



Carolyn Beth Keeney
Class of 98

CAROLYN BETH KEENEY is valedictorian of the Class of 1998 at Oak Hill High School, Fayette Co. WV at graduation ceremonies May 30. She is the oldest daughter of William H. Keeney, Jr. & Jeanne McFann Keeney, both graduates of Concord College, and a great granddaughter of Roscoe Sr. & Maggie Paxton Keeney. Carolyn has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to West Virginia University.

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IOWA

BYRON & LULA BERMAN KEENEY
Wedding Picture 16 Sept 1914

Sons: HELLEY DELBERT KEENEY
HARLAN NORBERT KEENEY



More of the IOWA Keeney Klan:

1880 Census

of West Virginia

Name	V. County
Keeney A. T.	10-Jac
Keeney Alvira	10-Jac
Keeney Baylis E.	8-Kan
Keeney Betsy	8-Kan
Keeney C. F.	8-Kan
Keeney D. J.	10-Jac
Keeney David R.	8-Kan
Keeney Foster H.	8-Kan
Keeney Foster Jr.	8-Kan
Keeney Hannah	8-Kan
Keeney John	8-Kan
Keeney John	8-Kan
Keeney John B.	4-Fay
Keeney Lewis M.	10-Jac
Keeney M. M.	8-Kan
Keeney M. R.	4-Far
Keeney M. W.	8-Kan
Keeney Mary	8-Kan
Keeney McDonald	8-Kan
Keeney Moses	8-Kan
Keeney Robert G.	8-Kan
Keeney Samuel	8-Kan
Keeney Thomas	8-Kan
Keeney Thomas	8-Kan
Keeney Thos. Y.	8-Kan
Keeney W. W.	8-Kan
Keeney William	11-Lin
Keeney William S.	8-Kan
Keeney Wm. N.	8-Kan
Keeney John W.	8-Kan
Keeney Edgar	9-Gre
Keeney N. Clark	9-Gre
Keeney Neri	8-Kan

John Keeney, b. 1715, m. Catherine, Greenbrier, WV (parents of 12)

their son: Michael Keeney (1761-1790) & Catherine Lewis (see photos 8/95 Keeney Update) Michael died young and his family scattered.

one of his sons was: William H C Keeney (1789-1870) m. Mary Crawford born Ky, raised in Ohio, came to Jackson Co. Iowa after the Civil War, they lived out their lives in Iowa and are buried side by side in the Andrew, Iowa cemetery.

their son was William S. Keeney (1816-1885) m. 1838 to Jane Simmons b. 1838-1883), he served in the Civil War and they came to Jackson County Iowa in 1870. (See photos in 8/95 and 6/84 Keeney Updates)

their son: John Wesley Keeney (1853-1921) (see Keeney Update 3/90) m. Adlaide Long (1864-1928), m. 1880. They had four children, Fred(1881-1963), Byron(1882-1977), Ethel(1888-1955) and Goida(1891-1986) See Keeney Update 9/85, 4/88 and 6/84.

Their son, Byron Andrew Keeney (1882-1977) m. 1914, Lula Oberman (1890-1983), they had **two sons**. Byron worked hard as a farmer and was a self taught violin player, he loved to tell stories and play the violin for his grandchildren. Lula worked hard on the farm and raised their two sons and really enjoyed caring for her grandchildren when they all lived together on the family farm during the depression years. When their sons were older, the three of them played for many barn dances and house dances in the area. Byron on the violin, Delbert played guitar and Harlan played the steel guitar. During the depression years and the WPA program, rock from a quarry on their farm was used in constructing the nearby Bellevue, Iowa Lock & Dam on the Mississippi River. (continued)

FAMILY RECORD

Elmer W. Keeney 61, of Westminster

Elmer Woodward "Sug" Keeney, 61, of Westminster, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 1997, at his home, after an extended illness.

Born June 9, 1946, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late George Washington Sr. and Lillian May Stern Keeney. He was the husband of Virginia Hipple Keeney, his wife of eight years.

He attended Linganore High School and was a 1964 graduate of Walkersville High School. He served in the Air Force in Guam and Thailand during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

He was a founder in 1971 of the Union Bridge Model Railroad Club and helped with the restoration of the Western Maryland Railroad Museum. He was a member of the Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Co.; the Mason Dixon Historical Society; the Maryland Steam Historical Society; the Early American Steam Engine and Old Equipment Society; and the Gresse, Steam and Rust Association. He volunteered during carnivals for the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co. and the Taneytown Fire Co. He was formerly employed with M.R. Pfoutz and Congoleum and worked for 27 years as a lineman for Potomac Edison.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are daughters Melinda Keeney of Union Bridge and Amanda Keeney of Westminster; son Brian Keeney of Union Bridge, stepson and daughter-in-law Michael and Kelly Cox of Westminster; sisters Gladys King of Union Mills, Helen Honaker of Adelphi and Edna Harrison of Frederick; brothers John Keeney and George Keeney Jr., both of Union Bridge; one granddaughter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by son Elmer W. Keeney Jr.; sisters Catherine Fogelson and Pauline Selby Marvel; and brother William Keeney.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Union Bridge, with the Rev. Richard L. Michael, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Union Bridge, officiating. Interment will be in Rocky Hill Cemetery, near Woodsboro.

The family will receive friends from noon to 3 and 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Union Bridge Volunteer Fire Co.

Heley Delbert. (b.1915-),m.1936, Dorothy E Steines(1920 - 1990),divorce in 1944. Later married Lois Goeffnitz (1925-), in 1947.

Heley Delbert & Dorothy had three children.

>Carmella Marie b. (1937-) m. 1956 Glenn D Printy (1930-1967),no children. He as killed in airplane accident 1967, She then married Gilbert Henry Jacobsen b (1938-) 1970, no children

>Darrall Delbert b.(1938-), m. 1960 Shirley Kay Carpenter, one daughter

Cindy Lou b (1960-), Married James Walton 1978, 4 children,

Darrall Robert (1978),

Kenneth,(1981)

Brittany(1990) and

Kaylee Morgan(1997)

>Verlyn Heley b (1940), m. 1960 Shirley Marie Hodson (1942-), one child,

Daniel Alan (1960-), married Faith White(1960-Jin 1982, have two children,

Kassandra Nicole b (1984)

Zachary Bryon b.(1994).

With wife Lois, they had three daughters,

>Sharen Kay(1946) married Jerry Grubbs.

>Jofene Marian (adopted)

>Shelley (adopted)

• Harlan Nubert b.(1918-1949) m. Maxine Henry b (1919-1985). He serviced in WWII, in Europe and drown in boating accident in 1949

>Byron Albert b (1938-1962),m. Barbara Byron was killed in car

accident in December 1962.

Harold b. (1959 -)m.

Harold (1981)

Stephen (1984).

>Gale Fredrick b (1939-1949) was drown in boating accident along with his father and 4 others near Green Island, Iowa.

>Janice Lee b.(1941-) m. 1960 Ronald Duane Olson

Cheryl Ann, b. (1962 -), married David McRoberts 1990.

Jaron David b. (1991)

McKenna b. (1996)

Eric Richard b.(1966 -) m. 1991 Nancy Ladehoff

Kaitlin b (1997)

Lance Michael b(1972 -). m. 1997 Jeri

Submitted by: Carmella (Keeney) Jacobsen

2446 255th St, DeWitt, IA 52742



John Wesley & Addlaide Long Keeney (seated)
Ethel, Fred, Byron & Golda Keeney (standing)



GLORIA JEAN KEENEY PERKINS of Ashland KY sends this tintype of her father, Left: WILLIAM EARL KEENEY (1896-1980), son of U.Z. & Pattie McDowell Keeneey, with his Uncles, EBON (1894-1976) & BOB (1896-1982) date of picture ca 1904

Pittsboro 3/2 1914
 Mrs. Lucinda E. King
 Clayton Ind.
 You very well with the
 reception of rheumatism
 in my feet and legs
 you will find enclosed
 check for your equal part
 of the freight Margaret
 estate which you will consider
 as a gift. The amt is \$260.80
 that one knows to be away if
 you get it all right
 and come up when you
 can
 Matilda Keeneey

WEST VIRGINIA

An excerpt from White Water High, The Reader's Digest, Sept. 1977, pp.74-75. KEENEY BROTHERS were David, Moses & Thomas, youngest sons of John Keeneey

The river is blue-green glass, and the sun warms my back. I am on a 22-foot inflatable raft with my daughter, twig, two guides and five other passengers. In life jackets and rain pants we sit sidesaddle, feet in, on the blimpy raft rim as we paddle down the New River, a deep pre-glacial waterway that cuts through the postcard-blue mountains of West Virginia. I hear a low drum roll up ahead. It is the Keeneey Brothers, perhaps the longest and most powerful of all the rapids available to the river runner east of the Mississippi.

Twig and I are participating in one of the fastest-growing sports in America today--river rafting. . . . On this particular day, we have bounced down several smaller rapids while our guides recounted legends about the valley and the Keeneeys, named for one of the area's first families. . . . The drumming has become a throaty roar. . . .

Rapids are rated according to difficulty, on a rising scale of six--beginner to expert. Normally, the three Keeneeys are rated as Class Five. The water is high, Today the Keeneey Brothers are virtually Sixes. . . . We were informed that when we hit fast water we must paddle to a rapid cadence to get the boat moving faster than the river. Only then can the raft be maneuvered, (the guide) told us. And in the Keeneeys it must be maneuvered to the inch.

(The article goes on to describe each of the Keeneey Brothers rapids. Anyone traveling near this location would enjoy the view of the New River from the high bridge spanning it.)
 Submitted by P. P. Kaufman.

Laws of Genealogy

The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research invariably will be lost due to fire, flood or war.

The keeper of the vital records you need will just have been insulted by another generalist.

Your great-grandfather's obituary states that he died leaving no issue or record.

The town clerk you write to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly, and doesn't have a copying machine.

The will you need is in the safe on board the "Titanic".

The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.

That ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom in your possession, carries the names of the other three.

Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on last names.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.

You learned that great Aunt Matilda's ex-husband just told her his collection of family genealogical materials to a local market dealer "somewhere in New York City."

Yours is the only last name still found among the 3 billion in the world-famous Keeneey Archives in Salt Lake City.

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the date recorded.

The 27-volume, 36,000 page history of your county of origin isn't indexed.

The critical line in your family tree is named "Smith."

From Gleanings, Beaver County Gen Soc., Beaver, PA, and previously, Glebe Publishing Co., Napoleon, OH 1983.

INDIANA

Research of Kathleen E. Bledsoe,
direct descendant
Marshall University, Huntington
1918 Burgalov Ave., Huntington, WV 25701

Descendants of

John KEENEY (Sr.) and Martha (---)

1. John KeeneY (Sr) [1346], born 25 Dec 1750 in KeeneY's Knob, Greenbrier, WV; died 1845 in , Holt, MO. He married abt 1771, Martha (---) [1347].

Notes for John KEENEY (Sr.)

SOURCE: All information about our early KeeneY ancestors recorded here is from KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, compiled 1980-1981 for descendants of Charles Willis KeeneY and Emily Elizabeth Bersot, by Virginia Belle KeeneY Coats. (The book is in the possession of Viola Bangel.)

It seems that the Keeneys were originally Irish Protestants. Because of the political and religious climate of 17th century Ireland some may have moved to Germany. There were Keeneys among early immigrants from Ireland and Germany to the colonies of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The 1790 census lists a John KeeneY in Greenbrier County, Virginia (later West Virginia).

The earliest KeeneY we are sure is our ancestor is John Sr. A land grant shows he owned property in Greene County, Tennessee in 1787. In 1811 he purchased land in Fayette County Indiana.

Copied from KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p. 3.

JOHN KEENEY, SR.

We do know that our John KeeneY, Sr. came to Fayette County, Indiana from Tennessee. The first settler in Fayette County was named Thomas Simpson from the vicinity of Clinch River in Tennessee, according to Fayette County histories. The next earliest settlers included John KeeneY. *John and Stephen Oldham, brothers, JOHN KEENEY, James Smith, and Samuel Hill, all men of families, immigrated to the Simpson neighborhood from Tennessee about 1810 or 1811. Smith and Oldham were ministers of the Regular Baptist Church. [John KeeneY's daughter, Nancy, was married to John Oldham.] These with later settlers came from the neighborhood in Tennessee in which the Simpsons had resided and communication had been carried on between them and others by which means they and others were induced to come. * Records show that John KeeneY purchased the southwest quarter of Section 22, November 1, 1811, and the southeast quarter of Section 28, March 8, 1816, in Jennings Twp., Fayette County, Indiana.

NOTE 12 Mar 1998, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, supplied by K. Bledsoe:

SOURCE 2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES, Roscoe C. KeeneY, 1978, p.123, gives date and place of John's birth His first son, John Jr, was born at KeeneY's Knob WV in 1772, his second son in 1774 in Tennessee. This would lead us to think the family moved to eastern Tennessee between 1772 and 1774. This source says that John served in the American Revolution and was a farmer and retired minister. [Preaching seems to be a profession that runs in the family.]

SOURCE Kathleen Bledsoe has supplied birth dates and places for John KeeneY's children

Children of John KEENEY (Sr.) and Martha (---) were as follows:

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| 2 | i | John KeeneY (Jr.) [1348], born 24 Jun 1772 in , Jefferson, TN; died 6 Dec 1845 in Mound City, Holt, MO. KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p.4 We do not know when or where he was born. He married Mary Ramsey Buckhalter in Tennessee about 1805 and came to Fayette Co., IN, then to Holt Co. MO. He died there in 1845. |
| 3 | ii | Aloysius Ephraim KeeneY [2677], born 14 Feb 1774 in , Jefferson, TN. |
| 4 | iii | Nancy Ann KeeneY [1349], born 31 Oct 1776 in , Jefferson, TN. She married unknown. KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p.4 We do not know when or where she was born. She married John Oldham in Tennessee. They went from Fayette Co. IN to Holt Co. MO. NOTE: K. Bledsoe gives birth date. |
| 5 | iv | Jonathan Anthony KeeneY (REV.) [1335], born 10 Feb 1778 in , Jefferson, TN. He married Mary Hannah McLaughlin [1336]. |
| 6 | v | Joseph Daniel Franklin KeeneY [1350], born 16 Feb 1780 in , Jefferson, TN. KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p. 4. M. Mary Bishop in Tennessee in 1803. No further information except that he was in Fayette Co. IN with the family. |
| 7 | vi | Hiram Ashley Thomas KeeneY [1351], born 10 Sep 1782, died 1846 in , Holt, MO. SOURCE: KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p. 4. The land records show him in Saline Co. MO in 1816. |
| 8 | vii | George Charles William KeeneY [1353], born 10 Oct 1784 in , Jefferson, TN. KEENEY AND BERSOT FAMILIES, p. 4. It is thought that he settled in Kentucky. |
| 9 | viii | Ebenezer Jermain KeeneY [2678], born 30 Aug 1786 in , Jefferson, TN. |
| 10 | ix | Peter Francis Mitchell KeeneY [2679], born 19 Feb 1789 in , Jefferson, TN. |



Ulysses S. Jarrett
1809, 1900, 1902, 1907-1909, 1913, 1915

ULYSSES S. JARRETT (born 26 Jun 1870, died 17 Nov 1946) son of Addison A. (1823-1906) & Margaret KeeneY Jarrett, was a grandson of Michael & Elizabeth Gatewood KeeneY. He served 8 terms as St. Albans, NV mayor and was postmaster during the terms of Presidents Taft, Harding, Coolidge & Hoover. He married Clara Henley and they had one daughter, Josephine.

KEENEY

Stires Jade KeeneY was born on May 28, 1900, in Lewiston, West Va., and passed away at Onaga, Kansas, May 3, 1983 at the age of 83 years, 11 mos. and 7 days.

He was united in marriage to Rosa Mentha on August 18, 1891. To this union five children were born. He joined the Presbyterian church at Neuchatel in early manhood and was engaged in farming in that neighborhood until his health failed and he moved to Onaga in 1939.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa; three sons, Leroy and Earl of Onaga and Claude of Marysville; two daughters, Ida Umphenour of Silver Lake, and Blanche Stotts of Marysville; one sister, Mrs Sallie Moulton of Onaga; also 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Ray Kelley at the Congregational Church in Onaga on May 6th at 2:00 P. M. Burial was in Neuchatel cemetery.



She opens her mouth
with wisdom,
and the tongue
of kindness
is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26

MINNESOTA

KEENEY LINE

1st GenerationMOSES KEENEY

dob: about 1770 in ?

dod: 5 December 1846 in Pulaski County, Kentucky

married: 1) CATHERINE PENCE on 13 December 1792 in Madison County, Kentucky
2) Catherine Stogsdill (sister to Elizabeth Stogsdill... see below)

Moses and Catherine PENCE children

Peter Keeney married 1) Peggy Daugherty 2) Elizabeth Reeves

Henry Keeney married Elizabeth Waudley

GEORGE KEENEY married SUSANNAH HUGHES

Michael Keeney married ??

Elizabeth Keeney married William B. Graig

Abner M Keeney married Elizabeth "Betsy" Stogsdill

2nd GenerationGEORGE KEENEY

dob: 1800 in Madison County, Kentucky

dod: before 28 October 1851 in ??

married: SUSANNAH HUGHES on 16 October 1822 in Pulaski County, Kentucky
their children:

Moses Keeney married Ann Jane Irvia

ALVA P. KEENEY married MARY JANE BRYANT

William Keeney married ??

Elizabeth Keeney married ? Bel

Henry Keeney married ??

3rd GenerationALVA P. KEENEY

dob: June 1825 in Kentucky

dod: after February 1899 in ?? (probably Indianola, Iowa)

married: MARY JANE BRYANT on ?? in Indiana

their children:

Sylvia A. Keeney married Alva Rogers

Clara Keeney married ? Kelley

SILAS GEORGE "SILE" KEENEY married MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS

Nancy-J. Keeney married ??

Frank E. Keeney married Mattie Van Pelt

Susan E. Keeney married Al Hanna

Grace V. Keeney married ??

SILAS GEORGE "SILE" KEENEY

dob: 6 August 1859 in Darville, Indiana

dod: 21 May 1931 in Indianola, Iowa

married: MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS on 17 May 1883 in ??

their children:

Alva F. "Fay" Keeney married Nellie Pearson

Maude Elizabeth Keeney married Michael Cornford

Edward Allen Keeney married 1) Mary Ringle 2) Martha Guthrie

DON TARLETON "RED" KEENEY I married GRETTA WILKINSON

Foster B. Keeney married ??

Anna M. Keeney married Clayton Mosher

4th GenerationDON TARLETON "RED" KEENEY I

dob: 15 October 1892 in Indianola, Iowa

dod: March 1954 in Burbank, California

married: GRETTA WILKINSON on ?? in Indianola, Iowa

their children:

Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Keeney married Ellsworth Heim

DON TARLETON "BUD" KEENEY II married MARTHA BARBARA KAMISH

Harry Leroy Keeney died in infancy

DON TARLETON "BUD" KEENEY II

dob: 3 May 1916 in Lohrville, Iowa

dod:

married: MARTHA BARBARA KAMISH on 16 April 1938 in Manly, Iowa

their children:

Don Tarleton Keeney III married Carolyn Kay Thornblade

Elizabeth Ann Keeney married Jeff Leon Coon

JACALYN FAY KEENEY married JOHN EDWARD HELCI I5th GenerationJACALYN FAY KEENEY (this is me!)

dob: 11 July 1952

married: JOHN EDWARD HELCI I on 8 December 1973 in West St. Paul, Minnesota

Mrs. Anna Rostock-Keeney came from county when it was but six years old and when she was but a girl of seven summers. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Rostock, pioneers of our county. During all these years she has been a resident of our county, and only a few weeks ago by reason of failing health, she went to Douglas, Kansas, to reside with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy where she died suddenly on Monday of this week, April 15, 1916, in the 76th year of her age. She was born October 28, 1840.

She is survived by four children, James, of this city; Mrs. Ira Stephenson, of Howard county, Mo.; Nathan L. of Midwest Colo. and Mrs. John Grube, of Douglas, Kansas. She is also survived by a brother, F. S. Rostock, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Vogan, of Colorado.

The body was brought to this city, Wednesday, and taken to the M. E. church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. Meyer, of the German M. E. church. Mrs. Keeney had been a member of the M. E. church for half a century.

Lots of material was received for this issue of UPDATE, but much of it covered the same families, so this issue is not a good cross-section.

Support is acknowledged from the following: COLORADO Ann Keeney, Aspen 25; ILLINOIS Susan DeRam, Libertyville 20, Dick Keeney, Mt. Prospect 10; KENTUCKY Gloria Keeney Perkins, Ashland 20, A.R. Guenon, Lexington 15; MINNESOTA Jacalyn F. Helch, Hastings 15; NEW MEXICO John Gwin, Las Cruces 15; OKLAHOMA Phyllis Baker Krieger, Stillwater 25; SOUTH CAROLINA Barry Keeney, Inman 10; TENNESSEE Frederick C. Keeney, Hixson 25; VIRGINIA Maciel C. Vandora, Arlington 30; WEST VIRGINIA Lawrence H. Keeney, Eskdale 10, Arlene F. Samples, Elkview 25, Kathleen Bledsoe, Huntington 25.

Watch newspapers and reunion announcements for summer gatherings of KEENEYS and send the information to UPDATE.

ANNA ROSTOCK KEENEY (1840-1916, Holt Co. MO) was the wife of JAMES FERDINAND KEENEY (1839-1913) a Civil

War veteran buried at Fort Leavenworth. Their first children (four in all) died of diptheria. Four other children survived.

PATRONS

The Carlisle Optimist, Nov. 1, 1913

Sad Death of One of Our Townspeople

Words cannot express the sorrow that was caused by the death of Mrs. Henry Owens at her home in Carlisle on Sunday, October 29, at 8:30 a. m. She had been sick for three weeks, when it was finally decided an operation was necessary to save her life. A thoroughly competent physician and surgeon was called from Des Moines to assist the family physician and all was done that human hands could do, but the reaction after the operation was too great for one in her weakened condition and she passed away, leaving her husband almost crazed with grief and five small children deprived of an ideal mother. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

IOWA

Besides her husband and children she leaves a kind father, W. P. Keeney, two brothers, Eugene and Arden, and three sisters, Ethel, Josie and Fern, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death.



NORA BELLE (NONA) KEENEY OWENS

OBITUARY

Nora Belle (Keeney) Owens was born Sept. 28, 1876, in Polk Co., Iowa, and died at her home in Carlisle, Iowa, on the morning of Oct.

29, 1911, age 35 years, 1 month and 1 day. She was married to Henry L. Owens Nov. 15, 1899. To them were born five children, Dorothy, Perry, Russell, Jarvis and Osborna, all of whom are living to mourn her loss.

I have published a spiral bound book, **REV. Jonathan Anthony Keeney and His Descendants**. It can be ordered from the address below. The Price is \$30.00 which covers only the printing, binding and mailing costs.

Patricia Foulke Kaufman
1400 SE Melmart Drive
Bartlesville, OK 74006

SOUTH
CAROLINA

HARRY KEENEY, who lives in Inman, SC was a young boy when his grandfather, HARRY LESLIE KEENEY, died. Thus he cherishes the pictures that have just recently come his way.

HARRY LESLIE KEENEY, oldest son of Andrew J. and Fannie Hoode Stanley Keeney, was born 16 Sept 1890 and died 19 Jan 1970.

Harry became curious about the KEENEY LANE sign he passed in Spartanburg, SC and made another trip in search of information on the origin of the name. Now we can list KEENEY LANE beside WAKEENEY, KS and KEENEYVILLE, PA.



HARRY LESLIE KEENEY
born 16 Sept 1890

Keeney LN

Brothers of James Franklin Keeney
who also went to WaKeeney, Kansas.

James Franklin Keeney was
known as "Uncle Frank" by
the Perry Keeney family.

Another brother, Charles P.
Keeney, was also in WaKeeney
and ran the "Onkes House".
His wife was Viola Keeney
and their child, Viola Frank,
was probably the first child
born in WaKeeney.

KANSAS

DURHAM FLETCHER KEENEY

You Will Never Be Sorry:

- For living a pure life.
- For doing your level best.
- For being kind to the poor.
- For hearing before judging.
- For thinking before speaking.
- For harboring clean thoughts.
- For being generous to an enemy.
- For stopping your extra to gossip.
- For standing by your principles.
- For asking pardon when in error.
- For being square in business dealings.



JOHN MARION KEENEY
"Chicago John"

Excerpt from a letter from Franklin Keeney to M. J. Keeney. (Franklin Keeney is James Franklin Keeney, son of Charles (William) Perry Keeney, and grandson of Rev. Jonathan Anthony Keeney. The M. J. Keeney may be Murst Quentin Keeney, a descendant of John Hiram Keeney)

Mr. M. J. Keeney

Chicago, Illinois
March 28, 1891

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 23 was forwarded to me from my town -- WaKeeney, Kansas. My father's name was Charles Keeney. He was born in Indiana, Montgomery County, I think. At least was in the year 1840. His father's name (my grandfather) was Jonathan. My father had several brothers, Peter, Joseph, Jonathan, Samuel. They all moved to Polk Co., Iowa -- as well as my father -- in early days (except Peter Keeney.) As for myself I left Iowa when about 21 and went to Rochester New York, where I graduated in 1866 from the University of Rochester. Then I came to Chicago, where I was married. Ever since except for about three years of parts of three years when I went to Kansas and bought two townships of land, founded WaKeeney. Went to the Legislature there for two terms (although really a resident of Chicago) and was President of their State Fair (or rather the Western National Fair) held at Lawrence, Kansas in 1880. I am a property owner here and think there is no place like Chicago. There are Keeneys near Des Moines, Iowa, and many Keeneys at Hartford, Connecticut, who I think are relatives of ours.

Truly yours,

I. F. Keeney or rather
James Franklin Keeney



"NO, I DON'T KNOW IF DAVID'S BROTHERS GAVE HIM 'HIGH FIVES' AFTER HE SLEW GOLIATH."

REV. THOMAS KEENEY, who has been a minister in the Missionary Baptist church in Cabin Creek District, Kanawha county, W. Va., for the past fifteen years, has long taken an active part in business affairs in this section and also has prominently participated in public movements. He was born on his father's farm in Cabin Creek District, March 18, 1848, and is a son of Michael R. and Elizabeth Ann (Gatewood) Keeney.

Michael R. Keeney was born in Cabin Creek District at what was known as Keeney's Knob, and was a son of Moses, who came to this section from Greenbrier county, where he owned the site of Sulphur Springs. He had ten children. Michael R. Keeney became a farmer and lumberman and operated a mill on Cabin Creek and lived there until his death, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Elizabeth Ann Gatewood, a daughter of Ransom G. Gatewood and she lived to be eighty-six years of age and was the mother of fourteen children, namely: Margaret, who was the wife of John Jarrett, both being now deceased; Frances, who was the wife of George Weaver, both being deceased; Melvina, who is also deceased; Mary, who was the wife of D. S. Montague, both deceased; Lucinda, who is the wife of J. F. Davis; Bertie, who is the wife of A. S. Montague; Robert G., David, E., who is deceased; and William, Woodford, Thomas Y., John G., Charles F., and Daniel.

Thomas Y. Keeney remained on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he engaged in boating on the river to the salt trade and has been more or less connected with river life ever since, and for the past thirty years has been engaged in contracting. He is widely known. In public matters he has been interested since youth and for many years has been a pronounced advocate of temperance and so prominent is he in the ranks of the Prohibition party that in 1870 he was its candidate for the House of Delegates.

Mr. Keeney was married May 6, 1869, to Miss Eliza White, a daughter of Woodward White, an old resident of Kanawha county, and they have had the following children and grandchildren born to them: Susan S., who is the wife of Charles Reynolds, and has four children--Essie, Robert, Catherine and Thomas E.; Laura, who is the wife of Fred Young and has two children--Carroll and Clotel; Traver, who married Clara Young, and has six children--Anna, Iona, Fred, Julia, Elizabeth and Catherine; Ida, who died at the age of six years; Bessie, who is the wife of Ernest Hunter, and has two children--Thomas H. and Naomi; Hannah A., who is the wife of William Bond, and has four children--William, Ralph, Thomas E., and Lena; Ralph, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Emery, who married Kinzie Botham; Streeter, who died when aged fourteen years; and Alpha A. Mr. Keeney and family have resided at Winchester for the past fourteen years. The present church edifice was put up in 1907 and Mr. Keeney ministers to a large and interested congregation. He is identified with the Masons at Malden and the Red Men at Haslety, W. Va.