

Father's Day



A BOY TO HIS DAD

To get his goodnight kiss he stood
Beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me,
A face with love alight.

And As I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good,
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept round my neck,
And I heard him say
Four simple words I can't forget -
Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet;
He said, "I'll be like you."

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From Farmer's Almanac

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NEW

NEW JERSEY



KEENEY-MEHLMAN 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Their 60th wedding anniversary was the big event of September 23, 1996, celebrated at THE GREENBRIER resort at White Sulphur Springs, by IDA MAE KEENEY MEHLMAN, of Summit, New Jersey, and her husband, Albert George Mehlman. Celebrating with them were son and daughter-in-law, STEWART KEENEY MEHLMAN and Sharon Elizabeth Daigle Mehlman, of Atlanta, GA.

Ida Mae was a daughter of THEODORE GATEWOOD KEENEY (1878-1965) and Daisy Elizabeth Brewer (1882-1961). Her husband before retirement was vice president and operating manager of American Electric Power.

Stewart K. Mehlman is Director with Ozone Worldwide. His wife, Elizabeth Mehlman, J.D., Ph.D., is a clinical Podiatrist and adult psychologist in Atlanta.

Stewart's newest assignment is detailed on Page 2.



MINING TOWNS

JOE KEENEY OF MONTANA

JOSEPH ELIAS KEENEY, son of Captain Jonathan & Mary Shoemaker Keeney and a friend of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, was born on the Oregon frontier and schooled in an atmosphere of six-guns, ropes and horses, professional gambling, hard hats, diamond jewelry and brothels. Three wives were mothers to his children.

Like a virus causing high fever, adventurous settlers in Montana's Upper Boulder area, discovered gold in 1870 and good gold and silver quartz leads were opened in 1879. In that year JOE KEENEY made the first claims at Solomon City and Independence. The Crow Indians left the area by 1882 and a small army or avid men swarmed the rocky slopes and laid claims.

The Independence mining camp still shows up on Montana maps, though even today a 4-wheel drive and winch is required to cover the rugged miles. Life was rough and tough, with a su-

perabundance of poker playing and drinking. The record shows that the first white woman came in 1886, but another record shows that Mrs. JOE KEENEY gave birth to a son, INDEPENDENCE NUGGET KEENEY in 1884. There was a "hotel" for travelers who changed teams in Contact. On the original road one could see the cabin of JOE KEENEY, beside another cabin that served as a school. In 1887 there were five students.

The way-bills of Boulder Mines Stage Line for January-March 1895 listed only five passengers. Itemized bills for freight showed 274 lbs. of meat, 150 lbs. coal, 100 lb. keg of whiskey for JOE KEENEY and 65 lbs. milk for Mrs. Keeney.

Keeney, as well as "Daddy" Cowles, were the best-known characters. Keeney - a small man, was usually clad in a Prince Albert jacket and, on certain occasions wore diamond jewelry with soft kid gloves. His father, Jonathan, had be-

JOE KEENEY OF MONTANA

come well-known as the officer in charge of the overland trains along the Oregon Trail and a friend of Kit Carson during the Mexican War. Joe boasted of (in)famous friends Liver Eatin' Johnson, Yellowstone Kelly and X. Biedler, the head of the Vigilantes. Joe had arrived in Montana, from California, with a herd of wild horses in 1875.

In 1896 JOE KEENEY bought a ranch near Contact and lived there until he sold it in 1918. From there he went to live in Livingston in a notorious house on B St., where he spent winters in gambling, drinking and other pursuits. Over 80 years of age, he could still deal cards without the benefit of glasses. He lived to be 96.

"UNCLE JOE" KEENEY took possession of the Boulder River Ranch from Sam Cowan in 1896 and in 1900 opened it up as a resort for fishermen and hunters. The Walter Allers came from Iowa to visit their cousins, Mr. & Mrs. George Gallup, whose son went on to fame as the conductor of

the Gallup Pull. The Gallups liked the hospitality so much that they later bought a 650 acre tract for their own ranch.

Upper Boulder social life centered around dances, with Old Kaintuck and Crystal Spring being the favorite sites. Music was a matter of local talent, with Mr. & Mrs. JOE KEENEY playing for not a few of the earlier affairs. The piano was much in use, as were the guitar, accordion and fiddle. Refreshments were usually pot luck.

First wife of JOE KEENEY was Susannah Robinson, mother of Forest Eli Keeney, Claire Parker was the second wife; she was mother of Joseph Sylvester and Mabel Pearl Mamlock. Mary Parker, a sister of Claire, became Joe's third wife. She was the mother of Independence Nugget Keeney.

The son of Independence Nugget Keeney, Raymond William (b. 1922) lives in San Francisco and is a regular correspondent with KEENEY UPDATE. He is the father of four successful grown children.

04/08/97 EB#54 MEHLMAN TO LEAD PRAXAIR'S OZONE INITIATIVE

Stewart Mehlman, formerly on-site marketing manager for pulp and paper, has been named director, ozone worldwide, reporting to Ray Metz, director of worldwide alliances. Mehlman will manage Praxair's worldwide alliance with Trailgiz to offer ozone for a number of applications, including drinking water disinfection, pulp bleaching and wastewater treatment.

In addition, he will serve on the management committee of the North American joint venture, Praxair Trailgiz Ozone Company, and will work with the Praxair and Trailgiz worldwide sales organizations to increase oxygen and ozone supply systems sales.

"Stewart will ensure that the Praxair-Trailgiz alliance effectively uses both organizations' resources to provide cost-effective integrated oxygen and ozone solutions to customers worldwide," Metz said.

In June, Praxair formed a worldwide alliance with Trailgiz, the world's leading supplier of ozone systems. Praxair-Trailgiz Ozone will combine Praxair's expertise in vacuum pressure swing adsorption (VPSA) oxygen generating systems, integral to producing high-quality ozone, with Trailgiz' advanced ozone production systems.

Mehlman joined Praxair in 1977 as a development engineer in Tarrytown, N.Y. Since then, he has held positions in research and development, technology licensing, technical sales management, on-site sales and marketing. Mehlman holds a bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering and a master's degree in metallurgy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

LEBANON PATRIOT

A WEEK FULL OF FATALITIES

THEY WHO MAY BE, DOY THE OLD
MAY BE MURDERED BY THE
FATALITY OF DEATH.

Dear Citizens of New Franklin, Lebanon and Miamon in Amos Who Have Come to Live on Acre of Your Municipality.

PETER KEENEY.

Elder Peter Keeney died at his home in Perry township on Tuesday of last week and was buried on Wednesday. He was one of the pioneer preachers of the Baptist denomination in this county and well known in his circles throughout the state.

LEBANON, INDIANA,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1890.

Keeney Family Members

- 333- PENNSYLVANIA
- 251- CALIFORNIA
- 199- TEXAS
- 138- MISSOURI
- 137- MARYLAND
- 157- FLORIDA
- 146- OHIO
- 136- WEST VIRGINIA
- 134- NEW YORK
- 117- OREGON
- 100- ILLINOIS
- 93- MICHIGAN
- 92- WASHINGTON
- 91- IOWA
- 86- KENTUCKY
- 76- CONNECTICUT
- 70- VIRGINIA
- 67- INDIANA
- 50- OKLAHOMA
- 50- GEORGIA
- 49- MASSACHUSETTS
- 46- COLORADO
- 44- TENNESSEE
- 44- SOUTH CAROLINA
- 42- NEW JERSEY
- 41- NORTH CAROLINA
- 41- MINNESOTA
- 38- KANSAS
- 38- ARKANSAS
- 32- WISCONSIN
- 24- IDAHO
- 24- ARIZONA
- 22- NEVADA
- 22- ALABAMA
- 19- NEW MEXICO
- 15- NEBRASKA
- 11- RHODE ISLAND
- 11- DELAWARE
- 10- PQ CANADA
- 10- WYOMING
- 10- NEW HAMPSHIRE
- 10- MONTANA
- 10- LOUISIANA
- 8- ON CANADA

The KEENEY FAMILY NEWS, a self-appointed chronicler of the Keeney family (as well as dozens, if not hundreds, of others), reports in the current issue that there are more KEENEY families in Pennsylvania than in any other state. This may be true, since there are German Keeneys, Irish Keeneys, as well as many who came in from New England states.

Incidentally, the latest issue included no additional Keeney news and absolutely nothing of interest to genealogists.

Some may doubt these figures. No doubt the numbers are the sum of Keeneys listed in telephone directories. Many of our shy relatives prefer to be unlisted.

West Virginia is listed with 136 families. A total of 98 Keeney families are listed in the Charleston area alone. There surely must be more than 38 Keeney families in the other counties. What about your state?

OBITUARIES

Ralph Jackson Bonham

LAKELAND, Fla. — Ralph Jackson Bonham, 55, of Lakeland died Jan. 15, 1997, at Lakeland General Hospital. He was a native of West, W.Va., and a retired Navy veteran.

Surviving wife, Sandra Lee Bonham; sons, Tim of Columbus, Ohio, Tom and Digger; daughters, Tammy McGee of Spartanburg, S.C., Terri Lynn Fleck of San Diego; parents, Ralph and Emma Burham of Ashland, Ohio; sisters, Augusta Phillips of Küssimee, Jenny Lynn Forsune of Spartanburg; brother, David of Columbus; six grandchildren.

Service will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, W.Va. Burial, with military rites by VFW Post 8366, Gausley Bridge, W.Va., will be in Weicher Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Robert H. Keeney Jr.

RIFLEY — Robert H. Keeney Jr., 70, of Rifley, formerly of Ohio, died March 3, 1997, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a long illness.

He was owner of Keeney Construction, an Army veteran and a Christian. Surviving wife, Ruthie E. Herald Keeney; son, Robert H. of Belle; daughter, Carole Y. Maspin of Cross Lanes; brother, Thomas O. of Belle; sister, Davis E. Hall of Belle. Five grandchildren, one great-grandson.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Mary Virginia Gospel Tabernacle, Georges Creek Drive, Charleston, with Pastor O. Ray Mace and the Rev. Robert Keen officiating. The body has been cremated. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Mary Virginia Gospel Tabernacle, 804 Georges Creek Drive, Charleston, W.Va. 25306.

Erma Elizabeth Keeney

Erma Elizabeth Keeney, 80, of East Bank died March 12, 1997, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a long illness.



She was a retired East Bank postmaster, a member of United Methodist Church, East Bank, and the Women's Garden Club, East Bank, and a former member of Cabin Creek Quits. She was noted for opening her historic home, the Hartman

House, to the public.

Surviving son, William F. Keeney of East Bank; daughters, Linda Ellis of Chesapeake, Lewis Shew of Gaithersburg, Md.; sister, Bernice McDonald of Dayton, Ohio; brother, William Darby of Deep Water, Joe Darby of Florida.

Service will be 11 a.m. Monday at United Methodist Church, East Bank, with the Rev. Ben Myers officiating. Burial will be in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens. Glasgow Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hartman House, 2233 Third Ave. East Bank. Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, is in charge of arrangements.

Earl E. Campbell

Earl E. Campbell, 88, of Belle died March 13, 1997, at home after a short illness.

He was a retired foreman from DuPont, Belle, with 39 years service and retired manager from the Belle waste treatment plant. He was a member of Judson Baptist Church, Belle, a native of Ohio, a longtime resident of Belle and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving wife, Ruth Keeney; mo-

COINER

William H. "Bill" and Thelma F. "Flo" Coiner of McCorkle, W.Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an anniversary dinner held in their honor at the McCorkle Freewill Baptist Church on February 22, 1997.

Bill, formerly of Ed White, W.Va., and Flo, formerly of Hughes Creek, W.Va., were married on February 22, 1946 in Hughston, W.Va.

Bill retired from the U.S. Army with rank of Commanding SMT. He served in WWII and the Korean War.

Flo, who supported Bill throughout the years, is an active member of her church and community.

They have two children: William "Gink" Coiner of Waverly, W.Va., and Ralph "Spide" Coiner of McCorkle, W.Va. They also

RALPH JACKSON BONHAM was a grandson of Robert & Annie Keeney (1886-1976) Bonham and a great great grandson of Rev. T. Y. Keeney; **ROBERT H. KEENEY, JR.**, son of R. M. & Sally Powell Keeney, was a grandson of John S. & Hannah Frazer Keeney; **ERMA ELIZABETH KEENEY**, whose home, Hartman House, was pictured in the December 1996 UPDATE, was the wife of Edgar Keeney (1908-1987); **EARL E. CAMPBELL** was the husband of Ruth Keeney, daughter of Lonnie Keeney (1899-1983) and great granddaughter of Rev. T. Y. Keeney; **"BILL" COINER** is a great great grandson of **MARY JANE KEENEY** (1838-1894) and her husband, **George R. Her father was Stiles Keeney.**

ber daughters, Marlene Whisman of Gallipolis, Ohio, Diane West of Doylestown, Pa., Breta Porter of Belle; brother, Robert of Belle; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Fi-



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Coiner
80 Years

have five grandchildren and one on the way. They have one great-grandchild.

Congratulations and Loss of Love.

der & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Jake Eggs and the Rev. Dallas Pollard officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, Loudon. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Margaret A. Kapanowski

AGE 76

DATE OF BIRTH
April 24, 1920

DATE OF DEATH
March 7, 1997

SERVICES
Tuesday, March 11, 1997
12:00 P.M.

The Martenson Funeral Home

OFFICIATING
Rev. Harry Edenfield

KAPANOWSKI - Margaret A. age 76, March 7, 1997 of Trenton. Beloved wife of Stanley. Loving mother of Lee (Shelia) Cline, Margie Cline, Ken Cline, and Dorcas Cline. Dearest grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 24. Also survived by three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held Tuesday of the Martenson Funeral Home, Trenton. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery.

When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd,
And the great star early droop'd in the
western sky in the night,
I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn with
ever-returning spring. —Whitman

Margaret Kapanowski

TRENTON, Mich. — Margaret Keeney Kapanowski, 76, of Trenton, formerly of Charleston, W.Va., died Friday, March 7, 1997, in a Michigan hospital.

Surviving husband, Stanley Kapanowski; sons, Lee Cline and Ken Cline; daughters, Margie Cline and Dorcas Cline; sisters, Julia Arthur of Morgantown, W.Va., Frances Gillbra of Trumbull, Mich., Alma Rose of Charleston; brothers, Chascoe Keeney Jr. of Charleston, William H. Keeney of South Charleston, W.Va.; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren.

Service will be noon Tuesday at Martenson Funeral Home, Trenton. Burial will be in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Huron Township, Mich.

God saw Margaret getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put his arms around her and whispered "Come home with me." With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a determined spirit was at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

MARGARET KEENEY CLINE LEFT West Virginia for Michigan soon after 1950. She continued to raise four children, working on the auto assembly line.

On September 10, 1960 she married Stanley Kapanowski, hard working driver and union advocate. They moved into his new home in Trenton. Margaret's last 26 plus years were her happiest. Stanley can be addressed at 2420 Sherwood, Trenton, MI 48183.



AMOS KEENEY OF WARSAW CO., NEW YORK

EXPERIENCE OF SETTLERS—AMOS KEENEY, AND OTHERS.

For several years, settlers had to procure their grain and other provisions at a great distance. The nearest accessible grist-mill was at Le Roy, to and from which, by way of Wright's Corners, over a half-opened road, with an ox-team, was a two or three days' journey. Grist was also sometimes taken to Conesus, six miles east of Geneseo. Most of the settlers were poor, and had spent all their means in getting here, a distance of more than three hundred miles. The experience of Amos Keeney, though a little extraordinary, conveys a tolerably correct idea of the early struggles in the wilderness.

Mr. Keeney, as has already been stated, accompanied Judge Webster to Warsaw in October, 1803, driving one of his teams. He bargained with Mr. Webster for fifty acres of land, now a part of the farm of Samuel Fisher, 2d, which was to be paid for by clearing ten acres for Webster. The condition of his domestic affairs prevented his staying to build a house; and he traveled back to Hampton on foot, with Lyman Morris, who also had contracted for a farm. He returned in March; built his log cabin; chopped, towards paying for his land, two acres on the north side of what is now Buffalo street, between Main street and the creek; and started again for Hampton, carrying his provisions in a knapsack. Crossing Genesee river, he came near losing his life. Having but ten shillings, and over three hundred miles to travel, he could not afford to pay the ferrage fee of a shilling, and ventured to ford the stream, feeling his way with a long stick. Being a man of small stature, and stumbling over the stones, he found it difficult to maintain his balance amidst the deep and powerful current. Getting his knapsack replenished by a brother in Oneida Co., he was enabled to reach Hampton, having the last day morning paid out his last six-pence for lodging.

In October, he and Lyman Morris came in with their families, Mr. Keeney having a wife and three children, and Mr. Morris a wife and two children. They had but one wagon, which carried all the household goods of both families, with the women and children. The wagon and the team of two yoke of oxen belonged to Morris, who had also three cows, and Keeney one. When within about ten miles of Warsaw, the king-bolt of the wagon broke; and they had to camp in the woods over night. The next morning, a second trial of a wooden bolt having failed, the company started for their destination on foot, leaving the wagon with the goods standing in

the woods. Mr. Morris drove his oxen and carried Jonathan, then about two years old. Stephen Perkins drove the cows and carried George, then nearly five years old. Mr. Keeney put on his overcoat, and, by turning up the bottom, formed a kind of knapsack, in which he carried his two eldest children, Betsy and Harry, and his wife carried the baby, about six months old. Mrs. Morris, though she had no child to carry, did not go empty-handed. This is probably the only instance known of ten emigrants entering a place, five of them being carried by four of the other five! Morris having got through first and made their situation known, Mr. Webster went to meet the others, and met them a mile and a half north of the village, at the foot of the hill, on the "Old Buffalo Road," then just opened from Leicester. He there relieved Mrs. Keeney of her burden, and escorted the new-comers to his hospitable cabin home.

Mr. Keeney's hardships had just begun. He owed some ten dollars or more for the transportation of his goods. His stock of provisions had been reduced on his arrival to a few pounds of flour and a part of a salt fish. His house was one of the rudest of its kind. It had no chimney other than a wide opening. The fire-place had not even a stone back-wall, the fire being kept at a safe distance from the wooden wall. Their first night's sleep in their new house was disturbed by the howling of wolves, with which the wilderness abounded.

Scenty as was Mrs. Keeney's wardrobe, a flannel skirt was sold to Sterling Stearns for some wheat or flour, and a "chintz dress to Josiah Hovey, Sen., for the wear of his eldest daughter, for twelve bushels of corn to be delivered at Geneseo, where Mr. Hovey had raised it the preceding summer. He hired an ox-team to go after his corn. The first settlers had their "milling" chiefly done in Le Roy. But, being, when at Geneseo, within six miles of Bosley's mill on the Conesus outlet, he took his grist to that mill. He had now a tolerable supply of breadstuff; but where could he store it and how preserve so great a bulk of corn used from spoiling? He cut from a hollow bass-wood tree several pieces about three feet long, shaved off the bark, and smoothed them inside. He put the meal into these vessels in layers of about two inches deep, separated by layers of clean flat stones. In this way it was preserved, and, with the flour previously bought, lasted nearly a year. One of these vessels is still in use for other purposes, and will probably be transmitted to the "third and fourth generations" as a memorial of pioneer life on the Holland Purchase.

DEAR LORD
BE GOOD TO ME
THE SEAS ARE
WIDE AND SO
MY BOAT IS
SO SMALL

Depravity

Although we feel unknown, ignored
As unrecorded blanks,
Take heart! Our vital selves
are stored
in giant data banks.

Our childhoods and maturities
Efficiently compiled,
Our stocks and securities
Elaborately filed,

Our tastes and our proclivities,
In gross and in particular,
Our incomes, our activities,
Both extra and curricular.

Let no man be perverse in his
Desire to escape—
Today the private person is
A roll of public tape.

—Felicia Lamport
Look, December 15, 1970, p. 25.

Children Are
the Living
Messages We
Send to a
Time We Will
Not See.

HOLT COUNTY, MISSOURI



ANNA GENTRY KEENEY, wife of James F. Keeney (1861-1917) and mother of Grant and Moss Keeney.

Keeney.

James F. Keeney, died at the home of Orild Headley near this city, suddenly, from heart disease while a guest at a party, given by Mr. Headley, on Saturday evening, February 24, 1917.

He deceased was born in Oregon, October 16, 1861, and was therefore in his 56th year of his age when the golden anniversary came. With the exception of three years which he spent in Doniphan county, Kansas, 1890-93, he had spent his life in Holt county, and was well known throughout this section of the county.

October 13, 1889, he married Anna Gentry, who survives him and by whom there were six children-four being dead. His youngest son, Grant, aged 11 and Moss, aged 9. He is also survived by a brother, Nate, who resides in Colorado, two sisters, Mrs. Eda McBride, of Doniphan, Kansas, and Mrs. Nannie Stephenson, of Herculano, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. McBride, and his brother Nathan and sister-in-law, Mrs. Ada Peret, of St. Joseph, were here to the funeral.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder E. H. Dawson, the interment being in the Maple Grove cemetery of Oregon.

Grant Lloyd Keeney Fatally Injured In Farm Accident

Grant Lloyd (Bo) Keeney, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Keeney of near Oregon, was fatally injured in a farm accident Tuesday, March 27 at the farm home of John Art Callow near Oregon.

He had been grinding feed near the house and was alone at the time of the accident. His jacket apparently had become caught in the power take-off shaft on the grinder. However, details are uncertain.

Mrs. Callow heard the tractor motor running and looked out the window. A feed wagon was between her and the tractor. She went out to check, thinking perhaps he was working on the machinery, and found him

caught in the shaft. Eugene Lark was passing by the Callow home at the time, and aided Mrs. Callow in getting help. Dr. H. K. Colkin was the attending physician.

Keeney had been with the Callow family over two years, and had previously been employed by Donald Greiner for 1 1/2 years.



**DAVID RICHIE
DEFENSIVE TACKLE**



The Associated Press

ALL WRAPPED UP: Oregon State's Akill King, center, is brought down by Washington's David Richie (97) and Lester Towns.

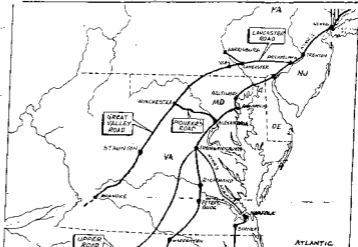
NICK B. KEENEY (1878-1951) would be proud of his great grandson, **DAVID JAMES RICHIE**, star defensive tackle of the University of Washington Huskies, who was selected by the Denver Broncos and reported for practice on May 1.

David, son of Robert James & Elaine Kirkwood Richie, of Longview, WA, is a grandson of **GERTRUDE LEE (Trudy) KEENEY RICHIE** and the late Robert Clarence Richie, of Anaheim, CA. The grandmother now lives in Stanton, CA.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE MILITIA 1796-1811

Thomas Keeney, Capt., 8th Regt., 2 Oct 1809/Cocke Co.
Joseph Keeney, Jr., Lt., 13th Regt., 13 Feb 1810/Anderson Co.
John McClothlin, Capt., 18 Jan 1798, Cocke Co.



Colonial Roads, circa 1752: As one of the earliest East-West wagon roads, the Lancaster Road linked Philadelphia to Harrisburg before 1730. A connection from Lancaster to Winchester, Virginia in the early 1740s created what was either called the Philadelphia Wagon Road or the Great Valley Road. The Fall Line Road crossed Virginia and the Carolinas and, eventually, into Georgia. By 1745, the Pioneer's Road had connected Alexandria to Winchester, Virginia, joining Virginia's Great Valley Road. By 1750, the Upper Road became an important wagon route for migrations into North Carolina.

He was born August 8, 1928 in Hickory township in Holt County. He was a member of the Oregon Rough Riders club.

Survivors include his parents of the home; his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Baker of Ulrich, Mo.; five sisters, Ruth of the home, Christine Rayhill of Oregon, Mary Lou Williams of Kansas City, Kan., Betty Jean Smith of

Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and Helen Wilfr of Ulrich, Mo.; one brother, Alfred Lee of Forest City, and 13 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian Church in Oregon, officiated by Rev. Dan Brossman. Burial was in the Oregon cemetery.

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INDIANA

Allen D. Keeney

4217 W 14 St

Duncasville, 46122-9648

Azalea Keeney

RR 1

Galveston, 49921

Aaaa Keeney

RR 11

Terra House, 47802

B Keeney

1902 Rock Ln

Jeffersonville, 47130

C.M. Keeney

109 Poney St

Newburgh, 47630

Carl Keeney

212 E Park Pl

Jeffersonville, 47130

Charles Keeney

RR

Kaukaunoi, 46135

Charles A. Keeney

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Jeffersonville, 47130

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Duncasville, 46122

Donald J. Keeney

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Terra House, 47802

Evelyn Keeney

34 N Frytowne

Rushway, 47273

Ernest Keeney

RR 1

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Carmel, 46032

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Corydon, 47132

Gale Keeney

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Glen Keeney

RR 1

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Glen Keeney

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Indianapolis, 46217

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Fort Wayne, 46808

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164 Adams Ave

Peru, 46970

Kara Keeney

960 N Washington St

Duncasville, 46122

Kara N. Keeney

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Indianapolis, 46208

Kurt A. Keeney

113 Heery St

Huntington, 46750

Kevin Keeney

218 Turner Dr Apt 20

Lafayette, 47908

Kris Keeney

812 Lawrence Ave

Indianapolis, 46217

Loretta Keeney

RR 1

Greencastle, 46115

Megan Keeney

4214 E Elchel St

Evansville, 47715

Margaret E. Keeney

RR 1

Linox, 46149

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Mishawaka, 46545

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Crawfordsville, 47522

R.C. Keeney

7959 Bright Meadows Dr

Fort Wayne, 46804

Roberta Keeney

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Indianapolis, 46217

S.L. Keeney

1157 E China St

Frankfort, 40641

Steve Keeney

RR 1

Frankfort, 40641

Tatiana S. Keeney

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IF YOU ARE IN THIS witcher, WV picture, you're on social security or have gone to meet your maker. This picture, dated about 1936, was in the album of my sister, Alma Keeney Rose. Uncle Ebon is kneeling and Aunt Fannie (Keeney) Hill and Uncle Charley Hill are prominent in the first row.



PATRONS

This has been a most difficult issue of the UPDATE. Many inquiries for information have been processed; several letters of thanks and contributions have been received; but the most necessary factor - material to publish - has been notable for its absence. No obituaries mailed in, one lone picture and no family stories.

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OREGON

JOSEPH B. KEENEY

Joseph B. Keeney was my grandfather and he was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana in June of 1830. In 1852 he went by steamer through the Isthmus of Panama in route to California. Mr. Keeney soon became identified with the big companies who were engaged in The Star Route Stage Contracting. For a number of years he was a stockholder in one of the companies that had its headquarters in San Francisco. He came to Oregon in 1869 and took charge of Wells Fargo and Co., as Business Agent, and followed this business until the Union Pacific Railroad was completed. During this time road agents and



Joseph Keeney Stage with Keeney seated on right; highway men were doing a very lucrative business.

"Joe" Keeney, as he was familiarly known, was connected with the new historical Portland Stage route extending from The Dalles, 800 miles eastward to the western terminus of The Union Pacific Railroad. During this period he had a residence in The Dalles, Oregon, in Wasco County, and in 1870 he drove stage from The Dalles through Shanks and on to the John Day Valley, to terminate at the Snake River opposite Old Ft. Boise, where Uncle Jonathan Keeney was then operating his Riverside Inn and Ferry, in what was made part of Old Wasco County. This route was called The Dalles Military Road.

Later in life Joseph Keeney was elected twice to the office of clerk for Umatilla County after retiring, he moved to Walla Walla, Wash and in 1905 at the age of 75 passed away at his home there.

My father was his son; Edward C. Keeney, and I lived in The Dalles for some time. He married my mother, Mary May Keeney on Jun. 3, 1893 at Ione, Oregon. In 1898 he created the stage line from Heppner to Mount Hood. My father died in 1930, in Portland, Oregon. Submitted for Edna (Keeney) Schauer, Portland, Oregon. By Ralph R. Keeney