

Pioneer Keeney Family

KEENEY, REV. INDIANA: Fayette, Montgomery, Hendricks, Boone

JONATHAN IOWA: Polk, Warren, Dallas, Lucas Counties

ANTHONY

JOHN JONATHAN KEENEY (b. 25 Dec 1750, d. 1 Jan 1805 in Jefferson Co., TN, son of JOHN (some records say DAVID) KEENEY, who settled in Greenbrier Co., VA (now WV) about 1756, received 67 acres on the north side of French Broad River, Greene Co (now TN); grant was given by state of North Carolina, since borders had not yet been agreed upon. He is listed in a 1783 assessor's listing with 14 horses and 9 cattle; in February 1797 he was appointed road overseer from Indian Creek to Big Pigeon; he was listed in Cocke County history as one of the founders in 1797. He was married to Annie Elizabeth Poets (b.1754).

Children of John Jonathan & Annie Elizabeth Keeney left Tennessee about the time of the War of 1812, as western lands were becoming available, and settled first in Indiana, but then scattered to northwest Missouri and the Polk and Warren County areas of Iowa. Almost all of the family of John, Jr. made their way to Oregon and scattered out from Idaho to California. Many stories of their trails to the West have amused and pleased their offsprings.

Iowa genealogical records several years ago listed the John Jonathan Keeney children as follows:

- JOHN KEENEY, JR. - to Missouri, family to Oregon
 - ALOYSIUS EPHRAIM KEENEY (1774-1798) - Tennessee
 - NANCY ANNA KEENEY (1778-1807) - Tennessee
 - JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY - Indiana, Iowa
 - JOSEPH DAVID KEENEY
 - HIRAM ASHLEY KEENEY (1782-1788) - Tennessee
 - GEORGE CHARLES WILLIAM KEENEY (1784-1788)-Tennessee
 - EBENEZER JEREMIAH KEENEY (1786-1788) - Tennessee
 - PETER FRANCIS MICHAEL KEENEY (reported 1789-1830 in TN; Missouri records disagree)
 - SAMUEL THOMAS JEFFERSON KEENEY (1872-1872 in TN)
- Assuming that this list is essentially correct. Most family researchers have concentrated on the John, Jr. family and the Jonathan Anthony family.

SOURCES: History of Warren Co., IA; Bowen's History of Montgomery Co.; Beckwith's History of Indiana Counties; Walters History of Montgomery Co. Churches; Indiana Newspapers Vital Records Service; Mormon Library, Sissonville, WV; Iowa Genealogical Society, Des Moines; Census records 1820-1920 from Boone, Montgomery & Hendricks counties, IN; Polk, Warren, Dallas & Lucas Co., IA; and state census records of Kansas, Illinois, Idaho, Utah & California.

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KEENEY UPDATE therefore presents collected information on the JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY family of Indiana and Iowa and will cover the John, Jr. Oregon family later, although a fine compilation was done on this family in WAGON WHEELS WEST, by Ralph Keeney. Numbers are used to help the reader put generations together, with John Jonathan being #1.

2. JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY, born 10 Feb 1778 in WV, died 2 September 1850 at Avon, Polk Co., IA; married Mary Hannah (Polly) McClothlin in Jefferson Co., TN on 4 December 1803. She was born in WV.

Jonathan was licensed to preach by the Big Pigeon Baptist Church, in Tennessee and neglected business interests, causing financial loss. His family crossed Ohio into eastern Indiana by 1820, settling on 40 acres in Montgomery County

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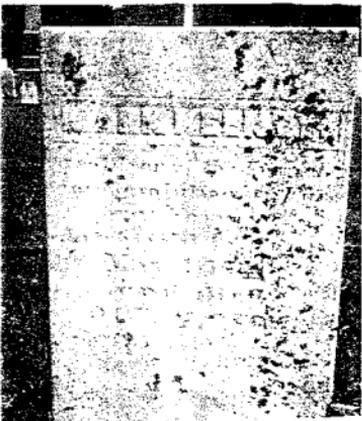
PENNSYLVANIA

LACEVILLE CEMETERY
LACEYVILLE, PA

MARK KEENEY
b. 1 May 1740 in
Litchfield, CT
d. 7 Oct 1804
soldier in French
& Indian and Rev-
olutionary Wars

ABIGAIL B. KEENEY
b. 26 Apr 1739
d. 7 July 1804

Pictures by
Frederick C. Keeney



JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY FAMILY

- in 1830. In 1846 his son Charles moved to Iowa, establishing the town of Avon, and by 1848 the parents and all the children except John Hiram and Peter had followed Charles to Iowa. Jonathan lived just two years there and was buried in Watts Cemetery, later called Old Avon Cemetery.
3. JOHN HIRAM KEENEY, b.4 December 1804 in Jefferson Co.,TN; d.2 December 1856 in IN; went to Missouri for six years, but returned to 320 acre farm in Hendricks Co., IN
 m. Mary Carrie Crusan (b.1808 in OH, d.2 June 1893), daughter of Joseph & Ellen Bennett Crusan; married 12 July 1825
4. MARY ELLEN KEENEY, b.22 Jan 1827 Holt Co.,MO; d. 15 May 1860 in Hendricks Co., IN
 m. John Shafer on 20 April 1858
4. JONATHAN M. KEENEY, b.18 June 1829 Holt Co.MO; d. 6 February 1847 in Hendricks Co., IN
4. (REV) JOHN FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.9 March 1832 in Montgomery Co.,IN; d.21 May 1913 Pittsboro, IN;
 m. Matilda J. Leach (b.3-1831 in KY, age 80 in 1920 census), dau. of Enos & Elizabeth Montgomery Leach
5. ENOS B. KEENEY, b.11-1853
 m. Lydia A. Schenck (b.12-1851 in IN)
6. ALLEN V. KEENEY, b.10-1880; 19 in 1900 census
5. MARY J. KEENEY - died young
5. JOHN W. KEENEY, b.10-1878
 m. Mary J. Walton (b.11-1852)
6. MURATT KEENEY, b. 28 July 1882
5. ELIZABETH A. KEENEY - died young
5. LUCINDA E. KEENEY, b.1863
 m. William S. King on 12 January 1904
5. JAMES W. KEENEY - died young
5. SARAH M. KEENEY, b. 1868
5. EMILY A. KEENEY, b.1870
 m. W. F. Vanarsdale 24 July 1892
5. JULIA F. KEENEY, b.1872; teacher, Hendricks Co. m. Lee Overstreet 23 January 1895
4. CHARLES WILLIS KEENEY, b.1 January 1835; died 20 April 1913 at Linton, IN
 m. Emily Elizabeth Bursott (b.26 Feb 1840 in KY, d.2 Jan 1909, KofP Cem.,Linton), dau. of Edward Frederick & Zerelda Crow Bursott
5. SARAH J. KEENEY, b.2 Mar 1859, d.7 Apr 1895
 m. William Money 2 Dec 1877
6. GEORGE MONEY, b.4-1879; lived with grandparents
5. JOHN E. KEENEY, b.25 Oct 1860, d.1 June 1861
5. DAVID DARIAS KEENEY, b.20 Feb 1862, d.17 Jan 1938; buried at KofP Cem., Linton, Hendricks Co.
- m. Jessie May Coffin (b.11 July 1864 in IN, d.7 May 1934), dau. of Charles & Mary Coffin (b. NC)
6. MARY IZETTA KEENEY, b.21 June 1885, d.19 Oct 1969;
 m. Norace G. Rutledge 20 Feb 1910 at Rains town, IN
6. BESSIE DEAN KEENEY, b.22 Sept 1886, d.2 Jan 1899
6. CHARLES OTIS KEENEY, b.11 Nov 1889 at Rains town, d.15 Nov 1970; KofP Cem.,Linton
- m. Iva Inez Rutledge (b.2 Mar 1889, d.6 Aug 1959), dau. of John Levi & Margaret Hamilton Rutledge
7. MEREDITH EUGENE KEENEY, b. 1 October 1918
 m. Edna Marie Griffith (b.6 Sept 1920 in IN), dau. of Otis Russell & Mona Harlan Griffith
8. MYRON LEON KEENEY, b.10 May 1941 at Beech Grove, Marion Co.,IN; d.20 Sept 1986 at Indianapolis, IN; buried with family members at Linton, Hendricks Co.
- m. Juda Lane Hicks (bn.28 June 1942 in Hendricks Co.,IN) on 25 Nov 1961; dau. of Hershel & Dorothy Leigh Hicks
9. ANGELA LAYNE KEENEY, b.13 Sept 1962 at Lebanon, Boone Co.,IN
9. Fred R. Berntain 13 May 1989 at Marion, OH
9. STEPHANIE ANNETTE KEENEY, b. 10 Sept 1964
 m. Gary Talbott Jan. 1991 in Anderson, IN
9. AMANDA JEANNE KEENEY, b.26 Sept 1957
 m. Stephen Michael Murphy 4 Oct 1987 in Indianapolis; Amanda b. at Lebanon, Boone Co.
9. MICHAEL DAVID KEENEY, b.10 May 1975 at Lebanon, Boone Co., IN
8. SUE ELLEN KEENEY, b. 20 August 1942
 m. Charles Hendricks 14 Aug 1971 at Linton
7. RUTH ANNE KEENEY, b. 30 Sept 1891, d. 17 Dec 1989 at Linton, IN
 m. Vesper Bailey 11 Nov 1912 at Danville, IN
7. RUSSELL LOWELL KEENEY, b. 3 Feb 1902 at Rains town, IN; d. 24 Apr 1986 at Danville, Hendricks Co.
- m. Lurene Leak 9 Sept 1921 at Linton, IN
6. CORA ALICE KEENEY, b. 3 May 1863, d. 1 Apr 1924
 m. Robert Pecker on 22 January 1905
6. OLLIE ANN KEENEY, b. 29 April 1864
 m. Walker Ellis
6. ORION F. KEENEY, b. 4 Dec 1871, d. 8 July 1967
 m. Myrtle Walker (b.9-1875)
7. STELL KEENEY, b. 1-1898
7. MABEL KEENEY, b. 12-1899
7. WALTER W. KEENEY, b. 1910
6. GEORGE ALBERT KEENEY, b. 28 June 1877, d. 10 Oct 1931; m. Eldora Nelson 30 Sept 1906
7. VIRGINIA KEENEY, b. 1920 (1920 census)
4. ELIZABETH ANN KEENEY, b. 4 August 1838 at Linton
 m. David Jamison 12 June 1856 in Hendricks Co.
4. CHARLOTTE CATHERINE KEENEY, b. 17 Dec 1840 in IN; d. 12 May 1845 at Pittsboro, Hendricks Co.
4. MATILDA J. KEENEY, b. 31 July 1843 in Hendricks Co.; d. 4 Aug 1912 at Pittsboro, IN
 m. John Todd on 28 November 1861 in Hendricks Co.
4. JOSEPH DARIUS KEENEY, b. 6 April 1846 at Linton, died after 1900; age 54 in 1900 census
 m. Julia Griffith - mother of Minnie & Ida
 m. Melvina Griffith McDonald (b.1845, sister of Julia), age 56 in 1900 census
5. MINNIE KEENEY, b. 1872
5. IDA KEENEY, b. 1874
5. NORA, b. 1878 - m. Ben Brammel
5. WALTER KEENEY, b. 1878
4. JAMES BENNY KEENEY, b. 31 August 1853 at Linton;
 m. Elizabeth G. Shirley 21 Nov 1876
 m. Martha Coulter c. 1880 - 6 children
6. ANSORA T. KEENEY, b. 1878 (age 2 in 1880 cen.)
3. JOSEPH DAVID SEABERRY KEENEY, b.19 Aug 1805 in Jefferson Co., TN; went from Montgomery Co., IN to Iowa in Keeney family exodus; d. before 1880 in Iowa
 m. Esther Davidson (b.1818 in KY) 26 May 1836; age 62 in 1880 census, Madison Co., IA
4. JOSEPH F. KEENEY, b.1861 (19 in 1880 census)
 Wife: Laura (b.1865, 15 in 1880 census) b.IA
5. MAGGIE KEENEY, b. 1880
3. CHARLES WILLIAM KEENEY, b.5 July 1807 Jefferson Co.,TN; d.22 March 1875 in Polk Co., IA
 m. Mary Anna (Polly) Beck (1809-1886) in Union, IN on 23 March 1826; b. in NC; d. Wakeeney, KS
4. WILLIAM WASHINGTON KEENEY, b.5-1827 in IN; 23 in 1850 Polk Co.,IA; 43 in 1870 Warren Co.; liv- ing in Jefferson Co.,NE in 1880; age 92 in 1920 in Lincoln Co., NE census
 m. Sarah Watts on 2 May 1849 in Polk Co., IA
 m. Philena Fisher 8 Feb 1859; lived in Spokane, WA at age 65 in 1920 census. Hotel Davenport
5. JOHN N. KEENEY, b.5-1864; age 56 in 1920 in Lincoln, NE; wife: Rosa (b.5-1872)
6. WILLIAM KEENEY, b. 7-1886
6. GRACE KEENEY, b. 12-1891
5. ROSA KEENEY, b. 1867; age 13 in 1880 census
5. BENJAMIN KEENEY, b.1874 in Nebraska
4. JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY, b.2 April 1829 in IN; 46 in 1880, Dallas Co.,IA; 66 in 1900 in IN
4. JOSIAH KEENEY, b.14 June 1831 in IN, d.19 Nov 1858 in Polk Co.,IA; m. Margaret A. Hook (b. 1830 in IN,d.11 Dec 1899) on 7 Nov 1852
5. MARY ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.23 Aug 1853 Polk Co.,IA; d. 14 Mar 1927; m. Channing Liston Smith (b.26 Jan 1852, d.1924) on 5 Apr 1876
6. ELISHA WHITE SMITH II (1864-1927)
 m. Melva K. Heston in 1903
7. VIRGINIA L. SMITH TORK, b.1904 in IA
7. ELISHA WHITE SMITH III, b.1906, d.1985 in Arizona
5. MELISSA F. KEENEY, b.1854 in Polk Co., IA
 m. J. M. Hayes on 18 Feb 1877
5. CHARLES FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.12 Nov 1856, d. 21 Nov 1919 at Billings, MT
 m. Eliza Jane DeFord (b.1 Mar 1860 in Des Moines, d.12 June 1945 in CA) 16 Nov 1880
6. ALICE BERTHA KEENEY, b.21 Aug 1881 at Avon, d.28 Sept 1949; m. Jesse E. Lang 3 July 1903
6. ELSIE MYRTLE KEENEY, b.5 June 1883 in Polk Co., d.30 Oct 1952, m. Ernest Maugler 3 July 1903
6. CHARLES FRANKLIN KEENEY, JR. b. 16 July 1887, d.20 Nov 1925; m. Emma Lavena Jenkins (b.21 Sept 1892, d.16 Feb.1977 in CA) on 3 September 1913
7. DONNA KEENEY, b.18 Oct 1918 at Bozeman,MT
 m. Russell B. Clark 24 May 1951

8. ROBERT BRENT CLARK, M.D. - Salem, Utah
 6. ARTHUR WILLIAM KEENEY, b.1 Oct 1891, died 15 May 1958; unmarried
6. CLARENCE EDWARD KEENEY, b. 17 Jan 1899
 m. Faye Wilde on 19 March 1934
5. JOSSEPHINE KEENEY, b.1859, m. A. B. Caldwell on 14 Jan 1880 in Polk Co., IA
4. ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.29 May 1833 in Montgomery Co., IN
4. NANCY PAULINE KEENEY, b.29 Dec 1835 in Montgomery Co.; m. Thomas A. Gooch (b.1835) on 23 March 1854
5. GEORGE GOOCH, b.1856 - 39 in 1895, single
5. NICHOLAS GOOCH, b.1858; 37 in 1895, Polk Co. wife: Mary (b.1859); Children: Fred, b.1881, Mamie 1884, Lara 1890
5. LUELLA GOOCH, b.1860
5. ELIZABETH GOOCH, b.1862
5. ELINER GOOCH (male), b.1864, wife: Leona
5. LITA GOOCH, b.1868
4. DURHAM FLETCHER KEENEY, b.7-1837; age 62 in 1900 Chicago, IL census; m. Rose Anna (B.1842 PA), 3 children; m. Helen(b.12-1844 in NY), age 55 in 1900
5. JOHN G. KEENEY, b. 1863 in IA
5. JAMES A. KEENEY, b. 1865 in IA
5. CORA E. KEENEY, b. 1869 in IA
4. MARY M. KEENEY, b. 7 Oct 1838 Montgomery Co., IN; m. Sanford T. Manns 15 May 1857 in Polk Co.
4. JAMES FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.15 Sept 1840; graduate of U. of Rochester; land developer, laid out Ravenswood, Chicago suburb; founder of Wa-Keeneey, KS; member of Kansas legislature
- m. Mattie H. (b.8-1842 in IL)
5. PERRY H. KEENEY, b. 10-1886 in IL
4. JOHN MARION KEENEY, b. 21 Sept 1842 in Montgomery Co., IN; 37 in 1870, Polk Co. wife: Lucy (b.1836)
5. ALBERT KEENEY, b.1863
5. ELDORA KEENEY (male), b.1864
5. JOHN KEENEY, b.1867
5. THOMAS KEENEY, b.1869
4. MARTHA KEENEY, b.30 Aug 1844 in Indiana
4. ESTHER E. KEENEY, b 3 Sept 1846; 23 in 1870
4. CHARLES PERRY KEENEY, b.1848 in Polk Co.; age 31 in 1880 Chicago, IL census
- m. Violet Barclay (b.1854)
5. FRANCES VIOLA KEENEY, b. 1879 in Kansas
4. MELISSA KEENEY, b. 8 Sept 1851 in Polk Co., IA
3. JONATHAN KEENEY, b.7 July 1809, d.2 Jan 1887; Avon Cemetery, Polk Co., IA
 m. Matilda (Anton) Walker (b.7 Jan 1815, died 2 January 1887) on 25 Dec 1832, dau. of Thomas C. & Elizabeth Matlock Walker
4. JOHN OLIVER KEENEY, b.20 Nov 1833 in IN; died 11 February 1911 in Dallas Co., IA
 m. Melissa Jane Gooch in January 1852
5. JOHN KEENEY, b.1857
5. ALBERT KEENEY, b.1861
5. DORA KEENEY, b.1864 - age 38, unmar., in 1900
5. HOMER KEENEY, b.1867 - 13 in 1880 census
5. DON C. KEENEY, b.1872 - 28 in 1900 Dallas Co. census; patient in Dallas County Home 1920 census, age c. 43
5. ROSCOE KEENEY, b.1874; age 45 in 1920 census of Warren Co., IA; wife: Maud (b.1878 IA)
5. LAWRENCE KEENEY, b. 1902 - 18 in 1920
5. ALBERT KEENEY, b.1904 - 16 in 1920
6. VELDA KEENEY, b. 1909 in Wyoming
5. WALTER KEENEY, b. 1876 in Dallas Co., IA; 43 in 1920 census, Dallas Co. m. (1) Mattie (b.5-1877), 1 child; (2) Nellie (b.1894 IA)
6. LILA KEENEY, b. 4-1900
6. JAMES KEENEY, b.1916
5. MADALINE KEENEY, b. 1917
5. EDNA KEENEY, b.1880 in IA
4. ELIZABETH ANN KEENEY, b.29 Dec 1834, d.30 Apr 1921 at Little Rock, AR; m. (1) Thomas W. McCoy 17 July 1856, (2) James Dillingham in 1865
4. THOMAS JEFFERSON KEENEY, b.15 Oct 1836, died 8-1886 in Winfield, KS; m. Cora Combs
4. MARY JANE KEENEY, b.4 Jan 1838, d.28 Jan 1876; m. John R. Hopkins 22 Dec 1863; lived with parents and son as M.J.Keeneey in 1870
3. JOHN HOPKINS, JR., b. 1865
4. WEST WALKER KEENEY, b.9 Mar 1840, d.4 Oct 1892
4. JOSEPH MITCHELL KEENEY, b.4 Sept 1841 in Montgomery Co., IN, d.17 Jan 1916; m. Rosetta Davis
4. WILLIAM PERRY KEENEY, b.9 Sept 1843, d.6 May 1938; age 75 in 1920 Polk Co. census
 m. Nancy Ellen Keeneey (cousin, dau. of Jonathan A.Keeneey) on 25 Sept 1867 in Polk Co.; picture and biography in KEENEY UPDATE Dec 1986
5. MINNIE KEENEY, b. 1868; age 2 in 1870 census
5. EUGENE F. KEENEY, b.1868; age 49 in Warren Co. IA, 1920 census; wife: Eva M. (b.1875)
5. ORPHA A. KEENEY, b.1900
5. FRANCESKA KEENEY, b.2-1871; wife: Eva M.(b.1875)
6. GUY F. KEENEY, b.1-1898
6. ORPHA H. KEENEY, b.7-1899
5. ALPHA M. KEENEY, b.1874
5. NORA BELL KEENEY, b.1877, m. Henry Owens(b.1870)
6. DOROTHY OWENS, b. 1900
6. PERRY L. OWENS, b.1903
6. RUSSELL H. OWENS, b.1905
6. JARVIS E. OWENS, b.1907
6. OSBORNE W. OWENS, b.1909
5. ARDEN KEENEY, b.1879; age 30 in Polk Co. 1910
 Wife: Lula (b.1881)
6. ERMLÉE KEENEY, b.1901
6. BEATRICE KEENEY, b.1904
6. CONSTANCE KEENEY, b.1915
5. ETHEL R. KEENEY, b.11-1881
5. JOSIE O. KEENEY, b.9-1888; age 21 in 1910 Warren Co., IA census, living with her sister Nora
3. FENN M. KEENEY, b.9-1892; age 17 in 1910 census, living with her brother Eugene
4. SAMUEL POLK KEENEY, b.20 July 1845, d.13 Jan 1860
4. SARAH ELLEN KEENEY, b.20 Aug 1848, d.28 Jan 1859
4. MARTHA M. KEENEY, b.1850, d.1864
4. CHARLES FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.14 Apr 1854
 m. (1) Mary, (2) Miriam E. Suggs
4. ROZALIA M. KEENEY, b.1856, d.22 Sept 1857
4. GEORGE W. KEENEY, b.1857, d.12 Nov 1857
3. ELIZABETH MARTHA KEENEY, b.28 Feb 1811, d.17 Mar 1883; m. Alanson Harrison 18 Sept 1834
3. NANCY ANN KEENEY, b.10 Jan 1813; m. Samuel McCoy on 30 Jan 1840; listed in Montg. Co.1840 census
3. DAVID JAMES FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.4 July 1815 at Union, IN; d.8 July 1815
3. SAMUEL THOMAS KEENEY, b.21 Feb 1818 Crawfordsville, IN; d.11 Dec 1900 Warren Co., IA, active minister
 m. Elizabeth Ethel Kessler (b.1831, d.29 July 1912; buried in Anthony, FL, where she lived with son Elmer after Samuel's death)
4. BENJAMIN KESSLER KEENEY, b.28 Nov 1848, died 3 Dec 1912; Carlisle cemetery
 m. Martha Elizabeth Randleman (1850-1917) on 4 Sept 1873 in Warren Co., IA
5. ALFRED B. KEENEY, b.1874; wife: Verda (b.1880)
5. BASIL B. KEENEY, b.1901
5. THELMA C., b.1908 in Warren Co.
5. CARRIE D. KEENEY, b.1876
5. ERNEST F. KEENEY, b.5-1878; wife: Laura E. (b.1877)
6. OPAL A. KEENEY, b.1905
6. AUSTIN J. KEENEY, b.1908
6. MARTHA KEENEY, b.1915
5. GEORGE H. KEENEY, b.3-1880; wife: Alice (b.1886)
6. MARGUERITE KEENEY, b.1912
6. RUTH KEENEY, b.1914
5. IRA J. KEENEY, b.3-1882; age 28 in 1910 Warren Co. census, living with parents
5. LEVI M. KEENEY, b.10-1884; wife: Lillie A. (b.1886); age 10 in 1895 census
6. MILDRED KEENEY, b.1900
6. WENDELL KEENEY, b.1915
5. NINA O KEENEY, b.2-1889; 22 in 1910 census
5. PEARL KEENEY, b.1-1890; 20 in 1910 census
4. JOHN FRANKLIN KEENEY, b.29 Dec 1850, died 20 January 1851; Avon Cem., Polk Co.

- JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY FAMILY
- GEORGE KRYSHER KEENEY, b.9 Feb 1852 Warren Co., IA; d.8 Oct 1935 at Anthony, Florida
 - (1) Lydia A. Goforth (b.1863), (2) Adeline Caroline Connell
 - IDA B. KEENEY, b.1883 - 12 in 1895 census
 - FLOYD G. KEENEY, b.1890 - 5 in 1895 census
 - CHARLES WILLIAM KEENEY, b.10 Oct 1854, died 25 May 1857; buried at Avon Cemetery
 - JOSEPH ALBERT KEENEY, b.16 May 1858, died 28 Aug 1902; buried in Lucas Co., IA
 - Clara Belle Smith (b.1872 IA)
 - NELLIE MAY KEENEY, b.7-1887
 - ROY J. KEENEY, b.11-1888
 - GLENN M. KEENEY, b.1-1890
 - NATHANIEL FRANCIS KEENEY, b.21 Dec 1862, d. 4 Mar 1890; Avon Cemetery
 - Phoebe Hendrickson
 - EDMOND MARION KEENEY, b.18 Dec 1862 in Warren Co., IA; d. 13 January 1932
 - Elizabeth Ida Sheler
 - JESSE FRANCIS KEENEY, b.15 Aug 1885 Linn Co.
 - GIRLIE KEENEY, b.8-1887 at Marion, Linn Co.
 - EVERETT MARION KEENEY, b.4 Feb 1889
 - Corra Olive (b.13 July 1900 in Linn Co.)
 - FRED MILFORD KEENEY, b.15 June 1892; wife: Bessie (b.1895 in MO)
 - MARtha E. KEENEY, b.1918
 - MINTA ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.31 May 1894 Linn Co.
 - SAMUEL PERRY KEENEY, b.2 Feb 1866, d.12 Feb 1950 in Redlands, CA; age 55 in 1920 Orange Co., CA census; wife: Belle Eggers (b.1870 in IL) in September 1897
 - MARIE KEENEY, b.1903; 17 in 1920 census
 - ELMER ASHLEY KEENEY, b.10 Sept 1868 , died 10 June 1941; buried at Liberty Center, IA
 - Eliza Savilla Smith (b.18 Feb 1869), age 50 in 1920 Warren Co. census
 - RAYMOND V. KEENEY, b.9-1891; wife: Cleo (b.1892)
 - CLOY (CHLOE) KEENEY, b.1910
 - EPHRA F. KEENEY, b.1912
 - THELMA L. KEENEY, b.1914
 - WANDA L. KEENEY, b.1917
 - HARLEY KEENEY, b.9-1893; age 26 in Lucas Co., IA 1920 census; wife: Anna (b.1896)
 - HAROLD KEENEY, b.1918
 - COLENE KEENEY, b.1920
 - LOWME A. KEENEY, b.13-1894; age 25 in Lucas Co. 1920 census; wife: Minnie (b.1899)
 - LOW V. KEENEY, b.1919
 - SARA KEENEY, b.3-1896
 - HAZEL KEENEY, b.10-1899
 - ETHEL KEENEY, b.1904
 - ARD KEENEY (son), b.1911
 - ARIST KEENEY (daughter), b.1911
 - ANNIE MAY KEENEY, b.1918
 - ELINOR KEENEY, b.1869; cared for his mother in her late years; wife: Eliza (b.1869)
 - RAY KEENEY, b.1892; Lucas Co. in 1920 census wife: Ethel M. (b.1895 in IA)
 - MILDRED M. KEENEY, b. 1915
 - ELMER S. KEENEY, b.1917
 - HARRY A. KEENEY, b.1918
 - HARLEY KEENEY, b.1894; Lucas Co. 1920 census wife: Anna (b.1895 in IA)
 - HAROLD KEENEY, b.1918
 - COLNEE KEENEY, b. 1919/20
 - LORA KEENEY, b.1895
 - LORNA KEENEY, b.1896
 - HAZEL KEENEY, b.1900
 - ETHEL KEENEY, b.1902
 - PETER FRANCIS MITCHELL KEENEY (REV.), b.17 Feb 1820 near Crawfordsville, IN; d.6 Dec 1893 at Perry Township, Boone Co., IN
 - Dulcinea Shirts Church 1841 in Montgomery Co., IN (b.14 Sept 1820, d.28 May 1874)
 - (2) Elizabeth P. Lutz on 7 October 1874 in Boone Co., IN; mother of Peter D.
 - JULIA KEENEY, b. 1849; age 21 in 1870 census
 - ELIAS E. KEENEY, b.4-1851 in IN; age 68 in 1920 Boone Co. census
 - Nancy M. Hoggins (b.1851 in KY) 30 May 1879 in Boone Co.
 - LUCINDA KEENEY, b.1872 IN
 - Herbert M. Thompson on 14 Dec 1890
 - CORA E. KEENEY, b.1874 IN
 - ALLEN A. KEENEY, b.1875 IN
 - JESSE PETER KEENEY, b.1890 IN
 - Isabella Belcher 6 Jan 1904 in Boone
 - WILLIE A. KEENEY, b.1881; 18 in 1900
 - ALBERT ROSCOE KEENEY, b.12 Jan 1884, died 18 Nov 1939; m. Claudia Parker
 - BLANCHE MARY KEENEY RICH, b.2 March 1913; lives in Hobart, Indiana
 - MILDRED M. KEENEY, b.1915
 - DOROTHY D. KEENEY, b.1919
 - OTA KEENEY (dau.), b.3-1888
 - SAMUEL W. KEENEY, b.10-1889; wife: Rosie
 - WILLIE B. KEENEY, b.1905
 - JANIE E. KEENEY, b.7-1892
 - MARY W. KEENEY, b.1860; age 10 in 1870
 - JESSE H. KEENEY, b.1865; 15 in 1860 census
 - DAVID PETER KEENEY, b.3-1876; age 43 in 1920 Fulton Co., IN census
 - (1) Nettie A. Bateman 13 Sept 1894 Boone Co.
 - (2) Ada M. Lapp 25 Mar 1897
 - WILLIAM L. KEENEY, b.3-1900 IN
 - CLYDE KEENEY, b.1904 IN
 - GERALDINE KEENEY, b.1907 IN
 - PEARL KEENEY, b.1909 IN
 - CORLIATA KEENEY, b.1912 IN
 - MARY HANNAH KEENEY, b.22 Aug 1824 in IN; d. 9 Feb 1856
 - (1) Abraham Harrison 10 Sept 1840 in Montgomery Co., IN; (2) William E. Edwards 29 Sept 1842
 - MARtha MATILDA EDWARDS, b.13 Nov 1851, died 12 Dec 1942 in Lancaster Co., NE; raised by an aunt, served as cook on a Missouri River barge until her marriage to Michael P. Taladge Smith on 12 Feb 1872 by Rev. Samuel T. KeeneY
 - (REV) EDWARD EDWIN SMITH
 - SARAH EDWARDS FISHER
 - NANCY EDWARDS LANG
 - FRANK EDWARDS

DEED FOR ROCKLICK BAPTIST CHURCH⁹

Moses KeeneY and Robert McAlister, trustees of the Baptist Church at Rocklick in the County of Pulaski constituted and agreed to an Act of the General Assembly and the rules (?) of the said church. etc.—that the said Jesse Richardson convey to the said trustees, a certain tract of land lying in the county on which a meeting house now stands, known by the name of Rocklick Meeting house containing four acres, for the use of a Baptist Church, provided however, that if the said church should ever be dissolved and be no more—the tract of ground shall revert to the children of Polly Woods.

Dated December 14, 1822

[Deed Book 5, page 199 or 189. This is an excerpt from the deed.]

⁹This church exists today—1950.

Kentucky

Michael KeeneY is planning to publish a cookbook of the KeeneY family recipes that have been passed down through the years, and asks for contributions of recipes from KeeneY's everywhere. The recipes will be credited to the supplier in the cookbook, and the cookbook will be available at \$20/book to anyone who is interested in having one. Anyone interested in sending in recipes should send their recipe with name, address and phone number (in case we have any problems reading the recipe!):

Michael L. KeeneY
976 W. Foothill Blvd, Suite 200
Claremont, California 91711

If you're interested in having your name on a mailing list to order the cookbook, whether you send in recipes or not, please let us know that also.

Yours very truly,

Michael KeeneY
Michael L. KeeneY

CALIFORNIA

DEACON THOMAS KEENEY, 1751 - 1840

For several years I have been researching Thomas Keeney of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New York. The following account tells some of the things that have been written before, questions some, clarifies some, and fills in some pieces of the puzzle of Thomas Keeney. I have found that most references to Thomas Keeney have overlooked the years he lived in Fabius, Onondaga Co., New York. References state that he was living there when he applied for his Revolutionary War pension, but fail to point out that he lived there longer than any other place. There are a good many pieces yet to fit, but because there are hosts of Keeney who are descendants of this Thomas, I feel that this should be published in "Keeney Update". I'll be very happy to hear from them.

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In his application for a Revolutionary War pension, Thomas Keeney deposed "that he was born in the Town of East Hartford (five miles), County of Hartford, State of Connecticut on the 10th day of May (old stile) in the year 1751---that he has a record of his birth in his family Bible now in his possession." From EAST HARTFORD; ITS HISTORY AND TRADITIONS, by Joseph O. Goodwin, 1879, I found this important explanation of 'five miles': "The bounds of the town of Hartford were extended eastward five miles in 1672, for the encouragement of people to plant there. This new tract was known as the Five Miles until 1773." (It is the present town of Manchester.)

It has been stated in many references that Thomas was the son of Alexander who was born about 1709. This seems likely, but I have not found proof of this.

I have found nothing about his early life until his marriage in 1759 to Mercy Lamb. I haven't found contemporary evidence to prove either the marriage date or the name, Lamb. Thomas did, indeed, marry a Mercy because that name is mentioned in land deeds, Thomas's will, and on her tombstone. From church records in the Connecticut State Library we find that Mercy and Thomas "Kenny" renewed their covenant at the Eastbury Church in the town of Glastonbury on 18 August 1771. The earliest date that the name Mercy Lamb appears is around 1900---in the HISTORY OF THE PARSHALL FAMILY by James Clark Parshall (1903) and in the HISTORY OF THE KEENEY FAMILY by Anna Warren (1904).

Mercy, their first child, was born 15 February 1770, followed by Ruby in October 1771. Two sons were born during the Revolutionary War: Thomas, Jr., in September 1776 and Jesse in September 1778. Mary and Lovisa must have been born sometime during these early years, too.

He was residing in East Hartford, CT, when he enlisted in the Revolutionary War in April 1775. He served five different times, for about 15 months total. He was discharged, for the last time, in August or September 1778.

In a corrected pension application, he states that he arrived at Wyoming Valley, PA, on the 6th or 7th day of April 1781 and that it was August or September of the same year that his



family arrived at that place. During this time Indian parties were plundering, burning, and destroying. It was necessary for men to be ready at a moment's warning to pursue the Indians, and Thomas served as a "minute man" for about ten months between April 1781 and April 1783.

It is interesting to note that his daughter, Susannah, was born 5 March 1781, only a month before he arrived in Wyoming Valley. Betsey, his last child, was born after they moved to Pennsylvania.

Some time before 1788 Thomas brought his family to what is now Wilmot Township in Bradford Co., PA, and shortly after they moved to the east side of the Susquehanna River, now Braintrim Twp., Wyoming Co.

In June 1788 he was involved, in some way, in the abduction of Timothy Pickering of Wilkes Barre, PA, who was a Luzerne Co. official under Pennsylvania government. At that time there was a great deal of controversy between Pennsylvania and Connecticut landowners, and Thomas was a Connecticut man. It is clear that he knew about the kidnapping of Pickering and was sympathetic, but records are not clear as to how active he was in this. THE SUSQUEHANNAH COMPANY PAPERS, VOL. 9, edited by Robert J. Taylor and published for the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes Barre, Pa., has much fascinating and interesting material on this. He was sentenced to pay a fine of 100 dollars and

costs, and to be imprisoned for six months.

Church...always vocal in his beliefs.

Thomas and his family left Pennsylvania after the Pickering episode. In the 1790 census, he is listed in the town of Chemung, Montgomery (now Chemung) Co., New York. Between 1790 and 1800 he was very active there, in both the Baptist Church and in town affairs. He became a charter member of the Wellsburg Baptist Church 17 October 1797. He was received in the church by a certificate from Elder Miner at East Hartford which stated that he had baptized him upon the profession of his faith in Christ. He was appointed "Quarister" (song leader) in the church in 1793. In January 1794 Thomas became a Deacon. He held town offices of assessor and overseer of the poor. In December 1799 he was assessed for \$95.00 real estate and \$184.00 personal estate.

The Fabius town records, prior to 1854, were destroyed by fire, so we do not know whether he held town offices there.

In February 1837 Thomas and Mercy sold their land and on April 23, they were given letters of recommendation and dismissal from the church. Probably they moved to Tioga, PA, because it was there that he made his will dated 29 September 1839 and a codicil to it 3 October 1839. Mercy died 21 October 1839 at the home of her daughter, Susannah Parshall in Chemung, NY, and was buried there. Thomas died a few months later on 10 January 1840 at the home of his daughter, Ruby Mitchell, in Tioga, PA, and was buried in the Mitchell Cemetery in Tioga. Later, his body was taken to Chemung, NY, and buried in Riverview Cemetery, where Mercy had been buried.

In the 1800 census we find him in the town of Fabius, Onondaga Co., NY, where he lived for the next 37 years. There were many other Keeneys living there, and it seems likely that he was related to some. This is where he was living when he applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. It was approved in November 1833 in the amount of \$80.00 a year.

FAMILY RECORD

Olbert H. Hart

BOMONT - Olbert H. Hart, 85, of Bonmont, died Sept. 24, 1993, in St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, after a long illness. He was retired from Elgin Natural Gas Division of Consolidated Gas Co. with 39 years' service, a member of Dunbar Gospel Tabernacle, Clendenen, and Old Timers Quartet.

Surviving wife: Hazel M. Hart, son, Dr. Robert C. of Fayette & Grace, Md.; daughter, Nina Crosby of Beavert, N.C.; Angie Samples of Atlanta, stepdaughters, Elsie Samples of Monroeville, Berens Fields of Clendenen; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-greatchildren. Service will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Mount Funeral Home, Clendenen, with the Rev. Donald E. Blakesley officiating. Burial will be in Goodwin Memorial Gardens, Clendenen. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

neral Home in Seistoville, with the Rev. Allen Williams officiating, and interment in Memorial Burial Park.

Donald R. Newcomer Jr.

COBBLEN, Ind. - Donald Ray Newcomer Jr., 44, of Goblen, formerly of the City of Cabin Creek, W.Va., died Saturday, Oct. 30, 1993, in Goblen General Hospital.

Surviving wife: Karla Ann, Ched of Goblen; daughter, Kara Rae at home; parents, Donald Rae and Berita Newcomer Jr., Clendenen, W.Va.; sisters, Linda Newcomer of Clendenen, Joyce Sheets of Bowling Springs, N.C.; Vicki Lee of Dallas, Pa.; Carol Carterfield of Elizabeth, W.Va.; Phyllis Hooge of Walton, W.Va.; Patricia Newcomer of Tampa, Fla.; brothers, James of Goblen, Dale E. of North Carolina, Samuel of San Diego, Calif.; grandfathers, Elzie Keeney of Walton.

Funeral Home, Goblen, is in charge of arrangements.

Eva Adkins, 95, Greenup native

Eva Keeney Adkins, 95, of Louisville, Ky., a former Wheelersburg, Route 1 resident, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 1993, at a Louisville hospital. Born July 21, 1898, in Greenup, Ky., she was a member of Glen United Methodist Church of Louisville.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Thomas Adkins of Blainchester and Warren Adkins Jr. of Louisville, 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Virgil Adkins; a daughter, Opal Porter; and two brothers, Charlie and Henry Keeney. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brant Fu-

Vivian P. Keeney

MELBOURNE, Fla. - Vivian P. Keeney, 83, of Melbourne died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, in Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne. She was born in Acoville, W.Va., and was a former resident of Marmot, W.Va. She was a former employee of Brownings Pharmacy, Melbourn, and a member of Melbourne First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Peace Vangoh Circle and the Newby's Band. Surviving are Paul E. Keeney, of West Melbourne; daughter, Renee N. Glah of Longwood; mother, Worrie Stapleton of Marmot; sisters, Rita Salinas of Coonasa, W.Va.; Sue Corlier of Marmot; brother, Norman Stapleton of Chesapeake, W.Va.; four grandchildren. Service will be 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church, Melbourne. Friends may call two hours prior to service at the church. Brownie-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne, is in charge of arrangements.

1807--2 May In compliance with request from Homer Church, appointed.....Deacon Thos. Keeney to sit in council with them at the ordination of Alfred Bennet the 17th day of June next.

1809--5 Aug Request from Truxton Baptist church to assist ordination of Brother Bigelow-Deacon Thomas Keeney and Elijah Keeney and Samuel Webster appointed.

1810--3 Mar Met in Covenant Meeting-opened meeting by prayer-Deacon Thomas Keeney, Moderator.

1810--17th Mar Thomas Keeney appointed to committee to reclaim Brother Stebbins.

1821--14 May Thomas Keeney voted against continuing Elder E. Blakesley for the year ensuing.

1821--20 Aug Deacon Thomas Keeney also confessed that he was wrong in some charges against the brethren which he made at the last church meeting.

From these records it is clear that he was an active leader in the Fabius Baptist

OLBERT H. HART was married to Grace Helen Samples, daughter of Cora Lee Keeney Samples and granddaughter of Harrison C. Keeney; she died in 1981. EVA ADKINS, wife of Warner Adkins, was the youngest daughter of William H. Keeney, of OH & KY, and granddaughter of John C. & Elizabeth Farney Keeney. DONALD R. NEWCOMER, JR. was a grandson of Elsie & Dollie Atkins Keeney, of Cabin Creek, WV and Ohio, and a grandson of John Quincy Keeney (1873-1953). VIVIAN P. KEENEY was the wife of Paul F. Keeney, of Melbourne, FL, who died in 1971. His father was Sanford Keeney and his grandfather was John Patrick Keeney, head of the Boone Co. Keeney family.

PENNSYLVANIA

HENRY M. KEEN(E)Y

HENRY M. KEENEY, one of South Franklin Township's substantial citizens, large land owners and excellent farmers, resides on a tract of 167 acres which he denominates the home farm and has two other farms also located in South Franklin Township. He was born on Daniel's Run, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 12, 1837, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Shippe) Keeny, both parents being natives of Amwell Township, Washington County.

The grandfathers on both sides were very early settlers in Amwell Township, the maternal grandfather coming after the close of the Revolutionary War, in which he had been a soldier. Daniel Keeny's whole life was spent in Amwell Township, where he carried on farming all through his active years. He was a Democrat in politics. He was one of the early members and liberal supporters of the Christian Church in this section. Of this family of children three survive, namely: Henry M.; Catherine, who is the wife of Charles Van Kirk, of Washington, Pa.; and George, who resides in Virginia.

Henry M. Keeny grew to manhood in Amwell Township and after attending school there he spent some time at Lone Pine Academy. At an early age he displayed enterprise and independence as may be illustrated by the following incident: When Mr. Keeny was a lad of about 18 years, he led a pet sheep from Prosperity, Pa., to Philadelphia, a distance of 353 miles, and was followed by 700 head of sheep. He was accompanied by two other young men, making the trip, despite the objection of his parents, as he wished to see the country. He was young when he began to teach school in Amwell Township, but nevertheless succeeded so well that he was encouraged to continue and before he turned his attention to other pursuits taught also in what is now North and South Franklin Townships and also in Morris Township, in Greene County. For a number of years afterward he was engaged in the buying and shipping of stock and also bought wool on commission, in the meanwhile carrying on his own agricultural operations. He has given a large amount of intelligent attention to the live stock industry and is a large raiser of both sheep and cattle. His entire acreage is valuable both for general farming and for pasturage.

Mr. Keeny was married Sept. 1, 1881, to Miss Sarah C. Chambers, of South Franklin Township, who is a daughter of Robert Chambers, formerly a well-known citizen of South Franklin Township. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keeny: Bessie and Birdie, both of whom reside with their parents. They have been given both educational and social advantages and are well known in local social circles. Mr. Keeny belongs to the Christian Church, while the Chambers family has been connected with the M. E. Church.

Mr. Keeny is identified with the Republican party. For 15 years he served as a justice of the peace in South Franklin Township and has filled other important offices, having been road supervisor, auditor, and for 12 years was a school director, during eleven years was secretary of the board. He is a man of public spirit and, largely due to his efforts, the division was made that separated old Franklin Township into a North and South Division. This was no political move, simply being for the convenience of all voters and was met with general approval.



Posing at the site of the Keeny Ferry at Laceyville, PA are Fred Keeny, Hixson, TN and local historians Pat Keeny Austin and husband, Bill Austin



The Chester Keeny Home (1869)



MARCY (MERCY) KEENEY
 dau. of Thomas
 13 Feb 1770
 14 Mar 1856

CHESTER KEENEY
 10 Dec 1789
 25 Mar 1855
 LACEYVILLE CEMETERY

The Charleston Gazette, Saturday, December 25, 1993

Fayette minister keeps Christmas spirit alive

By Susan Williams
STAFF WRITER

FAYETTEVILLE — Why limit Christmas to one day a year? A Fayetteville minister has recently opened a gift shop that he hopes will keep the Christmas spirit alive all year.

The Rev. David Sneed said he is taking a path away from full-time ministry for now. Sneed, 53, said he began pastoring a church as soon as he graduated from seminary in Georgetown, Ky.

He served his last church, Sunday Road Baptist near Ansted, for almost 12 years.

"I needed a break from pastoral work. I think it's important for everyone to stop and do some reflection in our personal journey."

He is leaving the doors to full-time ministry open. But in November he opened the doors

to his first business, Country Christmas & Collectible Shop, in Fayetteville.

He sells antiques, collectibles, used books, children's toys and Christmas ornaments and decorations.

"I got the love of Christmas from my mother. She loved Christmas. Christmas was always a big celebration at our home," said Sneed, who grew up in Belle and Witcher Creek.

He wants to specialize in angels and nativity scenes in this store that is upstairs from the new art gallery in town, Court Street Gallery and Studios.

"I see this as a kind of ministry through this shop. It keeps Christmas year round if we emphasize the real meaning of Christmas. I don't believe you have to leave Santa out either, just as long as you keep the balance."

Smith-Keeney

Polly Ann Keeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belmont Keeney Jr. of Alum Creek, and Dr. Scott Franklin Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Loren Smith of St. Albans, were married Dec. 18, 1993, at Alum Creek Church of Christ. Ministers Gerald Watts and Ross Harrison officiated.

Matrons of honor was Amanda Cummings, and bridesmaids were Jane Ann Curry, Soya Duplap, Sarah Matthews, Julie Meikle, Amber Runyan, Jill Smith, Julie Smith and Trina Smith. Flower girls were Ashley Matthews and Cala Meikle. Clark Smith was best man and ushers were Rodney Cummings, Todd Curry, Chuck Keeney, Humbard Kidd, John Laver, Herbert Phelps, Chris Smith and Tom Williams. Ring bearer was Steven Lowery.

After a reception at the church, the couple left for a wedding trip to Canaan Valley. They will live at Midnight Farms.

She is a graduate of West Virginia State College and is employed by the Kanawha County Board of Education. He is a graduate of Marshall University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and is in private practice at Alum Creek Medical Center Inc.



Mrs. S.F. Smith
former Polly Keeney

WEST VIRGINIA

ANOTHER BAPTIST MINISTER IN KEENEY LINE

Rev. David A. Sneed (left) is the only child of Pauline S. Keeney (1922-1992) and William E. (Penny) Sneed. He is a great-grandson of Rev. Thomas Y. Keeney (1848-1922), prominent Kanawha Valley (WV) Baptist minister.

POLLY ANN KEENEY (above) is a grand-daughter of Charles Franklin Keeney, noted labor leader and organizer of the early 1900's, and a great granddaughter of Michael R. & Elizabeth Gatewood Keeney.

What is Life?

<i>Life is a gift</i>	<i>accept it</i>
<i>Life is adventure</i>	<i>dare it</i>
<i>Life is a mystery</i>	<i>unfold it</i>
<i>Life is a game</i>	<i>play it</i>
<i>Life is struggle</i>	<i>face it</i>
<i>Life is beauty</i>	<i>praise it</i>
<i>Life is a puzzle</i>	<i>solve it</i>
<i>Life is opportunity</i>	<i>take it</i>
<i>Life is sorrowful</i>	<i>experience it</i>
<i>Life is a song</i>	<i>sing it</i>
<i>Life is a goal</i>	<i>achieve it</i>
<i>Life is a mission</i>	<i>fulfill it</i>

Author Unknown

JOHN I. KEENEY is the son of Moses Keeney, who is one of the old settlers and for many years was a leading herdsman of Hendricks county and built the first livery stable within its limits. Moses Keeney, great-grandfather of John I., was a farmer of Pulaski county, Ky., and it is believed, came from Scotland, when a boy, with his father. He reared a family of seven children, of whom Alva, Abram, George and Hiram are remembered. He lived to be about seventy years old, had a farm of about 400 acres, and was a slave owner and a man of prominence. George Keeney, grandfather of our subject, was born in Pulaski county, Ky., and married Susan Higgins, and to them were born seven children: Moses, Alva, William, Thomas, Henry, Eliza Beth and Mary—three born in Kentucky. In 1829, he came to Indiana and settled on 160 acres in the woods, three miles west of Ladoga, Montgomery county, and within three miles of the settlement of the Miami Indians. His children were small and he cleared but little land, and about six years later he sold out and entered more land, which he partly cleared, and then moved to Carroll county and bought a farm of 120 acres, and here died. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney were members of the Baptist church. He was a very hard-working and industrious man, respected by all, and was never sick in his life until on his death bed.

Moses Keeney, father of our subject, was born July 5, 1823, in Pulaski county, Ky., but was seven years old when brought by his parents to Indiana and can remember but little of the journey. He received no education, as there were no schools in his settlement, but he early learned to work. When he was but thirteen years of age he lost his father, and he then began driving cattle at twenty-five cents per day, but he found that he could get one dollar per day riding race-horses—animals he

had already learned to handle. He traveled through Indiana and Ohio, and earned \$365 in one year, much of it by extra riding, and then he returned home and gave his earnings to his mother. He located in Danville in 1840, and followed the race-track until 1844. He married Ann J. Irvin, daughter of John and Sarah (Matlock) Irvin, and to Mr. and Mrs. Keeney have been born three children: John I., Carrie, and Maggie. Mr. Keeney teamed from Indianapolis to Danville in the freight business ten years, and when built the first livery stable in Danville, and in fact, has since built every livery barn in the city. He has been engaged in breeding, rearing and handling fine blooded horses, and is well known in this line in this part of the state, as he has visited the county and state fairs for years. In politics he has been a republican since Lincoln's proclamation; in religion he and wife are Methodists. In early days he was a great hunter of turkey and wild deer, and has a good record in this line.

John J. Keeney is one of the prominent citizens of Hendricks county, and the oldest living man in Danville, except his father. He was born March 21, 1849, in Danville, and learned horse-dealing and the livery business of his father, dealing in race-horses chiefly. He married, in 1872, Mattie A., daughter of Nelson and Mary J. (Fink) Green, Mr. Green being a Methodist minister.

HENDRICKS COUNTY.

INDIANA/KENTUCKY

Another Hendricks Co., IN KEENEY family is the JOHN I. family, whose line goes back to Pulaski Co., KY.

PLEASE RESPOND

KEENEY UPDATE wants to hear from Keeneys from the West and Northwest who are descendants of John & Mary Buckhalter Keeney, to update much material already on hand. Pictures (to be returned) can also be used.