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KEENEY UPDATE was started in 1983 as a vehicle for disseminating family information, not a few of whom had become interested after the publication of "2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES". Family was intended to be West Virginia and West Virginians who had gone elsewhere.

This changed before the second issue was printed. An outpouring of mail resulted in a mailing list of more than 200 kin or "hopefully kin", representing more than 40 states.

In this group were several bonafide family genealogists, some authors, and many eager to share. The happiest part of the whole endeavor has been "getting to know them".

Finding very early that subscriptions would never pay for the UPDATE, finances were put on a volunteer basis. As time went on, almost miraculously, just enough money would come in to pay for the printing and mailing. The travel and research has always been gratis. Now there is enough money to publish, but the well on good material has gone dry. There would be no issue at all this month if there were not a responsibility to announce the family reunions.

What is needed?

-Typed manuscripts of interesting facts and stories of KEENEYS of the past;

-Family listings, with dates, including births, marriages, deaths, and offerings (with-out nicknames if possible);

-Newspaper clippings, even old ones that are still of interest;

-Pictures of KEENEYS or of Keeney descendants born before 1915;

-Good close-up pictures of Keeney descendants at family reunions (with names).

Finally, if one half of the Keeney relatives who have called and have secured information on their families will send the information and pictures promised, there'll be a backlog for years. Long genealogies from Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky and other places have been held up for needed, promised information.

This could be the last issue. It takes more than money!

UPDATE was never intended as a newspaper. It's for genealogy, to help us all see where we fit into the Keeney collage.

# Keeney Update

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## Keeney REUNIONS

OREGON Saturday, June 23, 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.  
Sorosis Park, The Dalles, Oregon  
Phone 503-296-9682

MICHIGAN July 7 at noon (picnic)  
Keeney Homestead, 10347 Dixie Hwy.,  
just north of Erie

WEST VIRGINIA Saturday, August 4, beginning at noon  
2000 Orchard Ave., Belle, on Route 60  
east of Charleston

# Wheels into past

By JOHN DYE  
OT Staff Writer

A father's dream for his son came true this summer. During World War II, W. David Keeney, 1318 W. Second St., toured Europe with the U. S.



Dave Keeney  
tours Europe

## Indiana

Army. He wanted his son to make the trip and see some of the sights he has seen.

Keeney's son, David 17, has recently returned from a 1,863-mile bicycle trip across seven European nations. He made the trip after riding a 10-speed English racing bike five years throughout the United States.

Keeney's itinerary did not include the large European cities that attract most American tourists to cross the Atlantic. He instead stuck to side roads and stayed in small cities to learn something of the culture of the seven nations he visited.

"I didn't think that I could really learn anything about the real culture of the people by staying in cities like London. There are too many tourists there and the prices are too high," said Keeney.

He was able to spend less than \$5 a day by staying in youth hostels and eating meals there.

Hindered only by weather conditions, Keeney said that he visited Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Germany, France, England and Wales in the 42 days he spent in Europe.

During that time it rained 13 days. Keeney spent those days talking with the other youths his age who were staying in the youth hostels.



## War memorial

Keeney said that he was "surprised" to find that American youths were not the only ones traveling in Europe. He met students from throughout Europe visiting neighboring nations.

Language was not a problem, said Keeney. Many of the European youths he met spoke English. They are required to take foreign language classes to complete their education and many choose English, he said.

Unlike the United States where bicyclists are prohibited from riding on major roads, in many European nations bicycle paths run parallel with highways. Keeney said that the paths allowed him to go anywhere he wanted to.

Keeney said that he did not draw up a list of specific places to visit before he went to Europe. He traveled "when and where he

Fulfilling his father's dream, David Keeney, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. David Keeney, 1318 W. Second St., visited seven European nations this summer. The youth traveled to many of the places his father toured during World War II. Pictured is a war memorial dedicated to Allied troops who fought in the Battle of the Buige.

wanted to." The situation allowed him to remain two days at the Silverstone race track in England and watch drivers practice for the British Grand Prix.

Because he enjoyed England the most, Keeney spent most of his time there and said the most memorable occasion of this trip was spending several days in the small village of Barginston.

Keeney has made several other long trips. At the age of 11 he pedaled from his brother's home near Dayton, Ohio, a trip of 140 miles. In 1965 he rode to his grandmother's home in Clearwater, Fla. Keeney packed all of his belongings for the trip in saddle bags slung across a carrier on back of his 10-speed bicycle. He made the money for the trip by selling charcoal lighters and stoves for several years.

## Memorial Obituary

### Mrs. Louise R. Keeney

Mrs. Louise R. Keeney, 81, of 914 Michael Ave., died March 15, 1986, at St. Francis Hospital after a long illness.

Surviving son, Eliah M. Jr. of Charleston, South Carolina; son-in-law, Kenneth Private gravestone service will be 11 a.m. Saturday. There will be no visitations. The family suggests flowers be omitted. Cunningham-Foster-Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Maxine H. Foot

WEST MELBOURNE, Fla. — Maxine H. Foot, 85, of West Melbourne, formerly of Charleston, W.Va., died Feb. 23, 1986, in West Melbourne.

She was a homemaker and a native of Canotte, W.Va. She was a skinner and a member of Judson Baptist Church, Belle, W.Va.

Surviving: son, Ed of Melbourne, Cam of Palm Bay; two grandchildren, one great-grandson.

Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brownlee-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Elva Paul Keeney Sr.

SOUTH POINT — Elva Paul Keeney Sr., 62, of South Point, died Friday at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

He was born July 2, 1927, at Getaway, the son of the late Homer and Marie Perrie Keeney.

He was a trained truck driver and a member of the Harmony Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Elva Paul Keeney Jr. and a brother, Raymond Keeney.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Smith Keeney; two sisters, Doris Jean Keeney of South Point and Margaret Evelyn Huff of Chesapeake; two brothers, Everett Keeney of Chesapeake and Robert C. Keeney of Atlanta; and several nieces and nephews.

The service is 2 p.m. today, Schneider Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jack Finch officiating. Burial will be at Chesapeake Memorial Gardens.

LOUISA ROSS KEENEY, b.2-25-1899, wife of Elijah, David Keeney family, UPDATE, May 1989, p.7

MAXINE HALSTAD FOOT, wife of Clyde E., grandson of John S. Keeney

ELVA PAUL KEENEY, SR., grandaun of Amos H. & Evaline Barls Keeney; Michael Keeney family, Lawrence Co., OH

GRETCHEN MAE KEENEY EMBERGER, Princeton, Caldwell Co., KY, daughter of Duard Roscoe & Gretchen Barnett Keeney (he from Maries Co., MO; she from KY)

MARY FRANCES KEENEY, wife of Lester Roy Keeney, KEENEY RELATIVES, p.24

### PATRONS

\$25 — Juliana C. Cole, Bradenton, FL

\$20 — James D. Keeney, Sanford, FL; Irene Keeney Panzer, Cookeville, TN; Mrs. Monroe W. Kriegel, Stillwater, OK; Patricia B. Austin, Laceyville, PA

\$10 — Ilene Bass, Lebanon, VA; Goldie Stout, Tacoma, WA; George H. Keeney, Abilene, TX

### MRS. JOHN EMBERGER

Funeral services for Mrs. Gretchen Mae Emberger, 86, of Rt. 2, Princeton, were conducted Sunday afternoon, March 11, at Northside Baptist Church by Rev. Norman Ellis. Burial was in White Hall Cemetery in White Hall, Ill., with graveside services there Monday afternoon, March 12, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Emberger died Thursday, March 8, at 1:50 p.m. at Caldwell County Hospital after a long illness.

A native of Lyon County, she was born April 3, 1903, the daughter of the late John and Mary Ouelte Barnett.

She was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Princeton.

Survivors include two sons, Roscoe Keeney, Jr., of Nutwood, Ill., and Leroy Keeney, of East Alton, Ill.; three daughters, Arlene Moore, of Buchanan, Ill.; Louise Ehr, of Maricopa, Calif.; and Genon Mayfield, of Glendale, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Howard Barnett, of Sedalia.

Bereavers were Roy L. McDaniel, Frances Kigore, Dean Ray, Elly Nichols, Kenneth Ward and Charles Porter.

### Mrs. Mary Frances Keeney

Mrs. Mary Frances Keeney, 67, of Owen, died April 16, 1986, in Memorial Division, Owen, after a long illness. She was a lifelong resident of Cabot Creek and attended Church of God in Prophecy, Giles.

Surviving sons, Henry Gardner at home, Tom Thallie and Ray Keeney Jr., both of Giles; Sons Keeney of Chilton; daughters, Phyllis Smith of Colberg, Virginia; Susie Keeney of Giles; Kay Darby of Dallas, N.C.; stepdaughter, Mary Jane Daniels Williams of Chicago.

Sisters, Flo Hines of Gainesville, Fla.; Eda Richards of Gretna, Kentucky; Mosey of Chicago; seven grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, with the Rev. Church Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Rhoads Cemetery.



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Robert Earl & Mabel Pansy Keeney Barton with Robert 'Bob' Barton.

### Mabel P. Barton

Nov. 22, 1886 — April 10, 1990

PORTLAND — Mabel P. Barton, 93, formerly of Salem, died Tuesday in a Portland hospital.

She was born in Omega, Kan., and lived in Salem for many years before moving to Portland. She was a member of the Jason Lee Methodist Church in Salem.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Gove of El Reno, Oklahoma; and sister, Goldie Stout of Tacoma, Wash.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Mount Scott mortuary, 4200 SE 98th St., with interment in Williams National Cemetery, both of Portland.

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### Robert 'Bob' W. Barton

Feb. 25, 1930 — Jan. 14, 1990

MELWALKIE — Robert 'Bob' W. Barton, 59, formerly of Salem, died Sunday of a heart attack.

He was born in Colorado and lived in Salem until 1972 when he moved to the Portland area. A master sergeant in the Marine Corps, he served in Korea and was awarded the Navy Cross. He was a master mechanic and owned Bob Barton Trucking.

He was a member of Mt. Scott Motorcycle Club and a life member of the American Motorcycle Association. Survivors include his mother, Mabel Barton of Portland; sister, Barbara Barton of Princeton; and companion, Linda Pifer of Milwaukie.

Services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in Mt. Scott mortuary.



Mabel - Christmas 1989

Mabel & R. Earl 1923

her grandfather, Robert H. Keeney, left West Virginia during the Civil War, settling in Kansas; her father, Warren McDonald Keeney, left Kansas for Colorado in 1901, moving on to Salem, Oregon in 1920. Three sons and three daughters were born to Warren M. & Minnie Elva McLaughlin in Kansas and Colorado.

With the death of Mabel Barton, following the loss of Grace Sehon (1968), Wm. Robert (1974), Muzil C. (1969) and Warren M.II (1980), only Goldie Marie Stout remains. She will be 86 on September 22. Send her a greeting at 3410 Lincoln Ave., Tacoma, WA 98421.



This Kentucky musical group of almost a century ago includes James Howard Keeney, son of William H. & Mary Ann Cunningham, with the fiddle; Ed McGuire, relative by marriage, with bass fiddle; and Charles Greene, his brother-in-law, on the right. Keeney's group played for lots of weddings and dances in the Kentucky hills. James Howard, with mustache, is pictured at the right with his cousin, Eddie Keeney, of Ashland, KY.

## DAUGHTER OF JAMES H. KEENEY RELATES HISTORY

JEANNE IRENE KEENEY was listed in the December 1989 UPDATE, b.8-1899 in Boyd Co., KY, daughter of James H. & Eliza E. Green Keeney, granddaughter of William H. & Mary Ann Cunningham Keeney, and great granddaughter of John C. & Elizabeth Parney Keeney.

Soon after that Irene, now Mrs. David Panzer, of Cookeville, TN, was in West Virginia, where a 23 year old grandson works as guide on the White Water Rapids of New River. Long ago these Rapids had been named for early Keeneys who settled in Greenbrier County.

Mrs. Panzer writes of her happiness in learning about her father's people. He (James H.) had

left home at age 15, not being able to get along with his step-mother, Samantha Pruett. He never returned home, married, but lost his wife when Irene was two. She then lived with the Greene side of the family, while her father spent most of his time with cousins Eddie Keeney in Ashland. About 1908 he married for the 3rd time, this time Iris Shinliver of Oliver Springs, TN.

By now James Howard was moving from one coal mining camp to another—Kayford, Kaymore, Thurmond and Glen Jean, all in WV. Later he sold mining machinery until black lung made him unable to work. Irene thinks he is buried

in Hendersonville of Asheville, NC. Irene saw Grandfather William only once in her life. She remembers that he and Samantha had a boy, John and a girl, Dorothy. She remembers that her father's brother, William, had a sword on his wall, which had belonged to a grandfather who fought in the Civil War. (The grandfather would have been too old, but two brothers of William H. Keeney, Moses and George, were killed in the Civil War and were buried in Scioto Co. where the family lived.

The Panzers married on July 7, 1917, and were living in Cleveland, Ohio, when her father died, after an estrangement due to "a very wicked step-mother".

Actually, Irene had a lot of Keeney relatives she had never heard of and it was her good fortune that the John C. Keeney family had just been documented.

Members of this family can get in touch with Mrs. Panzer at 2627 Lake Valley Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501.



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Need parents and proof Anson (Ansel) KENY (KINNEY, KEENEY, KINNE, KEENE) born East Hartford, CT, 1790; died Avon, Lorain Co., OH, Dec 1830, killed accidentally. Possible twin, Simon. Younger brother, Richard, born 7 Jun 1800; died 16 Sep 1864, gravestone Lima, NY. He married 21 Mar 1811, Mary Burr HOUSE, Eastbury Church index, Ct. State Library, Vol. 12, p. 91. Possible sister, Delight, married same church and time, to Menan BURR, 1850 census, Livingston Co., NY. Wife, sister of Marilla, Richard's wife. Married 2) Daniel O. CADWELL; 3) Cornelius SEELY. Children: Norris Greenleaf, died 1844; Mary Case (Carlos) Eunice Case (Allynsion); Samuel Pitkin Kinney married Mary LAMPMAN; Sarah Pitkin (twin) Taylor (Henry Love). Mrs. Walter E. Baber, 796 Franklin Pl., Franklin Sq., NY 11010.

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for participation in the advancement of the professional growth of our Society during a quarter of a century of devotion to the cause of furthering the progress of manufacturing engineering  
 Keokuk, Iowa  
 19 April 1990  
 S. E. Iowa Chapter

**MARSHALL S. KEENEY.**—In the person of the estimable gentleman and successful business man whose name appears above we have one of Grant county's most successful stockmen. A keen business man possessed of excellent foresight and talents that have demonstrated him one of the best handlers of finance in the county, while his principles of uprightness and uniform straightforwardness have made him respected by all and a worthy promoter of the interests of the county, having also materially augmented its wealth by his good judgment and wise procedure and thrift.

Marshall S. is the son of Jonathan and Mary A. Keeney, and was born on October 1, 1850, in Lawrence county, Missouri. Seven years later, in the spring, the family started across the plains, being composed of five children and the parents. When they landed in Healdsburg, Sonoma county, California, six months later, there was another child, it having been born on the way. In the spring of 1858 they came to Linn county, Oregon, and soon removed to Lane county, settling near Eugene. Our subject remained there until 1865, having assisted his father on the farm and in the stock business. Then he came across the mountains with a band of sheep to Umatilla county. In 1868 he went to San Joaquin valley, Cali-

fornia; later he went again to Lane county, Oregon, and in 1870 came to Birch creek, Umatilla county, whence two years later he went to the Owyhee river in Idaho with a herd of cattle. In 1873 he went to Wallowa county, and from there returned to his home in Umatilla county. From there, in company with his brother he went again to the San Joaquin valley, this time for a herd of horses, with which they returned the same year to Grant county and settled on their present place. He is in partnership with his brother, Thomas B., and together they own one thousand acres of good land, that is all fenced and well improved. Formerly they were handling sheep, but these were replaced with cattle, of which stock they at the present time own large herds. Mr. Keeney has a good home and all the accessory improvements that make the rural life both profitable and comfortable.

The marriage of Mr. Keeney and Miss Carrie, daughter of Enosh and Penielia Conger, living near Longcreek, was solemnized on December 25, 1882. To them were born two children, Bertha A. and Hubert C., who is deceased, having passed away on March 12, 1889. Mrs. Keeney died in November, 1889. Mr. Keeney's father, one of the prominent citizens of Umatilla county, died in 1884, and the mother one year later.

Announcing  
 First Annual Keeney Reunion  
 At  
 The Dalles, Oregon  
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 Sarosis Park  
 June 23, 1990 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.  
 Welcome!  
 All Keeneys-Relation  
 Potluck  
 For additional information:  
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