

After 219 Years, Keeney Family

Remains In Pulaski County KY

When the Keeneys first went through the Cumberland Gap from Virginia into Kentucky about 1780, all of southeastern Kentucky was called Lincoln County. Fayette and Jefferson made up the rest of the state to be. But counties multiplied as settlers poured in: Madison and Mercer (the section of Lincoln where the Keeneys were) were formed in 1786, as was Bourbon. Nelson County began in 1785.

Peter Keeney, who had lived at Fort Lewis, VA along the Roanoke River, accompanied his father in law, Matthias Youkum, and was listed in Lincoln's 1790 census. He served on a Mercer County jury on May 26, 1798 and, on a 6 Aug 1799, was paid 2000 of tobacco for witnessing for Thomas Reynolds in a court case. Peter received a 1782 land grant in Fayette Co, appeared on a 1789 tax list in Mercer, and signed a petition of freemen in Mercer on 26 Oct 1786. He witnessed a will of Matthias Youkum in Jan 1780, which was probated in February 1783 in Lincoln Co.

Assembling the names of Peter Keeney's descendants was not easy, but after much research and travel Moses Keeney descendant Blanche K. Stephens listed the children as follows: Daniel, Michael, Moses, Abraham, Jesse, James, Betsy and Sally.

DANIEL KEENEY's marriage to Mary Oglesharpe is recorded in Lincoln Co on 19 Feb 1799. He likely had received his own land grant for military service on the frontier.

- MICHAEL KEENEY b. ca 1765, married
- Susannah Rawls on 14 May 1790 in Lincoln Co; Michael's large family (listed in KEENEY UPDATE earlier) moved to central Missouri, with several families continuing to settle in Texas
- MOSES KEENEY, who stayed in Pulaski, will be covered below.
- ABRAHAM KEENEY went to Cooper Co MO and many descendants went to Oklahoma and Arkansas.
- JESSE KEENEY married Darkis Mobley on 21 Apr 1798 and settled in St. Charles County MO in 1816
- JAMES KEENEY married Karen Hughes on 15 May 1806 in Pulaski and moved to Indiana in the late 1820s; James Jr settled in Caldwell Co KY and is buried at Princeton, the county seat.
- ELIZABETH (Betsy) KEENEY married

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Members of Andrew's famous dance band stood in front of the Andrew Creamery to have their picture taken in 1931. Left to right, front row, are Jake Wise, Billie Flerott, Zell Keeney and Frank Keeney. In the rear left is Henry Keeney, father of Frank and Zell, and Charles "Shorty" Heichling, right.

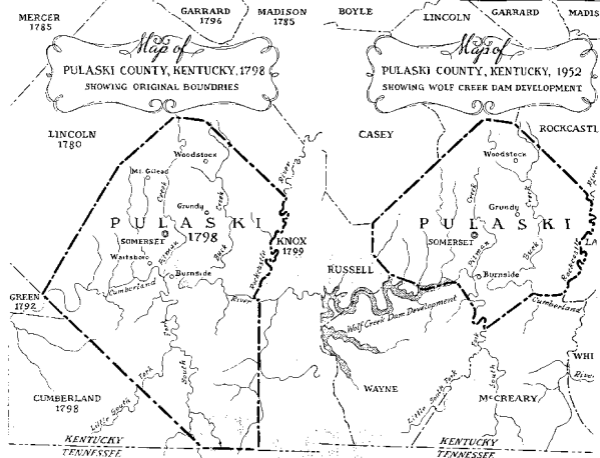
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The McGlothen

TENNESSEE

In 1803, John and Ann Keeney's son Jonathan married Polly McGlothen in Jefferson County, Tennessee. Polly's mother's family had emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, through New Castle, Delaware, in 1724. Her great-grandfather, Francis Buggs, with his wife Agnes, settled in Pennsylvania where he died in 1763. His son James, Polly's grandfather, moved into Greenbrier County, West Virginia, where, at the end of the Revolutionary War, he and his sons owned 1240 acres of land. Not much is known of James wife except her name, Margaret (Jane Sharpe). They were married in New Castle, Delaware, at Old Swede's Church, January 25, 1751. James and Margaret had nine children, the fourth of whom, Elizabeth, married William McGlothen. William had been born in Bedford County, Virginia December 19, 1757. Elizabeth and William married in Greenbrier County in 1779. William served in the Revolutionary War, and may be the William McGlothin who was tried as a deserter in August of 1780 and discharged on condition he enlist for 18 months. He later received a pension from the government for his services.

William and Elizabeth McGlothen had two children, Charles, born in Greenbrier County in 1780, and Mary, called "Polly", born in Greenbrier County in 1784. The birth of Charles might have been the reason for his father's desertion from the army. Charles and Polly remained close throughout their lives, as the Keeneys and the McGlothen moved across the country through Tennessee, Indiana, and Iowa. Polly married Jonathan Anthony Keeney in Jefferson County, Tennessee, in December of 1803.



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Lewis Singleton in 1805 in Pulaski and settled in Bartholomew Co IN in 1818.

SARAH (Sally) KEENEY married James Burnham on 4 Feb 1806 in Pulaski, but followed her brother Jesse to St. Charles County MO in 1816.

A century after Peter Keene's family scattered west and south, the 1920 census shows these KEENEY offsprings living in Pulaski Co KY:

CLEFORD H. Keene 16, grandson of Peter F> Keeney

CLEVELAND KEENEY 34, Minnie 29, Herbert 9, Francis 9/12

CORAL KEENEY 25, Mabel 20

EARL KEENEY 32, Spicie 30, Zola 8, Helen 6, Morris 3 1/2, Loyd 1 3/12

EARL KEENEY 21, Zela 19

ED KEENEY 24, Nettie 25, Edward Jr 5 mos, Mary B. Brown (M in L) 49

JAMES KEENEY 33, Anna M.32, Girdie E. 3, Nancy Taylor (M in L) 68

JOHN P> KEENEY 65, Elvira 62, Charley P.

39, Samuel 33, Edward C. 21, Robert 21,

Elizabeth 18, Fvy M.(D in L) 19

KERBY KEENEY 27, Bertha 25, Morris B. 4, Bury S. J, Gilbert M. 4/12, Martha Cundiff (M in L) 63 b.TN

LEANDER KEENEY 30, Lizzie 27, Carl 1

MARY KEENEY 65, Martha (w) 20

MARVIN KEENEY 21, Eva 21, Maxine 1

MOSES KEENEY 65, living alone

PETER F> KEENEY 66, Frona H. 62, Clifford (G son) 16

RICHMOND S> KEENEY 44, Lura 50, Ona 18

THOMAS KEENEY 57, Millie P. 51

THOMAS W. KEENEY 47, Julia 36, Sam O.

20, Walter 15, Earnest 8, Lloyd 7, Clarence

5, Herbert 4 mos., Jessie Abbott (FinL) 74

WILLIAM D> KEENEY 56, Melinda 53, Lawrence 26, Odela 22



STRAMOND 'CITY OF BURNSIDE,' ON CUMBERLAND RIVER AT WARTSBURG

THE RED CLAY OF PULASKI

There's a sunny hill-girl valley
Where the Cumberland winds it way,
Where the morning glory climbs,
And a curlewin sings all day.

There's a cabin in the clearing,
And a hound dog in the shade;
A scent of woodsmoke in the air,
And singham freshly made.

And I know that has moonings
Say that foot will be here soon,
There'll be hiterswert and saters,
And a golden harvest moon.

For the mill is on the river,
And it's there that I would go
To that cabin in the clearing,
That was built so long ago.

For the friends I loved are sleeping
Where I would rest some day,
In the shadow of the mountains,
Wrapped in old Pulaski clay.

— Jennie Wirt Hall

Husband: Gideon Keeney	
Name:	(1) Pulaski County, KY, Probate Records, Will Book 3B, Page 873, 1846, Will of Moses Keeney. Gideon is named in his father's Will. (2) 1850 Census, Phelps Co. MO (3) 1876 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Listed as "Gideon" Keeney. (4) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Twp., Page 10, 899-92 Farm laborer. Could not read or write. Father born in NC & mother in KY. (5) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm" (6) 1870 Census, Dent Co., MO, Pm Eva Best. As of 8/96, compiler had not verified.
Born:	22 September 1842 in: Pulaski Co., KY
Source:	Photo of Tombstone, taken by compiler in 1997.
Died:	18 October 1896 in: Relfe, Phelps Co., MO
Source:	Photo of Tombstone, taken by compiler in 1997.
Relationship with Father:	Moses Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Catherine Stigdill - Natural
Note:	Have copy of Wm. J. Diced
Burial:	Smith Cemetery, Flat, MO
Note:	Photo of Tombstone, taken by compiler, in 1997
Note:	Direct line of Donna Ketchum Bond, Compiler of this genealogy record.
Wife: Mary A. Cordel	
Source:	(1) 1876 Census, Phelps Co. MO (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co. MO, Spring Creek Twp., Page 10, #89-92. Keeping house, states in in state Mt (different than Eva Best source at D; father born in NC, mother in NC or IL, as is difficult to read. (3) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm," Page 247
Born:	15 April 1843 in: Macoupin, IL
Source:	(1) Photo of Tombstone, taken by compiler in 1997. (2) Eva Best, 303 Winchester Dr., Rolla, MO 65401. Interview of 1996. Keeney researcher, daughter of Abner Martin (1870-1962) & Francis Riden Keeney
Died:	06 January 1896 in: Duke, Phelps Co., MO
Source:	Photo of Tombstone, taken by compiler in 1997.
Relationship with Father:	James (James) Cordel - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	J. Cordel - Natural
Burial:	Smith Cemetery, Flat, MO
Child: Aron Keeney	
Born:	13 March 1867 in: Dent Co., MO
Died:	13 March 1867 in: Dent Co., MO
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Child: Daniel Moses Keeney	
Source:	(1) 1876 Census, Phelps Co., MO (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Listed as Moses (3) 1910 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Township. Daniel & his family were living next door to brothers Abner M. and John A. Ozer families (4) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm"
Born:	04 April 1868 in: Dent Co., MO
Died:	Unknown in: Kansas?
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Child: Abner Martin Keeney	
Source:	(1) 1876 Census, Phelps Co. MO (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co. MO. (3) Eva Best, 303 Winchester Dr., Rolla, MO 65401. Interview of 1996. Keeney researcher, daughter of Abner Martin (1870-1962) & Francis Riden Keeney. (4) Bible Record, Family Bible records of Abner Martin & Francis Riden Keeney. Original in possession of Eva Best in 1996. Compiler has copy of page (5) 1900 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Twp. (6) 1930 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Township, also, listed with this family, was U.S. Army sergeant, 1R, born in MO. Abner & his family were living next door to his brothers Daniel and John A. their families
Born:	06 March 1870 in: Texas Co., MO
Died:	12 March 1962 in: St. Louis, MO
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Occupation:	Farmer
Faith:	Baptist
Note:	Have photo of Abner & his wife, Alberta (Hullock, St. James, MO), has original
Burial:	Rolla Cemetery, Rolla, MO

Eugene W. and Betty J. (Rogers) Mooney of Charleston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on April 11 at Morris Memorial Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney were married on April 18, 1949, in Charleston.

Eugene is the son of the late Estel and Gladys Mooney of Charleston and is a retired iron worker. Betty is the daughter of the late Maggie and A. S. Rogers of Clay County and is retired from Bell Telephone.

They are the parents of two children, Gary G., who is married to Lynn A. Lowcuen of DeBarry, Fla., and Pamela J. Mooney Lewis, who is married to Robert E. Lewis of Natick. They have two grandchildren, Seth K. and Lindsay J. Lewis.



Mr. & Mrs. Eugene W. Mooney
50 Years

Mrs. Mooney's mother was Maggie A. Keeney, daughter of Harrison Columbus & Nettie Estep Keeney.



Nicholas Aron Keeney



Son of Roy D. & Linda Barman Keeney; William H. Keeney Sr., grandfather; Stires Keeney line



CAN YOU FIND SIXTEEN HOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

SINCE I MADE A **REMARK** ABOUT THE HIDDEN
 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IT WAS A **LUCKY** KEPT
 IN MY **TRUNK** SO HARD FOR **SOME** OF
 THEM IT WAS A **REVELATION** SOME WERE
 IN **ASIAN** I SPECIALLY SINCE THE NAME OF
 THE BOOKS WERE NOT CAPITALIZED. THE
 REASON **IT** HOWEVER, STRUCK HOME TO
QUANTITY OF READERS. TO OTHERS IT WAS A
RELATION WE WANT IT TO BE **AS** MUCH
 AS **WE** CAN GET FOR MEMBERS FOR YOU. YES
 THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO
 SORT. OTHERS MAY REQUIRE **TRICKS** TO
 HELP FIND THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT IT
 IT **TAKE**S A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF
 THEM AND THERE SHALL BE **LOUD**
CONGRATULATIONS IF HE SHOULD FIND A LITTLE
READY SAYS **THE BREW** A CUP OF TEA SO SHE
 CAN CONCENTRATE **BETTER**. SEE HOW WELL
 YOU CAN **COMPLETE** BELAX NOW FOR THERE
 ARE SIXTEEN NAMES OF BOOKS OF
 THE BIBLE IN THE STORY.
 ONE MONTHLY BOOK IS BOOKS IN 20
 MINUTES BUT IT TOOK HIM 1800 WEEKS TO
 FIND THE 17TH ONE.

The following readers completed the March Bible recognition characters and were given prizes. Congratulations!

Linda Carey - Phoenix, AZ
 Ruth K. Campbell - Belle, WV
 Trish Cantore - Arlington, VA
 Marjorie Fitch - Burton, MI
 Doris K. Hall - Belle, WV
 Phyllis & Keith Tunnally - Trumbull, CT

KEENEY FAMILY

MISSOURI

There is a Keeney family burial ground in the SW part of Jackson Co., Missouri on a farm Sec 32, Twp 47 Range 33W. The farm was located both in Jackson Co. and Cass Co., but the burial ground is in Jackson Co., verified by J. R. Keeney, a grandson of Michael (Roy) Keeney and Alta, copied following inscriptions, also Thomas Keeney plus sister visited the cemetery and verified it.

Michael Keeney, d. 26 July 1849, age 60 yr

Nancy (Wiley) Keeney, d. 10 May 1859, age 60 yr.

Jonathan Keeney, son of Michael and Nancy, b. 25 June 1820, aged 60 yr

David Keeney, d. 25 May 1957, aged 25 yr. (b. 1834?)

Jacob Keeney, b. 8 March 1818, d. 25 Sept 1882

Julia Ann, wife of Jacob Keeney, b. 18 March 1818, d. 18 Feb 1863

Elizabeth Keeney, d. 4 May 1855, age 20 yr, 4 mo 6d (daughter of J. and J.A.?)

Margaret J., daughter of J. and J.A. Keeney, d. 18 April 1851, age 1 yr

Mary Keeney, daughter of J. and J.A. Keeney, b. 22 Aug. 1847, age 1 yr

Bellton, MO Cemetery

Fred Franklin Keeney, son of Richard Berry Keeney and Lou Anna Keeney, (b. 28 Jan 1896, d. 2 Feb 1943) b. 11 Nov. 1918, Pvt. 356 Ind. 89th Div.

Cappie A. Keeney, son of Wesley Keeney, S. Sgt. Co. B, 555 Ind., WWII, b. 20 Jan 1921, d. 29 Nov. 1970.

Wesley B. Keeney, 1896-1963; wife Viola Mae (Springate) Keeney, 1896-1962

Henry T. Keeney, b. 8 Aug. 1870, d. 6 Nov. 1934, wife, Annie L. Keeney, b. 9 Feb. 1861, d. 31 Dec. 1915

Eliza (Mullen?) Keeney, b. 14 Feb. 1835, d. 9 April 1918, age 83 yr.

Mary Etta Keeney? (no record at E. K. George Funeral Home), 1873-1939

Thomas Keeney, brother of Jacob and son of Michael and Nancy Wiley Keeney, 1824-1900

John Thomas Keeney, 1845-1922, wife, Emma Jane Keeney, 1850-1934



In what is termed the beginning of the chemical industry in the Kanawha Valley, the Pure Oil Company built what was called the Kanawha River & Salt Company. Excess natural gas was used in the production of salt, calcium chloride and bromine. The salt produced was of the highest grade.

The coming of World War I provided great demand for these chemicals. After the war competition forced closing of the plant. Twenty-two houses and a company grocery store had made up the salt plant community.

The complete plant personnel is pictured here in 1919 and includes these and many others:
STANDING L to R: 1-Doug Newton (super) 5-Clifford Moore 6-Traber G. Keeney 7-Harry Davidson 8-Sid Meadows 9-Harry Martin 12-Henry Paston 18-Roscoe Keeney Sr 22-George Douglass 27-Whitney Borror
KNEELING L to R: 2-James Douglass 3-Holly Tutten 5-Cal Cure 6-Clarence Bletner 10-John P. Withrow 12-Henry Keefe 16-Earl Duncan 20-William Bletner 27-Old Touring Car

Clarence J. Keeney, 1892-1956; wife, Ester Harrison Keeney. Clarence J. Keeney was son of John Thomas and Emma Jane Keeney.

Bryant Cemetery
 Mary Ann Holloway, sister of Jacob, 2nd wife of Isaac Holloway
 Elijah Keeney, brother of Jacob Keeney, d 13 June 1893, age 67 yr. 4mo 2 dy, wife, Sarah J. Keeney, d 12 March or May 1885.
 Information sent by Alta (Mrs. Claud C. Keeney), Box 104 Deepwater, Missouri 64740, dated 14 Nov. 1971, to Fern Keeney Fillman, copied by Patricia Foulke Kaufman.

The Family Tree

*I think that I shall never see
 The finish of a family tree,
 As it forever seems to grow
 From roots that started long ago
 Way back in ancient times,
 In foreign lands and distant climes,
 From them grew trunk and branching limb,
 That dated back to times so dim.*

*One seldom knows exactly when,
 The parents met and married then;
 Nor when the twigs began to grow
 With odd-named children row on row,
 Though verse like this is made by me,
 The end's in sight as you can see,
 'Tis not the same with family trees
 That grow and grow through centuries.*

Tangling the Branches of a Family Tree

"Proof that a man can be his own grandfather. There was a widow and her daughter-in-law and a man and his son. The widow married the son, and the daughter the old man. The widow was therefore mother to her husband's father; consequently, grandmother to her own husband. They had a son, to whom she was great-grandmother. Now, as the son of a great-grandmother; must be either a grandfather or a great-uncle, this boy was therefore his own grandfather."

—[Alexandria] *Louisiana Herald*, 4 May 1872

OBITUARIES

Mabel Meadows Compton

Mabel Meadows Compton, 92 at Charleston died April 13, 1966, in Memorial Division, CoMC, after a short illness. She was a housemaker and a loving member of Kanawha County. Surviving daughters, Beulah Lillian Bledsoe of Cross Lanes, Judy Langston of Brentwood, Tenn., 2002, 3rd Complex of Charleston, Richard Keeney of Mount Pleasant, Ill., sister, Marie White of Windsor, one grandchild, one great-grandchild. Service will be noon Thursday at 11:00 at Byrne Funeral Home, Belle Harlan, W.V. by Dr. Montgomery Mennons, Park Landon Friends may call one hour prior to service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Alice Hospice, Charleston.

Beulah Mae B. Keeney

Beulah Mae Belcher Keeney, 96, of Glasgow died March 20, 1969 in Glen Easton, CoMC, after a long illness. She was a former resident of Campbells Creek. Surviving sister, Kullbert; Eyles of Charleston, several nieces and nephews.

SOUTH CAROLINA

JACK STANLEY b. 17 Oct 1928 d. 27 Aug 1998 Charleston SC; son of Jennings & Juliet Keeney Stanley, grandparents: Traber & Chloe Young Keeney

HISTORIC HOMES in Mount Hope, Fayette County, belonged to Phillip M. Snyder (1869-1956), grandson of William Brawley & Frances Keeney, oldest daughter of Moses & Frances Harris Keeney. Another home was the property of Frank T. Graff & wife, James Snyder, daughter and son-in-law of the Snyders. Phillip M. Snyder formed the Long Branch Coal Co. in 1912 and organized the Bank of Mount Hope, serving as its' president for 54 years.

Historic homes of Fayette County

WEST VIRGINIA

Since the 1870's coal and Fayette County have gone together. Many, if not most, of our towns began from coal company efforts to house the enormous number of miners attracted to the area by jobs in the early mines. However not only the miners but the many of mine owners and other successful businessmen chose to make their homes in these towns.

During the early 1900's, enormous fortunes were being made in Fayette County, both by residents and new arrivals. Many of these men built homes for their families that were virtual mansions compared to the residences of the miners. Today these homes remain as silent evidence of the days when Coal was King and its Princes reigned supreme in Fayette County.

One perfect example of this is the town of Mount Hope. To anyone attending to write about history, the town of Mount Hope is a challenge because there is so much that needs to be said. Mount Hope can trace its beginnings as early as 1805 when William Blake arrived from Scotland and purchased a tract of over 17,000 acres at a cost of three cents an acre.

Throughout the 1800's the settlement grew slowly. Around 1850 William Blake established an inn on his property which became the stopping place for important people who traveled through the area. The original contracts for the building of the Giles, Fayette, and Kanawha Turnpike were signed at the Blake Inn. Two separate committees met there to discuss the formation of Fayette County.

The town of Mount Hope really began to grow following the completion of the Loop Creek branch of the C&O Railway in 1892. In 1894 James Manikin and his son, Ward, established a

store in the town and another was established in 1895 by P.M. Syner.

By 1910, the town had become as center for the mining industry but on March 24, 1910 it suffered a blow that few believed it would be able to overcome. A fire spread through the Main Street area, destroying over forty business establishments and 150 homes. The loss was estimated at five hundred thousand dollars which was an awesome amount in 1910.

Residents of the town seemed to recover from the tragedy within weeks. Within two years every business place had been replaced by a bigger and better building. Over one million dollars was invested to rebuild the town of Mount Hope. It was its rapid recovery from the fire of 1910 that earned Mount Hope the nickname "The Phoenix City".

By 1921, Mount Hope had grown to the point where it was eligible for a city charter. Its population of over 2500 residents was the second largest municipality in the county.

Throughout the 1920's, the town grew by leaps and bounds. Its success came about to a large degree because it had been chosen as the site for more than 21 coal company offices including the New River Company which the largest coal producing firm in southern West Virginia.

Many of these coal operators and other successful business men chose to build homes near their offices in the town. Even today most people who live through Mount Hope look at these homes and wonder about the men who lived there. It would take a full length book to relate the history of all the impressive homes in the town so I am able to highlight only a few.

One of the oldest and most striking residences in the town is the Graff House across from the Mount Hope Grade School. It is

one of the low Main Street homes which escaped the fire of 1910. The house was originally a frame structure which was built for a local businessman named Frank Smith. It was first constructed on Main Street by D.C. Snyder and Sons in 1925, it was purchased by Edward Graff who served as President of New River Company.

Until 1926, the house was located on the present site of the Baptist Temple. When the construction of the Baptist Temple was proposed, the Graff house was torn down an rebuilt at the present site. The inside of the house included 11 rooms and a curving staircase of carved wood.

Edward Graff made an unusual alteration to his home. He had the original frame structure completely covered with stone. Its stone turret and fence make it seem a fitting castle for one of King Coal's Princes.

Another home in Mount Hope which seems to capture the eye as well as the imagination of those who see it is known as the Garrett house. The two story brick home on Main Street was constructed for J.E. Garrett, who served as mayor of the town as early as 1911. The house was built around 1890 and served as home for J.E. Garrett and later for his son Pat who also served as the town mayor. It stands exactly on the same site which held the Blake Inn during the 1880's. The four enormous pillars at the front of the house give it a commanding and impressive look.

In its formative years, one of the most prominent men in Mount Hope was P.M. Synder who formed the C&B Coal Company. The Snyder's home to Mount Hope as early as 1895 when they established one of the town's first businesses. When their first home was destroyed by the fire of 1910, they decided to rebuild on the same site which is now discernably across from the YMCA building.

In 1911, P.M. Synder was president of the Synder Construction Company and was able to supervise the construction of his own home closely. The present structure is a two story building of red brick. Many of the homes constructed following the fire were built of brick because it was considered to be fire proof.

The Synder home included 11 rooms, three bathrooms and a full attic and basement. One unique feature of the home is that it has its own elevator to the

"Until a man is struck in his own face he does not want to believe the attack on his brother concerns him."

These Poems in "Mile AF" by Lora Ellis

I am revising and updating the genealogy of the MICHAEL KEENEY-CATHERINE LEWIS family, mostly from Ohio, WV and Iowa and may devote the September 99 issue to this family, which includes the Montgomerys & McRoberts families. This would likely triple the pages and double printing costs and postage.

R. Keeney

Grand Reunion
Keeney Homestead
10347 Dixie -
Eric, MI
July 3, 1999

75th Reunion of descendants of Salomon Keeney
Contact: Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Finch
2788 S. Fern St.
Burton, Michigan 48519-1071

second story which still works. The house is now the residence of the granddaughter of P.M. Synder and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Gwinn.

Next door to the Synder house is the residence of Mrs. Frank Graff. Mrs. Graff, daughter of P.M. Synder, had her home built next to her parents in 1929. The design of the home was actually her second choice because the first plans that she chose turned out to be too big for the lot. She fell in love with the present design when she saw it featured on a calendar. Determine that this was the home she wanted she contacted the calendar company which agree to sell her the plans. She later had the front porch of the home enclosed with windows.

Although the house has eleven rooms the most unusual one lies underneath the house. During the 1960's, Frank Graff was in charge of Civil Defense in the area. In 1965, he constructed his own bomb shelter underneath his home.

Annis-Keeney

Glen and Carol Annis of Smithfield, Va announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, of Smyrna, Ga. to William Keeney of Smyrna, Ga. son of Richard and Bridget Keeney of Salem, Va.

The bride-elect, a 1986 graduate of Kennesaw High School, a 1990 graduate of Mary Washington College, and a 1993 graduate of Norfolk State University, is employed by Georgia State College of Regulatory Services. Her fiancé, a 1986 graduate of North Carolina School and a 1989 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College is pursuing a Master's of Health Care and Policy Administration at Mercer University. A November wedding is planned.



ENGAGEMENTS

William Keeney descends from the Robert H./Julia Polley Keeney family of Ovaspe, Kansas via Edward M. (b.1860) & Charles Robertson Keeney of Roanoke Va.

Charles Perry Keeney, Sr.

Charles Perry Keeney, youngest son of Jonathan Anthony Keeney and Polly McGlothen, shows the history of the Keeneys in his life statistics. Born in Tennessee in 1807, married in Indiana in 1826, he died in Iowa in 1875. Like his father and grandfather, he was a preacher and a farmer, but he was also a brick mason. His son, John Marion Keeney wrote "... my father, Charles Perry Keeney, ... lived on a farm near Crawfordsville, Indiana until 1846. ... [he] was one of the first settlers of Polk County, Iowa, and built the first mill in that county. He moved there from Crawfordsville, Indiana in 1846 and underwent all the privations and hardships of a pioneer life." In 1850, Charles' parents, Jonathan Anthony Keeney and Polly (Beck) Keeney, were living with Charles and his wife, Mary Beck. This was shortly before the death of Jonathan Anthony.

Charles Perry Keeney, Sr.



Charles Perry Keeney and Mary Beck Keeney had thirteen children, born between 1827 and 1851. 10 of them born while Charles and Mary were living in Indiana. They moved to Iowa in 1846 with his parents, and the last three of their children were born in Iowa. A cousin of Frank Keeney Gould wrote that she remembered Charles and Mary very well. "They were both friendly and kind, and exemplary people. They lived in a brick house in Avon that they built themselves, and later in another brick house in Des Moines, near the river."

March 27, 1853, Charles wrote to his cousin Josiah Beck in Indiana: "... It has been a long winter, cold and dry. The Des Moines River is rising fast from snow at the head. Improved land is selling for \$5 to \$10, all taken up that is worth having. ... John D. McGlothen and family is all well but Jackson he got his leg broke about two week ago. Charity has got a fine son. ... Like to see you but have the care of a large family. ... but then all of our troubles and affliction in this world we feel to thank the Lord that he has spared us and Polly has got to be stout and healthy and that we have got thirteen children and all living eight of them has joined the Baptist Church. ... - Rita Lanceford



Mary Beck Keeney

CHARLES PERRY KEENEY, son of Rev. Jonathan Anthony Keeney

Charles Perry Keeney was probably responsible for the settlement of the Keeney family in Iowa. He founded the town of Avon, persuaded most of his brothers and sisters to follow him and thus fulfilled his father's wishes that the family not be separated. All of Rev. Jonathan Anthony Keeney's children came to Iowa except for John Hiram, the eldest, and Peter Mitchell Keeney, the youngest son. Both remained in Indiana. Charles was influential in establishing churches and schools in the area. Many family members and friends were found to be living with him and his cordial wife, Mary "Polly" Beck, at various times. He built up a large holding of land, including the area which is now Ewing Park in Des Moines. His home was open to many who needed help. J. D. McGlothen, the nephew of his mother, Mary McGlothen, was listed as living in their home for a time. Many relatives and friends who needed assistance of some sort were always welcomed in their home. He encouraged and assisted his sons to go to college, and seek careers. Frank studied telegraphy in Des Moines, studied mathematics, Greek and Latin under a tutor in Des Moines preparing for entrance exams, then attended college on the east coast. He later entered into a real estate partnership in Chicago. Eventually all four of the younger brothers were in Chicago.

Charles Perry Keeney evidently lost much of his land and financial security before his death on March 22, 1875. His wife, Mary "Polly" Beck was with her daughters, Mrs. E. H. Faulkner and Mrs. J. M. Hayes in Wa-Keeney, Kansas at the time of her death. She is buried beside her husband in the Avon Cemetery, Avon, Polk Co., Iowa.

An account from A History of Polk County, Iowa, Containing a History of the County, Its Towns, Etc., Des Moines, Union Historical Co. Birdsall, Williams & Co., 1880, p. 611.

"A United Brethren Church was organized in the south part of the county in the Krysner neighborhood in 1858. Rev. C. B. Jones was the pioneer preacher of this denomination in Polk County."

The Keeney's were members of this church. Charles Perry Keeney represented the United Brethren Church at the founding of the Baptist Church in Carlisle. - Patricia Kaufman



Charles Keeney's
home in
Wa-Keeney



"Glennia",
home of the Keeneys
on Spring Bayou
in Tarpon Springs

Laws of Genealogy

Child:	Sarah Catherine Keeney
Source:	(1) 1876 Census, Phelps Co., MO. (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO
Born:	07 May 1872
Relationship with Father:	Phelps Co., MO
Relationship with Mother:	Gideon Keeney - Natural Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Child:	Francis Marion Keeney
Source:	(1) 1876 Census, Phelps Co., MO. (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO. (3) Family Records of Alberta Keeney Ballouk, St. James, MO (4) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm"
Born:	18 February, 1874
in:	Phelps Co., MO
Died:	18 September 1967
Relationship with Father:	Judge Springs, Phelps Co., MO
Relationship with Mother:	Gideon Keeney - Natural Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Note:	Have photos of Francis in hugs, Alberta Ballouk, St. James, MO has original
Funeral:	Rosch Cemetery, 2004111, MO
Child:	James William Keeney
Source:	(1) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Listed as James W. (2) 1900 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Township, Listed in the household of his brother, Abner Martin Keeney & family. Name appears as James W. farm laborer. (3) 1910 Census, Phelps Co., MO, #210-213, Spring Creek Township, James listed as laborer, working for wages, renting home, could not read or write. Date Census taken, 14 May, 1910. Microfilm #261, T624-797, 2, Sheet 11 B, En. Dist. 72, Supper's Dist. 14, McDonald, Madison, Maries & Phelps Co., MO (4) 1920 Census, Phelps Co., MO, #144-144, Spring Creek Township, #141, Elen Springs, living next door to the James Tamm family. Date Census taken, 21 January, 1920. Microfilm #332, 1925-941, 5-3, Phelps, Scotland, Pike & Ray Co., MO, En. Dist. 79, Supervisor's Dist. 14, Sheet 8, Line 51 (5) Family knowledge (6) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm," From Phelps Co., MO, Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 7, No. 1, Jan. 1991, Page 14, (J. J. Watts Papers, Page 8, transcription)
Born:	22 Mar. 1877
in:	Phelps Co., MO
Died:	17 October 1929
in:	Phelps Co., MO
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Note:	Have photo of James with his wife & son Melvin
Note:	Have copy of marriage certificate
Funeral:	Herulah Cemetery, Phelps Co., MO
Source:	(1) Phelps Co., MO Cemetery Records (2) Photo of Tombstone
Note:	A team of horses ran away with James and he died a few days later.
Note:	Direct line of Douce Ketchum Bond, compiler of this genealogy record
Child:	John Samuel Keeney
Source:	(1) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm" Reprinted in The Phelps County, MO, Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 9, No. 1, January, 1993, Page 40, #254 (2) 1880 Census, Phelps Co., MO (3) 1900 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Twp. Listed in the household of his brother, Abner Martin Keeney & family.
Born:	14 1910 Census, Phelps Co., MO, #53-53, Spring Creek Township, living next door to brothers Abner M. and Daniel M. Keeney & families. Also living in this household was John's father in law, George Thornhill.
in:	04 January 1882
in:	Phelps Co., MO
Died:	23 January 1947
in:	St. Helens, Columbia Co., OR
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Note:	Have photo of John Samuel, Alberta Ballouk, St. James, MO has original
Child:	Richard Gilbricht Keeney
Source:	(1) Rev. J. J. Watts, "J. J. Watts Papers, Western Manuscript Collection, URM - Microfilm" (2) 1920 Census, Phelps Co., MO, Spring Creek Township
Born:	01 May 1882
in:	Phelps Co., MO
in:	Phelps Co., MO
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural
Child:	George Washington Keeney
Born:	12 June 1885
in:	Polaski Co., MO
Died:	26 February 1888
in:	Pines, Phelps Co., MO
Relationship with Father:	Gideon Keeney - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary A. Cordel - Natural

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Your great-great-grandfather's obituary states that he died having no issue of record.

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PATRONS

Since the March issue of KEENEY UPDATE funds have come in for another paper, but almost everyone seems to be holding tight their writings, clippings, histories and pictures. Only one person sent material to be published.

So, as we learned in journalism class, we've had to rely on the "morgue", the file of things written but not published in the past.

PLEASE contribute news... obituaries... clippings... pictures... anything with the family name. You'll have valuables returned.

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