.



DOUGLASS

She was a former school teacher in Ruess and Kansas counties. She was a member of Alocer Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and was a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Union and the United Senior Volunteer Program. She was a member of the West Virginia and National Education Associations and the AARP.

Surviving are: Robert E. Jr. of Lubbock, TX; daughter, Phyllis C. Trumbull, Columbus, Ohio; brothers, Charles Keeney of Salina, S.C.; Steve Leroy Keeney of St. Albans; sisters Frances Johnson of Indianapolis, Fla.; Maryetta Thomas of Newark, Del.; four grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Walker Baptist Church, Belle, with the Rev. Billy Wilbur and the Rev. Roscoe Keeney officiating. Burial will be in Walker Cemetery.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. today at Father-Peter Funeral Home, Belle.

Luther S. Weaver

Luther S. Weaver, 58, of 245 Brecher Road, Belle, died Jan. 22, 1996, at Thomas Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was a retired power house operator at Dupont, Belle. He was a member of the Stone Lodge. He was a lifelong resident of Dupont.

Surviving are: William A. of Louisa, Louisiana; Louise Priddy and Catherine Melvins, both of Walker; Marie, Bishop of St. Joe; Carl, one grandchild; one great grandchild.

Service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Father-Peter Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Billy Wilbur officiating. Burial will be in Walker Cemetery. Friends may call after 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Harry T. Knight

Harry T. "Doc" Knight, 58, of Cedar Grove, died Dec. 30, 1996, at General Division, CAK.

He was a retiree of Sherrillway and a life long resident of Kanawha County. He was a member of the church and was a Protestant.

Surviving are: Thomas Michael of Fallsview; Harry Lee and Robert Joseph, both of Cedar Grove; daughter, Seanna Margaret Zeigler of Montgomery; nephew, Mrs. Ruby K. Keeney, Knight of Cedar Grove; sister, Elaine R. of Cedar Grove; sisters, Mrs. Frances Little and Mrs. Linda Coleman, both of Cedar Grove; Mrs. James Tins of Johnson; Mrs. Dolores Jackson of Lovell; Mrs. Rosemary Wallas of Richland; four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Coates Funeral Home, Cedar Grove.



Elizabeth R. Keeney

Jan. 23, 1928 - Dec. 2, 1996

CECILIA R. Keeney, Elizabeth R. Keeney, 68, formerly of Corvallis, died Friday.

She was born in Better, Mo., and graduated from Better High School in 1946. She worked as a typewriter and later headed the company room of the newspaper in Bradford, Mo. She worked nursing for three years on a wheelchair at Chillicothe, Mo., mental asylum. She married James H. Walker and moved to Pomeroy, Colo., where they lived for a brief period. She farmed and worked in the mines until she died at a mining explosion in 1948.

After his death, she returned to Missouri for three years and then went to Wyoming to join her brothers. She was a cook in a mining camp and at a hospital in Thermopylae, Wyo. In 1936 she was a representative for the farm bureau of Wyoming to Washington, D.C., where she was a guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. She married George Keeney at World War II and moved to Corvallis after World War II.

After her husband died in 1959, she returned to school in Corvallis to become a nurse. She worked in that field from the age of 65 until she was 84. After retiring she continued to visit people in nursing homes. She moved to Centralia to live near her daughter in Centralia.

She was worthy master of Clud Post Chapter of Order of Eastern Star and was president of the University Doyles.

Survivors include: son, Dick of Jasper, Wyo.; and daughter, Margaret Walker of Chillicothe.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. today in McHenry mortuary, Corvallis. Vault interment will follow in Third Oaks Memorial Gardens, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Corvallis, in care of the mortuary.

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Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Keeney
former Deborah Keeney

Keeney

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Keeney of Eleanor celebrates their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 7 with a reception given by their family at Wesley United Methodist Church. He is retired from Eleanor Auto Supply. She is the former Lena Lewis. They have a son, Charles T. of Charleston, and one grandchild.

Mollie Keeney

ORLANDO, Fla. — Mollie Keeney, 70, died July 27.

A resident of Barberton most of her life, she moved to Orlando, Fla., 19 years ago. Mrs. Keeney retired from Barberton Text & Bookbinding Co. and was a member of the Eastern Star Center.

Surviving are: husband, Raymond; son and daughter-in-law, Vernon and Linda Johnson of Sheffield; one son, Ernest, orson of Orlando, Fla.; daughter, one son-in-law, Mahto and Don Jones of Barberton; daughter, Rita Johnson of Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren, Kaitie Jones, niece of Orlando, Fla.; Donnie Jones Jr. of Barberton; Kimberly Jones of Barberton; Pam Johnson, Keeney Johnson, Debbie Berens, all of Sheffield; Jack, Dawn Johnson of Albany. She has a great-grandchild, and a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services Saturday, 10 a.m., at the Campbell-Hickman Funeral Home, Rev. Raymond Westler officiating. Burial Greenlawn Cemetery, Winston Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. (Campbell-Hickman, 745-3161.)

Philip M. Snyder Jr.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Philip M. Snyder Jr., 74, of West Palm Beach, formerly of Mount Hope, W.Va., died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1996, in West Palm Beach.

Surviving are: Philip Keen of Coval, W.Va.; daughter, Mary Kent Tisdell of Fayetteville, W. Va.; sisters, Mrs. Patricia C. Gray and Mrs. Frank T. Grant, of Mount Hope; one grandchild.

The body has been cremated.

Keeney-Secret

Deborah Irene Secora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Pack of Ansted, and Daniel Ray Keeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Keeney of Corvallis, were married Nov. 13 in the Ansted Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Keeney officiated.

Claris Skaggs was matron of honor and Jennifer Grimes and Angela Secora were bridesmaids. Krista Secret was flower girl. Mike Keeney was best man. Henny were Steve Keeney and Butch Kack. Ryan Keeney was ring bearer.

Following a reception, the couple left for a wedding trip to Blackwater Falls State Park. They will live in Corvallis.

She is a graduate of Ansted High School and is employed by Pyramed Home Products. He attended Fairmont State College and is employed by Hawk's Nest Mining Co.

Keeney book references:

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Luther Weaver, p.39
Harry Knight, p.49
Charles E. Keeney, p.68
Billy W. Keeney family, p.30

Philip M. Snyder - great grandson of Frances Keeney
Dey Crawley, daughter of Hoge Keeney - from Mollie Keeney - from Lawrence Co. OH branch
Elizabeth R. Keeney - identification needed



Donna Jean Kunowsky, granddaughter of Goldie Keeney Stout, of Tacoma, WA and great-great-granddaughter of W.W. & Julia Kelley Keeney, of WV and Kansas, was married 27 August 1988. Her parents are Thelma Nadine Stout and Charles Jones Kunowsky.

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Raymond Councilman and Rosetta Keeney were married at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Muddock by Rev. George Porter Wednesday afternoon. The groom was assisted by Ed Wiltner and the bride by Miss Florence Willet.

The contracting parties are well known in this village. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Councilman, who moved to Gentry, Arkansas, a couple of years ago. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. A. J. Keeney, of Minnawaska.

The happy couple will leave for Canada in a few weeks, where they will make their home.

SANFORD HERALD

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The Rev. Ployd Henry Councilman, 75, a retired Christian minister, of Broadway, died September 20, 1986.

Born June 29, 1911 in Alberta, Canada, he was the son of Raymond Henry and Rosetta Keeney Councilman. He served churches in Indiana, Washington, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Survivors: wife, Caroline Halverson Councilman; two daughters, Anna M. Nessins (Butler, PA) and Thelma J. Clark (Cheyenne, WY); sons Charles H. (Sierra Vista, AZ) and Paul F. (Fayetteville, NC); brother, Lucien C. of Milton, Washington.