

## REMINISCING...

After four years it's time for some reminiscing...KEENEY UPDATE was started to keep those who obtained 2,577 KEENEY RELATIVES up to date, since the 500 copies almost evaporated, there were no more books and people kept leading me down with information preciously withheld....Then as word spread the mailing list increased to include Keeneey relatives in 45 states; this presented a problem, since most of the new "subscribers didn't have "the book" and most were interested in Keeneys from other lines and states.

Conclusion: It is impossible to put out a publication that will interest every Keeneey line, unless one has a computer, money to travel widely, and lots of extra time, not to mention a secretary, none of which I have.

Enjoying the role of full-time pastor these last 13 months has taken my time and energies...and I've been "drafted" as secretary of the ministerial group, treasurer of the food pantry for needy folks, and vice president/editor for the W. Va. Baptist Historical Society and still serve as executive director for the WV High School United Nations.

So why all the detail? I want to say to all that, while my ob-  
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# Keeneey Update

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## ESKDALE, WV TO GOWEN, OKLAHOMA TO LONGVIEW, WA

OSCAR DOUGLAS KEENEY (p. 70, KEENEY RELATIVES) was born November 3, 1876 at Eskdale, WV, the eldest son of Samuel & Ruth Ferrell Keeneey. His father died when he and several brothers and sisters were very young and his mother cared for the family the best she could. In 1903 she was married to J. C. Peters.

Soon after 1900 Oscar left the hills of West Virginia for Oklahoma, where he worked in the coal mines. There he married Winta Hodge Griffith, who had come from Ohio and worked in the post office. Both were Baptists and they were married in Christmas 1910. When there were strikes in the mines, Oscar would go to Colorado and work as a timberman.



OSCAR DOUGLAS (DOC) KEENEY

### In Loving Memory of

#### WALTER RUSSELL KEENEY

Mr. Walter Russell Keeneey was born on October 24, 1909 in Whitcher, West Virginia to the late Daniel Webster Keeneey and Avada Myrtle George Keeneey. The Keeneey's moved in the 1930's to Anderson, Indiana, where Mr. Walter Keeneey attended Anderson College.

He met Lucy Doris Puckett of Mill Shoals, Illinois in Anderson, Indiana. They fell in love and married on December 17, 1938. They made their home in Anderson, Indiana and lived there until 1981. At that time they moved to Arcadia, California. In 1985 the Keeneey's decided to relocate to Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Keeneey worked for R.H. Kyle while in West Virginia. After moving to Indiana, he worked for DeKo Remy where he retired after 24 and a half years of service in 1974. Mr. Keeneey's passion was restoring classic and period furniture which he did until his death on April 21, 1987.

Mr. Keeneey was active in his community in Anderson, Indiana. He participated in the Soap Box Derby, Anderson Boys Club and the Fisher Body Guild. He will be greatly missed by his devoted family and friends in Indiana and California.

Mr. Walter Russell Keeneey leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 49 years, Lucy Doris Keeneey; three sons, Glenn Russell of Anderson, Indiana, Charles Kethring of Arcadia, California, Edbert Otis Keeneey of Phoenix, Arizona, two daughters, Anna Mae Pinter of Arcadia, California and Marjorie Mary Dolinski of LaVerne, California; three brothers, John E. Keeneey of Galveston, Indiana, William David Keeneey of Marion, Indiana and Herman A. Keeneey of Nacelle, Washington; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

The Keeneey backyard gardens were enormous and produced abundantly, while the neighbors "seemed to produce plants that merely bloomed. A granddaughter remembers his telling them that if they would use the slugs and plant in the correct spots, they would produce food. Scores of cans of fruit and vegetables were set aside for use in winter. Being also a skilled hunter, Oscar brought home turkeys, grouse, ducks and squirrels - and there were also bee hives and honey.

While his formal education was meager, Oscar was a self-educated man. He had a large bookcase of good books, many biblical. An example of his will to learn was an occasion when he ignored his cotton and yam crops, choosing to take the whole family on a picnic. As darkness fell along the stream where they ate, his surprise came: a complete eclipse of the sun. He then explained what had just happened.

Oscar Keeneey was ahead of his time for sure. He organized a neighborhood baseball team and walked miles with the team to another town to play.

Then came the depression years; the family left Oklahoma and settled in Longview, Washington. He had experience in the timber business and, at the age of 54 or 55, found a job in the shipyards. "I put some colorback in my hair and went to the shipyards," he quipped. All four of his sons were in the Navy in World War II.

He was never called Oscar; he was always "Doc" and he was good at dosing out the medicine. It was quite rare that malaria in Oklahoma and it was a solution of Iodine and glycerin diluted for sore throats. It was sassafras tea in the spring.

Life was never easy for this family, but "Doc" always had a twinkle in his bright blue eyes, a  
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WESTERN KANSAS WORLD — 100th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

# James Keeney — The Founder Of WaKeeney

(April 30, 1892)

James Franklin Keeney, the founder of WaKeeney, Kansas was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, on the 15th of September, 1865. His father's name was Charles P. Keeney, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Beck, a cousin of Senator Beck of Kentucky. His mother was born in North Carolina, and his father in Kentucky. They went to Iowa in 1850, and settled in Des Moines, where James E. Keeney lived with his parents until he was twenty years old. Part of this time he worked on his father's farm near the city and going to school in the winter. When he was eighteen years old he was sufficiently advanced in his studies to reach school, which he did, at the same time he was pursuing the study of higher mathematics, Greek and Latin under Prof. A. A. Nash, of Des Moines, who was prepared to pass the examination and enter the University of Rochester, at Rochester, N. Y.

where he took a four years collegiate course, graduating in 1886 with high honors, having excelled in mathematics and in both Greek and Latin. He also studied law, he lived in Rochester, N. Y., until the fall of 1886, when he removed to Chicago, where he has ever been an active and progressive citizen. His first office in Chicago was in connection with some others, to buy up 240 acres of land to lay out Kautzwood, which is today one of the finest suburbs of Chicago, being now in the city limits and only six miles from the business center.

His next enterprise was just before the big Chicago fire, the buying up of a large tract of land twelve miles north of the courthouse on the lake and laying out South Euclid. Here he built a fine railroad depot on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, a fine business block and forty-four houses and established this place on such a solid basis

that today it is the home of thousands of Chicago's most influential and best business men.

After the great panic in Chicago in 1877, Mr. Keeney went west to Trego county, Kansas, and bought in all about five sections of land and founded WaKeeney.

The old settlers of Trego county are well acquainted with Mr. Keeney's record in Kansas. Not only was he prominently identified with all of WaKeeney's business interests, but he was well known in the state. The Keeney block, which bears his name, was built by him in 1880, on first depot building one of the finest on the line of the U. P. railroad, we owe to him largely. Mr. Keeney was a member of the legislature from Trego county and was one of the leading members of that body. Upon him was conferred the high honor of president of the Western National Fair Association, was a member of the state board of

agriculture, etc. He was also prominently mentioned by the press of Kansas for governor. It is needless to remark that if he had remained in Kansas he would have been one of the most prominent men in the state.

In 1881 Mr. Keeney returned to Chicago, bought 150 acres on Humboldt Park and founded the village of Hermosa, which is a thriving place and is only five miles from the courthouse and to which the street cars now run. The place has also developed by building houses, sewers, and doing all the necessary things to make it a desirable home for the masses.

He built for himself on the southwest corner of Rush and Ohio streets last year a spacious brick apartment house, which covers a ground space of 100x125 feet, which is considered the finest building of the kind in Chicago, which brings in a rental of \$45,000 per annum. He also built for himself a fine granite mansion

of Michigan boulevard, where he now lives.

He bought recently 1,200 acres in Cook county, on the South Side, and has established there a manufacturing town, which he calls Columbia Heights. The Rees Henge Piano Co. employs 300 men; Steger Piano Co., 200 men; Standard Cloth Co., 150 men; Columbia Heights Piano Co., 100 men; Ornamental Terra Co., 50 men, and several other factories. It is Mr. Keeney's intention to make this the crowning work of his life, as he has already accumulated a fortune.

Research on  
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supplied  
by  
Pat Kaufman  
Manson, Iowa

## Marriages, Polk Co., Iowa

Polk Co., Marriages, 1846-1866	
May 2, 1846	Keeney, William -- Watts, Sarah
Jan. 1, 1852	Keeney, Jonathan -- Gooch, Melissa
May 23, 1852	Keeney, William W. -- Hook, Melvina
Nov. 7, 1852	Keeney, Josiah -- Hook, Margaret A.
March 23, 1854	Gooch, Thomas J. -- Keeney, Nancy P.
Feb. 22, 1855	Keeney, John O. -- Keeney, Melissa
Dec. 10, 1855	Krysher, Wesley -- Harrison, Mary R.
Feb. 8, 1859	Keeney, William W. -- Fisher, Phillina
July 17, 1856	McCay, Thomas W. -- Keeney, Elizabeth
May 15, 1857	Mannus, Sanford T. -- Keeney, Mary M.
Dec. 27, 1860	Pearson, Ephraim -- Keeney, Margaret
Oct. 11, 1862	Lang, George W. -- Keeney, Sarah Jane
June 29, 1864	Case, William -- Keeney, Margaret E.

## OSCAR DOUGLAS KEENEY Family (continued)

let of common sense and a sense of humor. As he aged, his teenage grandchildren were amazed at him; he'd be listening to news on the radio and watching a baseball game on TV. They loved Grandpa, but learned that "they were not to kill the snakes around the garden because they ate the insects". He was a good father and a faithful husband.

Oscar Douglas Keeney developed a heart ailment and died June 5, 1959 at age 83 at Longview, Washington. He never got back to West Virginia—raising the family in Oklahoma and 22 years on the West Coast made a full and a good life. Iris C. Keeney Priddy 3-16-87

Family of Oscar D. & Minta Griffith Keeney:  
IRIS CECEL KEENEY, b.2-5-1912 at Gowen, OK  
m. J. M. Priddy -- Bakersfield, CA  
RUTH ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.1-15-1914  
m. Monroe Barnes -- Longview, WA  
ELMO LOUHY KEENEY -- b.12-21-1917  
lives at Kelson, Washington

WANDA LORENA KEENEY McELLIAN, b.1-23-1919  
DOVON ROSS KEENEY, b.6-15-1921 at Gowen,  
OK, d. 5-29-1986; wife: Ruby; children:  
Patricia, Robert, Terry -- all Kelson, WA  
LOYD NEIL KEENEY, b.12-6-1923, d.7-7-1977  
wife Blanche lives in Longview, WA  
OSCAR DOUGLAS KEENEY, JR., b.7-7-1925; re-  
sides at Springfield, Oregon

(Source: Marriages, Polk Co., Iowa; Pioneer Sons and Daughters Gen. Soc., Des Moines, Iowa)

## Marriages, 1867-1871

Sept. 25, 1867 Keeney, William P. -- Keeney, Nancy E.

## Marriages, 1871-1880

April 5, 1876 Smith, Channing L. -- Keeney, Mary E.  
Feb. 18, 1877 Hayes, J. M. -- Keeney, Melissa F.  
Jan. 14, 1880 Gladwell, A. B. -- Keeney, Josie

## Marriages, 1880-1884

Nov. 16, 1880 Keeney, C. F. (25) -- DeFord, Elias (21)  
Nov. 16, 1881 Wilson, Elzery (29) -- Keeney, Melissa M.  
Nov. 15, 1881 Keeney, Jonathan (35) -- Myerhoff, Clara  
Sept. 20, 1882 Godfrey, John D. (28) -- Keeney, Maggie  
June 8, 1884 Keeney, Thomas E. -- Cullenbine, Mamie

(1885-1888 -- no Keeney listed)

## Polk Co., Marriages, 1889-1892

Jan. 18, 1891 Beatty, David -- Keeney, Cassie M.  
Aug. 3, 1890 Dillingham, James -- Keeney, E. A.

## Marriage Records, Warren Co., Iowa 1849-1899

Nov. 1, 1857 Hurd, William P. -- Keeney, Mary H.  
March 31, 1861 Keeney, D. F. -- White, Rosanna  
Dec. 22, 1863 Hopkins, James R. -- Keeney, Mary Jane  
Feb. 15, 1865 Keeney, Jonathan -- Keeney, Elizabeth A.  
Oct. 26, 1876 Keeney, William B. -- Foust, Jennie  
Dec. 14, 1880 Rogers, A. J. (38) -- Keeney, Silva (28)  
Jan. 15, 1882 Keeney, George (29) -- CoForth, Lydia (19)  
Jan. 30, 1883 Kelly, Thomas W. (29) -- Keeney, Clara (28)  
May 17, 1883 Keeney, Silas (24) -- Davis, Lizzie A. (19)  
June 25, 1883 Boatwright, George W. (25) -- Keeney, Norma J.  
Sept. 28, 1885 Keeney, Nathaniel F. (21) -- Hendrickson, Phoebe  
Oct. 15, 1885 Keeney, Joseph A. (27) -- Smith, Clara B.  
March 9, 1886 Keeney, Frank E. (20) -- Van Platt, Mattie (17)  
Oct. 20, 1886 Keeney, Frank (22) -- Phelps, Alta (19)  
May 18, 1887 Huns, George A. (28) -- Keeney, Susan E. (17)  
July 10, 1889 Hollingsworth, John W. (32) -- Keeney, Grace  
Dec. 26, 1890 Keeney, Elmer A. (22) -- Smith, Eliza S. (21)  
Dec. 24, 1893 Keeney, Eugene F. (23) -- Clark, Eva (18)  
Nov. 19, 1895 Keeney, John (45) -- Welch, Bridget (33)  
Dec. 25, 1895 Kline, John (24) -- Keeney, Carrie D. (19)

(Source: Project of Carlisle School, Carlisle, Warren Co., Iowa.)

# Local gymnasts hope to study at Soviet Gymnastics School

By Mark K. Fox  
Times-Reporter

Like most American children their age, Amy Quinette and Heather Keeneey have spent the majority of the last year doing school, playing with friends and reading.

But this, the year of Keeneey's YVCA gymnastics gymnasts have been competing a further advance at the hopes of studying at the country receives needs to last year

and they're just

They've finished two Russian boys from the USSR. The Russian boys are the top 10 in the world. They are the best in the world. They are the best in the world.

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already. They've studied, made their own, prepared and they have accepted to the school which is scheduled to be in the United States and will be in the United States and will be in the United States.

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Eight-year-old Heather Keeneey has earned a place on the Junior Elite National team  
(Photo courtesy by Susan Guitt)

## Keeneey among nation's best

Keeneey YVCA President gymnast Heather Keeneey has earned a spot on the Junior Elite National Team after posting solid consistent records.

Keeneey is passed the physical ability test and the profile information. According to Maggie Lee, Keeneey's coach the past few years, the tests are extremely and very difficult. The tests begin with physical strength, flexibility and speed tests and end with advanced skills in Olympic events.

Gary Gaudin, national technical director of the United States Association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs said of 1,000 gymnasts who undergo the tests each year, only 100 to 150 pass. The program has been established to develop elite gymnasts, and as train and develop national elite members, based on skills. "If the leading gymnasts on the system of the world, most of the USA's prospects is based on the Soviet Union's system of developing elite gymnasts," Gaudin said.

Keeneey and Lee have practiced to attend the Junior Elite National training camp. At camp, each gymnast burns one skill which gains her toward being a world-class athlete. Each one is also tested psychologically and given to determine whether to give her correct advice of where to attend in preparation, and also physical and mental adjustments she needs to make to a successful trip to the USSR.

A member instructor of the YVCA, Amy Quinette, also passed the physical ability test. However, she came in with several skills of missing the profile standards. Lee said she and Quinette will go to the USSR to study the sport with the Soviet coach, Yuriy Ivanov, in Albany, N. Y.

Like Keeneey, Quinette is also studying in the past few years.

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## George Washington State Champion Samples Double Champion

By DON HAGER  
Daily Mail Sports Editor

There have been great high school athletes who were involved in state championships in more than one sport.

The usual combinations include basketball and high jumping, football and sprinting or football and shot putting.

Greg Samples of George Washington High School may have accomplished a first. He has state championships in the normally unrelated sports of wrestling and tennis.

He won the No. 6 singles tennis championship last spring and on Saturday captured the 155-pound wrestling title.

"Wrestling — by far," he answered when asked his favorite sport.

Samples has had great success on the mat, reaching the state tournament all three years of his high school career. He had a 17-13 record as a sophomore, 25-8 as a junior and 30-4 this year.

"It was helped this year by our much tougher schedule," said GW wrestling coach Fritz Wiscamp. "We went to New Jersey and wrestled the No. 1 team and they beat us badly, but the kids learned something. We went north where West Virginia's high school wrestlers power reside and wrestled North Marion and Parkersburg. We're going to the Brooke County Classic next year."

"Our schedule hurt Samples' record. He lost a Purdue of close matches early to strong opponents, but I don't think he won't be on his back once in 29 matches."

Wiscamp praised Samples' strength, especially in his forearms and hands.

Samples, who attended wrestling camps at Clemson University the last two summers, credited his success to the Patriots' hard work.

"We started in the old fieldhouse in the winter. It was just constant work," he said. "It helped to have better people to wrestle." George Washington has an outstanding sophomore class of wrestlers.

GW finished sixth in the state tournament and won its first tourney ever, linking the West Side Invitational. "We'll be in the thick of things next year," said Wiscamp.

When Samples reached the state finals, he found an old adversary waiting. Jay Martin of Herford Hoover.

"We wrestled three times — four times during the season and once in the states," said Samples, who pinned his Kanawha Valley Conference opponent. Samples had three pins and a 14-5 victory in the state tourney.

"I lay in a good wrestler," Samples said. "He goes all out all the time. He's no stopper."

## Briefly

A KEENEY Olympic champ? That's possible.

But right now Heather is in need of the \$2,500 for the training trip to Russia which starts this month.

Donations should be sent to Union Bank & Trust, c/o Russia '87, 50 Box 748, Koko, IN 46901.

Greg Samples is the son of Rebecca Keeneey Samples and husband Wagon and the grandson of Albert A. Keeneey, of Belle, W.V. (p.101 IN KEENEY RELATIVES)



LEAH ANN WILSON KEENEY  
1838-1925



MARY CORNELIA KEENEY BAKER FAMILY: Stanley Harrison Baker, Mary Cornelia, Minnie Grace Baker, Elliott Sheridan Baker, Frederick Elliot Baker



OTA C. KEENEY and wife, MELISSA

### LORENZO MILTON KEENEY/ LEAH ANN WILSON FAMILY

LORENZO MILTON KEENEY, b.8-1836 in Greenbrier Co., WV (then VA) was a son of David A. Keeney (6-2-1796, 6-30-1862, buried at Blaker's Mill, near Alderson, WV) and Jane Hunter Keeney (3-24-1804, 3-4-1878), who were married in Monroe Co., WV 4-20-1826. His grandparents were David Keeney (c.1765-1846, baptized 9-24-1820 at Old Greenbrier Baptist Church by John Aldersach) and Peninah Bailes, who were married 4-24-1788 in Greenbrier County. Greenbrier court records show LORENZO MILTON KEENEY married Leah Ann Wilson, daughter of William & Mary Wilson of Monroe Co. on 12-14-1859 in Greenbrier County. She was born in 1838 and died in 1925 at Chesapeake, Lawrence Co., Ohio. Lorenzo died April 4, 1911 at Chesapeake and is buried beside his wife at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV.

There were seven children in this family:  
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JOHN MATTISON KEENEY FAMILY: Grace, Myrtle (with Olive), Byron, John and Maurice



MARY NELL KEENEY, daughter  
of Ota and Melissa

WILLIAM HEGAR KEENEY, b.1860 in Greenbrier Co., 1.1-3-1939 at Waterloo, Lawrence Co., O.  
m. Sarah Elizabeth Geff b.8-5-1859 at Waterloo, d.4-17-1937

EDITH KEENEY MCCLELLAN (daughter)  
JESSEFF NEWMAN KEENEY, b.2-5-1862 in Greenbrier, d.12-8-1943 at Vacoaville, Salano Co., Ca.  
m. Gertrude M. Chapman (b.1872 in Monroe Co.), married 12-24-1898 in Monroe Co., WV

MARY CORNELIA KEENEY, b.3-8-1865 at Waterloo, O., d.2-19-1953 at St. Albans, Kanawha Co., WV;  
married 4-11-1898 at her home at Alderson, W. M. Elliot Sheridan Baker (b.10-7-1865 at Gallipolis, O., d.8-18-1939) at St. Albans  
Children:

STANLEY HARRISON BAKER (b.1-2-1889, d.6-21-1967)  
m. Mayael Forrest Wade

PHYLLIS BAKER, m. Monroe Kriger-Stillwater, OK  
PROBERT ELLIOT BAKER, b.3-27-1891, d.3-30-1936)  
m. Virginia Withrow

MINNIE GRACE BAKER (b.10-3-1893, d.5-12-1963)

m. Vernon Albert Miller  
Children: Mrs. G. Conrad Harris (Staunton, VA), Grace Miller Keeney, wife of Marvin Keeney, Graves, TX; Mrs. William P. Waite of Rocky Mount, NC; Vernon Miller

OTA CLARK KEENEY (b.1867, d. at Bluefield, WV)  
wife: Melissa - daughter: Mary Nell  
JOHN NATIONSON KEENEY, b.1-24-1871 in Gallia Co., d.12-18-1951 at Chesapeake, Lawrence Co., O.  
m. Myrtle Ann McDaniel, dau. of Wesley & Muly Wiseman McDaniel (b.4-21-1875, d.7-4-1956)  
Children: Leah Grace Keeney, b.12-12-1899, died 11-17-1957

Maurice Melville Keeney, b.4-30-1901, d.5-13-1918

Byron J. Keeney, b.12-8-1902, d.10-7-1939

Oliver Ray Keeney, b.9-30-1906 - , C.

ANNIE BELLE KEENEY, 1.2-5-1874 at Symmes Township, U., d.7-31-1964 at Huntington, WV

m. Martin Adams 6-16-1920; no children  
MYRTLE ROSE KEENEY, b.3-20-1883 at Symmes Township, d.7-29-1955 in Huntington, WV

m. Harry Gardner Haynes

Daughters: Clyde Carol and Faye Haynes

## A HISTORY OF RAVENSWOOD AND JACKSON COUNTY,

Sectionalism Continues

The year 1847 was a difficult one for some Jackson Counties. With their growing population, a large group of people decided to form another county and succeeded in getting permission to break off a piece of Jackson County. The new county was called Wirt. Other events of that year included the building of a steam sawmill at Murraysville and the arrival in Ravenswood of George W. Long who would later operate the Alpha Hotel. The year of 1847 also saw the formal organizing of the Presbyterian Church in Ravenswood with such families as Koonz, Rice, Wardlaw, Alexander, Hancock, and King as members; the first minister to be installed by the new congregation was the Reverend William Neely.

Another village was laid out in 1847. Led by Nathan Ough the village of Angerona was put on the map. In a few years it would have a couple of stores, a post office, a sawmill, gristmill, a tannery, and a blacksmith shop. Much later it would receive national publicity when silver was discovered there.

With the growing westward activity, local businessmen in Ravenswood began to take advantage of the situation by selling food and accommodations. Perhaps most significant and enduring was the Ravenswood House which was constructed at the top of the river bank in 1848 by A. J. Keeney. After Keeney it was operated by John Coates, a son-in-law named Shanks, and W. C. McConnell. Almost overnight the word spread along the river that Ravenswood was a good place to stop on a steamer. If for no other reason than to eat and stay overnight at the Ravenswood House. Later it would receive additional charm when the room members from the *Emma Graham* steamer wrecked in Millwood would be placed above the room entrances. It would achieve an international reputation.

David Jackson Keeney (1818-1888), builder of Ravenswood House, was a son of John D. & Rachel Burdett Keeney, who were married 11-30-1812 in Monroe Co., WV (then VA). His wife was Catherine Nacal Coates.



Ravenswood House - Ravenswood, West Virginia, on beautiful Ohio.

## Edgar L. Keeney 6,300 P<sup>7</sup>

Edgar L. "Bud" Keeney, 79 of East Bank, died April 4, 1987, at home after a short illness.

He was a lifelong resident of East Bank and was a former police chief. He was a disabled Army veteran and a former employee of State Road Plight and Measurement Department and Carbon Fuel Co. He was a retired employee of the Buildings Commission.

Surviving wife, Erma E. Keeney, daughters, Deanne Hicks of Grafton, Md., Lois Sheer of Arlington, Va., Linda Elbe of Chesapeake, Va., William E. of East Bank, stepmother, Mrs. Ruby Keeney of Chesapeake, sister, Betty Moorey and Alma Alvord, both of Chesapeake, brother, James G. Herold, 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

## Miss Clarice Huttenpiller

PEARISBURG, Va. - Miss Clarice L. Huttenpiller, 75, of Pearisburg, formerly of South Meadows, W. Va., died April 21, 1987, at the Memorial Hospital, Pearisburg, after a short illness.

She was retired from Chinese Corp. of America at Harrods, Va., with 22 years service.

Surviving brothers, Fred C. Huttenpiller of Meadow Brook, W. Va., Ray Huttenpiller of South Charleston, W. Va., Carlton Huttenpiller of Simon, W. Va., Gene Huttenpiller of Hendersonville, Tenn., sisters, Verena Douglas of Charleston, W. Va., Erma Southard of Gray's Mountain.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at McCraw Funeral Home, Lewisburg, W. Va., with the Rev. Leroy Chase and the Rev. Stewart McCormick officiating. Burial will be in End of the Trail Cemetery, Clantonville, W. Va. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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## DEATHS

### Patrick K. Keeney

NORFIELD, Ohio - Patrick K. Keeney, 35, of Norfield, died Sunday in Boone Memorial Hospital, Middletown, W. Va., after a short illness.

He was an employee of W.F. Fleckhart Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a Protestant and a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving son, Kelly of Norfield; Virginia Ough, Tony of Norfield; sisters, Mrs. Hazel McCormack and Mrs. Geraldine, wife of Premier, W. Va., Mrs. Rose Curran of Cleveland, Mrs. Mary Ann Squire of Albuquerque, N.M., brothers, Clarence of Racine, W. Va., Charles of Carlisle, N.M., Billy and Ronald of Premier.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Fowell Baptist Church, Premier, with the Rev. Troy Horvath officiating. Burial will be in Williams Mountain Cemetery, Williams Mountain, W. Va.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Armstrong Funeral Home, Whitesville, W. Va., and one hour prior to service at the church 7, 1-25, d.6-4-1-87

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### Mrs. Grace M. Keeney

Mrs. Grace M. Keeney, 84, of 244 Rev. Fred Star Road, died Oct. 7, 1986, in General Hospital, C.A.S. after a short illness. She was a lifelong resident of Charleston and a member of Perryville Baptist Church, Cambridge Creek.

Surviving daughter, Mrs. Marie L. Shum of Charleston; sister, Mrs. Ida Church of Charleston. Two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

## Montgomery Co., Indiana Marriages\*

### Book I

Sept. 16, 1828 Hiram Keeney -- Martha Brown  
Oct. 7, 1832 Henry Keeney -- Polly H. Hughes  
Sept. 13, 1834 Elizabeth Keeney -- Abston Harrison  
Apr. 29, 1836 Jane Keeney -- Jacob Roakinger

### Book II

Nov. 27, 1839 Susan Keeney -- Naeman Rominger  
Jan. 30, 1840 Nancy A. Keeney -- Samuel McCoy  
Sept. 24, 1845 Mary Keeney -- Jacob V. Brown  
Nov. 13, 1845 Susan Keeney -- Richard McCafferty

### Book III

Feb. 2, 1848 Samuel T. Keeney -- Elizabeth Kessler  
Feb. 3, 1850 Hiram Keeney -- Bridget Ryan  
Sept. 27, 1852 William Keeney -- Mary Penrod

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tion at a "splendid place to get away from the jittery world" when it was recommended by Duncan Lines. Other national travel services would also recommend it.

## ELIAS KEENEY of willamette valley

ELIAS KEENEY, May 10, 1846, Elias Keene, left Holt county, Mo., with ox-carts, and, after crossing the plains in about the average time, arrived at his destination three miles east of Brownsville, September 14, of the same year. This early pioneer, who represents the prosperous and successful agriculturist of the west, came to this state with almost no money, his worldly possessions consisting of the clothes he wore. An impression of his life and of his use of opportunity among strangers among whom he came without resources, is best gained by visiting his well equipped and modern farm three miles west of Brownsville. This property became his home a year after coming to Oregon, in 1849, and consists of six hundred and forty acres. Many changes have taken place during these fifty-six years of residence, and from a wilderness in the woods Mr. Keene has developed a paying and valuable property, and one which has been a source of great satisfaction to its enterprising owner.

A native of Ray county, Mo., Mr. Keene was born December 28, 1828, his father, John, and mother, Mary Keene (Buckhalter) Keene, being natives of Tennessee. The parents were early settlers in Ray county, where the father engaged in farming and stock-raising in pre-empted land, and there reared his eight sons and one daughter. He removed to Holt county, Mo., in 1844, but did not long survive his change of location, for his death occurred on his farm in 1845. He was succeeded by his wife when she came to Oregon on the second trip made by her son, in 1854, and died near Brownsville at the age of eighty-nine years. Among her children were twins, Elias and Ely, who began life upon very unequal footings, for Elias was unusually small, while Ely weighed eleven pounds. As time went on Elias showed the better and stronger constitution, and at the present time is not only much the heavier, but is the largest and strongest in the family.

Owing to the extremely wild conditions in Holt county, Mo., Elias received a limited education. For the schoolhouse was remote and the home duties arduous. To his quiet neighbors, he had a care the chattering news of gold and fertile lands in the west, and though crossing the plains in 1846 was as yet a most hazardous and unusual undertaking, he cheerfully confronted the undertaking, although he had practically nothing with which to start life in the far west. Once established upon the farm which he now

owns, he returned to Missouri in 1850, and there married Margaret Jane Hyatt, who died in Oregon in 1861, leaving four children. Of these, Ely is a resident of Phoenix, Ariz.; Rebecca is deceased; Emma is the wife of James McHargue; and John.

The year of his marriage Mr. Keene again started over the plains, bringing with him his wife, his mother, and all of the children with the exception of one brother and two sisters. Settling in his claim, he lived there until 1851, and then moved into Eugene to educate his children. In 1850 he went back to the farm, and in 1901 located in Brownsville, purchasing a little property on the south side, where he has erected a comfortable home. Some time after the death of his wife he had married Lucinda Van Winkle, who was born in Tennessee, and who died in Oregon. Nine children were born of this union, the order of their birth being as follows: George W. deceased; Elvira, the wife of James Vaughn, a farmer of Hallock, Ore.; James M., of east Oregon; Edward Elias, deceased; Homer J., of Portland; Clark, deceased; Roy J.; Irena J., an educator in Shanks, Wasco county; and one child, who died in infancy. The third marriage of Mr. Keene, which occurred in 1887, was with Mrs. Mattie Noffsinger, who was born in Missouri, as was also her father, Hiram Lee, a native of Cape Girardeau county. Mr. Noffsinger farmed for many years in Missouri, and crossed the plains in 1863, locating near Cottage Grove, Lane county, where he bought land, and where he died in 1883, at the age of eighty-seven years. Four of his children are living: Martin H.; W. N., of Montana; Thomas H., of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Ida M., an educator at Eugene, Ore. Mr. Keene is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is an officer, and towards the support of which he is a liberal contributor. He is impetuously the friend of education, and during his residence on the farm served for many years as school director. He has also served the Republican party as coal supervisor for two years, but has never sought official positions or worked for other interests than those of his friends. He has been an interested spectator of the development of his section from a wilderness to the present agricultural and commercial junction, and has contributed his share towards its larger and better growth. In the early days he had many experiences of a more or less unpleasant nature with the Indians, and in the war of 1848 enlisted in Company C, Fourth Regiment, as a private, under command of Captain Maxon.

## REMINISCING (continued)

session for the past decade has been genealogy, it isn't new. This issue of UPDA is possible only because I was furnished good material by Pat Kaufman of Hancock, Ia; Iris Priddy of Bakerfield, Ca; and Mrs. Cecore Kriepel of Stillwater, Or. I think it's a good issue, thanks to them.

Plans now are to publish an UPDA in September to complete the fourth year - 12 enough suitable material comes in - after that it will depend on you.

Christian Keene, direct ancestor of Connecticut Keeneys and a Florida resident, was here recently "loaded with facts". His obsession with genealogy is worse than mine ever was!

How about some good profiles like the one on Oscar Keene...or listings of deaths and marriages of Keeneys in your state...and old pictures are better if shared!

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE 1987

West Virginia

## KEENEY REUNION

on

Sunday, August 2

Information: Hannah & Mildred Keene, 2000 Orchard Ave., Boile, WV 25015, Telephone: 304-949-4579

## THE UNMENTIONED

by ancestor, William, had children ALL named, and with birth dates and places. But his wife is not even mentioned; Of her there are not even traces.

Surely she must have existed, MS born, was a child and had dress; Grow up and learned how to keep house, Was a person - but nameless, it seems.

She had parents and, someplace, a home. Her brothers are listed, no doubt. But she was only a girl. So not really worth telling about.

She was half of my ancestor's heritage; Without her he wouldn't have life. His genes are half hers, but I find She was only his father's wife.

Once a girl was first "dud", then wife. One belonged to her father, 'til married. And then she belonged to her husband. And beside him, unnamed, she was buried.



## Keenee 6.16. P.19 son of C. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keenee of Middleburg Heights will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house given by their children from 2 to 4 p.m. May 17 in Calvary Baptist Church in Chapmansville. He is retired from Guyton Service. She is the former Alta Thomas. Their children are Gloria Strait of Mitchell Heights and Tommy of Chapmansville. They have three grandchildren.

How awful to think NY descendants might search for a name for me, Be unable to find my identity, And wonder just who I might be.

(This poem was authored by Dr Dorothy Branson, 727 S. James Rd., Apt. 14, Columbus, OH 43227) - Printed in "The Second Boat" December 1983.