

# Missing mother search ongoing

## Metheny's family starts Web site

Three months have passed since Belle resident Melanie Metheny, a mother of three, vanished.

This week, her family members launched a Web site, [www.findmelanie.com](http://www.findmelanie.com), and increased their reward to \$5,000 in hopes of finding her.

"Somebody somewhere has to know something," said her grandmother, Sandra Winnings. "You try to be optimistic, but it's been three months. It's been 13 weeks."

Metheny's oldest child is 4 years old. None are old enough to understand the situation.

"What can you tell them? What can you say?" Winnings said. "They don't understand time, thank God. The one says, 'Mommy's going to come and get me when she finds her keys.'"

Kanawha County deputies said tips are coming in slowly.

"We're just following up on every lead that we can," Detec-

tive R.A. Lane said. "But nothing new has been brought up."

Police and family members still have no idea why or how Metheny disappeared.

Winnings said family members have blanketed the area with reward and missing-person posters.

The family has visited churches and asked the congregations for help. "There are lots of them praying for her," Winnings said.

Metheny, 21, was last seen July 19 by her boyfriend, Jared Davis, with whom she sometimes stayed in Campbells Creek. Her family and friends got worried that night, after she failed to pick up her children from Country Kids Daycare in Belle.

A few days later, her gold minivan was found parked at the corner of Wyoming Street and Beuhring Avenue on Charles ton's West Side.

Metheny is white, 5 feet 3 inches tall, about 100 pounds, with long strawberry-blond hair and brown eyes. She wants to be a nurse and was taking classes to prepare herself for college-entrance exams.

Anyone with information about Metheny can call the sheriff's department at 357-0169.



# Keeney Update

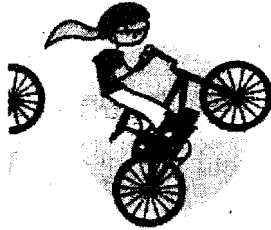
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Melanie Metheny a granddaughter of Helen Pauline (Bennie) Keeney and James Thomas Metheny great granddaughter of McDonald & Mamie Stanley Keeney of Kanawha County WV

## 1850 Census of County, MO

Hancks	Thomas	45	M	F
REMARKS:	"Hanks" m. 12 Mar 1831 Pittsylv			
Hancks	Catherine	15	F	
Hancks	Jabez	13	M	
Keeney	Hardy	49	M	F
REMARKS:	m. 2nd 25 May 1860 Kansas Terr			
Keeney	Julia Ann	45	F	
REMARKS:	Dau Sylvester Pattie/Polly Hubb			
Keeney	Oliver H. P.	24	M	
Keeney	Susan	19	F	
Keeney	Matilda	14	F	
Keeney	Sylvester P.	21	M	F
REMARKS:	m. 18 Jan 1848, Osage Co MO to			



### ONLY A TRUE WEST VIRGINIAN

Only a true West Virginian knows the difference between a hissie fit and a conniption, and that you don't HAVE them, you PITCH them. Only a true West Virginian knows how many fish, greasy greens, turnip greens, peas, biscuits, ramps, beans, etc. make up "a mess."

Only a true West Virginian can show or point out to you the general direction of "yonder." Only a true West Virginian knows exactly how long "dreckly" is, as in "Gone to town, be back dreckly."

Even true West Virginian babies know that "Gimme me some sugar" is NOT a request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl on the middle of the table. All true West Virginians know exactly when "by and by" is. They might not use the term, but they know the concept well.

Only a true West Virginian knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who has trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. (If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana puddin'.)

Only true West Virginians grow up knowing the difference between "right-near" and "a fir piece." They also know that "just down the road" can be one mile or twenty. Only a true West Virginian knows and understands the difference between a redneck, a good ol' boy, and po' white trash.

No true West Virginian would ever assume that the car with the flashing turn-signal is actually going to turn. A true West Virginian knows that "fixin'" can be used as a noun, a verb or an adverb. Only a true West Virginian knows that the word "booger" can be a resident of the nose, a descriptive, as in "that ol' booger," or something that jumps out at you in the dark and scares you senseless.

Only true West Virginians make friends while standing in lines. We don't do "queues," we do "lines", and when we're "in line," we talk to everybody! Put 100 true West Virginians in a room and half of them will discover they're related, even if only by marriage. A true West Virginian never refers to one person as "Y'all."

True West Virginians know grits come from corn and how to eat them. Every true West Virginian knows that tomatoes with eggs, bacon, grits and coffee are perfectly wonderful, that redeye gravy is also a breakfast food and that fried green tomatoes are not a breakfast food.

True West Virginians know the meaning of the term, "How's yer mom en nem?" When you hear someone say, "Well, I caught myself lookin'," you know you are in the presence of a jen-u-wine West Virginian! True West Virginians say "sweet tea" and "sweet milk". Sweet tea indicates the need for sugar and lots of it - we do not like our tea unsweetened. "Sweet milk" means that you don't want buttermilk.

And a true West Virginian knows you don't scream obscenities at little old ladies who drive 30 MPH on the four-lane. You just say, "Bless her heart," and go your own way.

## MEET THOMAS LESLIE KEENEY OF ALABAMA

Thanks to the Internet I have come to know Tom Keeney, of Madison, Alabama; I wish it had been years earlier because he has led a fascinating life. His address is 124 Montrose Drive, Madison AL 35758. His military career, vast travels, and large family reflect an exciting life.

Tom has connections with the WV Keeney fam-

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Roscoe,

I am planning a trip to West Virginia at the end of October. I would like to visit a court house or two and I am trying to figure out where I should spend my time. I am descended from Peter Keeney through his son Moses and I know that Peter came from the Greenbrier region. A while back I sent you a copy of an account of the Muddy Creek Massacre that was furnished to me by my son-in-law, Mark See. My understand is that there weren't any Keeneys in the area at that time but that when the See and Yoakum families returned to the area after the French and Indian War, John and his son Peter were with them. After that, my timing gets a bit vague. I read somewhere that John Keeney built a fort on Muddy Creek. I assume that was between the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. I don't know if the John Keeney that built the fort was the same John Keeney (Peter's father) that accompanied the See and Yoakum families or if it was some other relation, perhaps a son (Peter's brother?). I get the impression that the John Keeney who built the fort might also be the John Keeney who served in the Revolution.

Penumbra is also interesting. People who knew him said that he was a hard man. He lived much of his life in the American West and must have been a real character. I have two photos of him and a copy of his marriage license. I am aware that there was another Penumbra in the family. He was born after my ancestor and died when he was eleven. I have looked in the Pulaski County courthouse and I cannot find any land transactions involving Penumbra or his wife. It looks like they left for Colorado soon after their marriage. Peter's land had been divided among various descendants many times and there is some evidence that his father was not a very good business man. I wonder if there was anything left for him in Kentucky.

Here is my link back to Peter

Peter Keeney (1740 - ? ) & Ann Yoakum (1744/45 - 1810)

Moses Keeney (About 1770 - 5 Dec 1846) & Catherine Pence (About 1710 - 1835)

Henry W. Keeney Sr. (About 1798 - 1879) & Elizabeth Jane Waddle (1801 - 1874)

Thomas Keeney (9 Jan 1830 - 1 Mar 1915) & Lucy Harriet Ellen Catherine Gragg (16 Mar 1837 - 11 Feb 1862)

Penumbra Keeney (25 Jan 1856 - 26 Jul 1925) & Esther Thompson Coffey (31 Dec 1858 - 10 May 1904)

Thomas Jefferson Keeney (16 Apr 1879 - 5 Mar 1961) & Loretta Elizabeth Shafer (Schaffer) (25 Aug 1879 - 2 May 1971)

Thomas Leslie Keeney (11 Mar 1914 - 4 Mar 1986) & Margaret Cissel (7 Jul 1907 - 24 Mar 2002)

Thomas LeRoy Keeney (15 Aug 1941 - )

ily through Peter Keeney, oldest of the family of John Keeney, first Keeney settler in Greenbrier Co VA/WV. He's a member of the Moses Keeney/Catherine Pence family of Paducah, Kentucky. His parents were Thomas Jefferson Keeney 1879-1961 and Loretta Elizabeth Shafer 1879-1971.

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As I pen this LAST issue of UPDATE I do so with thanks to the many cousins and family kin, most of whom I've never met; yet I trust that we will meet again—and can share our dreams forever.

This is not an obituary; a higher power will determine the final chapter. As of now I'm awaiting a call to schedule surgery for a 90% blockage of the carotid arteries. The danger of a stroke is imminent if the blockage isn't corrected.

I've become well acquainted with gifted health personnel these past weeks and not a few have given hopeful signs for a lease on life beyond surgery.

Thanks for staying with the KEENEY UPDATE since 1983. Dan Keeney of California has all the issues and has a fabulous set-up for continuing publication in a more professional way. Keep us with his publications and contribute news and family history bits of continued interest.

### PHILIPPIANS 4

Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. —1 Corinthians 13.

*Smile,  
God Loves  
YOU*

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## KEENEY FAMILY OBITUARIES

KEENEY FAMILY OBITUARIES cover relatives from many states, although most have family lines back to West Virginia. LESTER KEENEY comes from the John C Keene family of Ohio and Kentucky; JANET SUE KEENEY was a daughter of Dewey L & Shirley Ann Skeens Keene of Boone Co WV; the BONHAM brothers were sons of Robert Bonham and Annie Keene Bonham d/o Traber G & Chloe Young Keene of Witcher WV; Emma (Frankie) Keene Harmon was a granddaughter of John S & Hannah Frazee Keene.

### Lester Keene

NOV. 2, 1915 - AUG. 4, 2006

DELAND - Lester E. Keene, 90, of North Hill Avenue, who retired after 17 years as a tool and die maker for General Motors, died Friday at home.

Mr. Keene was born in Wolf Pen, Ky., and moved to this area in 1981 from Fairborn, Ohio. He was in the Civilian Conservation Corp right out of high school and then worked for the Portsmouth Steel Mill in New Boston, Ohio. He also studied at home to be a tool and die maker. Mr. Keene then worked for the Henrite Corp during World War II and the Chrysler Corp. before retiring at General Motors. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. A political activist and union member, he enjoyed traveling and was a genealogy and Civil War enthusiast.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Marjorie; a son, James, Englewood, Ohio; four daughters, Carmen Lyons, Perry, Ga., Marinell Teasley, Canton, Ga., Barbara Slape, Cookeville, Tenn., and Beth Milling, Merrimack, N.H.; a brother, George, Abilene, Texas; a sister, Dorothy Dreaden, Chatsworth, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 650 E. Michigan Ave., DeLand, FL 32724. Lankford, DeLand, is in charge.

### Janet Sue Keene

Janet Sue Keene, 71, of Kirby passed away Sept. 14, 2006, at her home after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Herbert and Liza Tincher.

Janet will be sadly missed by her husband of 54 years, Jim Keene. She was the loving mother of Lanny and Glenda Keene of Littlefield, Texas, Robert and Brenda Keene of Bloomingrose, Ronnie and Darla Keene of Fritch, Texas, Terry and Ananda Keene of Kirby and Mandi Keene of New Braunfels, Texas. She was Maw-Maw to nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Service will be noon Monday, Sept. 18, at Toney's Branch Chapel with Pastor Greg Hensley officiating. She will be laid to rest in Pineview Cemetery, Orgas.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Toney's Branch Chapel.

### James "Jim" Bonham

Heaven's choir has a new member, James "Jim" Bonham. Jim joined the choir March 9, 2006, at 11:03 a.m. surrounded by family and friends.



Jim was born in Witcher, W.Va., on May 7, 1939. He served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1964 and was stationed in Germany during the Berlin crisis. Jim was retired from Union Carbide with 30 years of service. He was employed by the Jackson County Board of Education for the past 13 years. He and his wife, Claudette, also owned Ripley Florist, where he was known as "The Mulch Man."

He was a member of the Mill Creek Baptist Church in Frozen Camp, W.Va. There he served as a trustee and a former Sunday school superintendent and was a member of the choir. He was involved with the Jackson County Junior Fair for many years as the head on concession stands. He had also served as president of the Frozen Camp Young Farmers.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents, Robert and Annie Bonham; sister, Annalee Bosworth; and brothers, Gatewood, Ralph, Paul, and Darrell.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Claudette White Bonham; daughter, Cindy Bonham of Charlotte, N.C.; brothers, Curtis and Alice Bonham of Belle, and Victor and Jewell Bonham of Diamond; mother-in-law, Florence White; special sisters-in-law, Ruth Bonham of Belle, Leola Bonham of Rand; and a large number of special nieces and nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. He also left behind more friends than he could ever imagine.

Funeral service will be Monday, March 13, at 1 p.m. at the Mill Creek Baptist Church in Frozen Camp, with the Rev. Bob Keen officiating. Burial will be in the Witcher Cemetery, Witcher. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at Mill Creek.



Emma Frances Keene Harmon, wife the late Wirt B Harmon, and daughter of Flem Davis & Ida Meadows Keene, of Witcher, died in Paris, Tennessee, on July 14. She was a sister of Lillian Keene Douglass, Mary Etta Thom, Flem (Brother) Keene, and the Rev LeRoy M Keene.

### Curtis B. Bonham

Curtis B. Bonham, 80, of Witcher died Oct. 23, 2006, after a short illness at CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston, with his family at his side.



Kanawha County.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Stanley Bonham, one sister, five brothers, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Bonham; son, Michael Bonham of Columbia, S.C.; daughters, Sandra McLaughlin and JoAnne Risher, both of Belle, and Kim Taylor of Scott Depot; a brother, Victor Bonham of Diamond; stepsons, Steven Pete of Poca and Scott Pete of Sissonville; nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Witcher Baptist Church, Belle, with the Rev. Bernard Toppings and Pastor Mary Ann Lively officiating. Burial will follow in Witcher Cemetery.

### Emma F. Harmon

Emma Frances Harmon, 89, of Paris died Friday, July 14, 2006, at Henry County Healthcare Center.

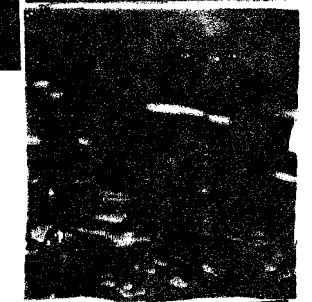
A private service for the family is planned at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis, according to her daughter, Mary Jane (Adrian) Bowlin of Paris. Entombment will follow in Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Born April 20, 1917, in Charleston, W.Va., she was a daughter of F.D. and Ida May Meadows Keene, both deceased.

She was the widow of Wirt Harmon, who died July 17, 1992.

Mrs. Harmon was a homemaker and a member of Le Belle Haven Baptist Church in Memphis.

She also leaves one son: Tom (Debra) Harmon of Houston; five grandchildren: Lisa (Herbert) Wright of Memphis, Lee-Ann (Robert) Wheat of Paris, Laura (Glen) Witham of Hickory Withe, Tom (Donna) Bowlin of Olive Branch, Miss., and Jason Harmon of Houston; five great-grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters.



God Bless You

## PIONEER KEENEY FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA &amp; TENNESSEE

ISAAC KEENEY s/o Joseph? John? Born 1790 NC

. Betty Hatton b.1790 NC, age 60 with Lowe family in 1850

I. NANCY CATHERINE b.1806 m. Robert Jeffers (b.1803) 7-22-1830

II. HARMON KENNEY b.1810 NC, 4-30-1880 McDonald Co MO

.Nancy Price b.1811 I

n NC, m.17 Oct 1833 TN; age 60 in 1870 MO census

1. Mary A b.1837 TN

2. James P Kenney b.12-20-1838 in Greene Co; prosperous farmer in McD Co MO for 30 years; Co B, 8<sup>th</sup> TN Vol Inf; several key battles; Pineville MO 1880 m. Elizabeth W Brotherton (b.1841) on 18 Dec 1857

3. Sarah J m. Henry Prater; C-Melvin, Josephine, George, Msude, James

3.ohn P b.1865

3. James H b,1867

3. George F b.1870

(First 4 b.TN; others MO

3. William M b.8-1873

3. Cynthia C b,9-1876

3. Mary A b.1-1873

3. Martha b.11-1881

3. Olivia A Kenney b.26 Aug 1852, d.9 Jun 1918 at Newton MO; Weems Cem.

m.Martin Alexander Weems

3. Phidellah V Weems 1877-1911

3. George Weems 1880-1881

3. Don Milton Weems 1882-1953

3. Edith L Weems 1885-1905

3. Martin P Weems 1890-1957

3. Nancy C Kenney b.5 Jan 1856(Nannie) m. Walter J Thornburg 1855-1912

2. ALSTON KEENEY B.26 Aug 1820 TN, d.3 Jan 1901 Newton CO MO

M. Orlena Carter 1829-1905, m. in 1848 Greene Co TN

3. James F Kenney b.1849 Newton MO m. Josephine

3. Eliza Kenney b.1851

3. Olivia Kenney 1852-1918

3. John W Kenney b.1853 McDonald Co MO m. Mary F (b.12-1861)

4. Etta .1-1881 MO

4. Horace C b.7-1883 w-Augusta; C-Carl H 1917, Theodire 1919, Amy 1927

4. Ray b.7-1886

4. Ira O b.7-1889

4. Alston b.8-1894 m.Erika (b.1894)

5. Katherine b.1816

5. Lucille b.1920

5. Medford b.11111925, d.2003 at Eagle rock, Barry Co MO

5. John b.1896 MO

3. MARY C KENNEY b.1857 McDonald Co MO

3. MINERVA E KENNEY b.1859 m. Ezekiel Price 1863-1931 MO  
Ten children, born in Texas

3. WILLIAM L KENNEY 1867-1954 w-Nancy

4. Vivian A b.1891

4 Curtis B 1897-1973 Ventura CA

4 Hubert 1895 at Fresno

4. Lafayette b.1902 MO

4. John V b904 MO

4. Harmon W b.1905 MO

4 Erma A b.1907

4. Claude b.1909

3. THOMAS KENNEY b.1869 McDionald Co MO w-Katie

4. Bernice C b.1907

4. Bemryl C b.1908

4. Doris C b.1910

4. Patricia C b.1912

3. Vina E b.10-1885

## A. Traber Gatewood, pioneer McCook dentist, keeper of the secret

Family line: Traber Gatewood b.1898, Theresa Gatewood Cozad 1838-1923, Robert Burke Gatewood 1807-1884 & Julia Ann Jones, Theresa Gatewood 1838-1923f Malden WV & James J Cozad, RANSOM GABRIEL GATEWOOD 1772-1843, ELIZABETH ANN GATEWOOD 1811-1882 & MICHAEL R KEENEY 1804-1875, MOSES KEENEY 1766-1840

In 1873, 21 year old Traber Gatewood accompanied his brother-in-law, John T. Cozad to Nebraska. Cozad was a professional gambler, a familiar figure in the gambling halls of Cincinnati, Chicago, Omaha, San Francisco -- all the stops on the Union Pacific Railroad.

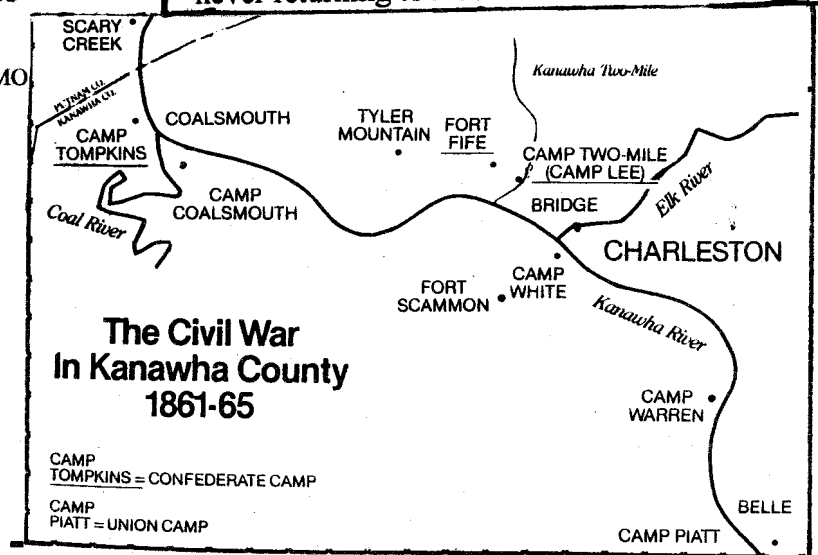
In 1884, Dr. Traber Gatewood married Deborah Francis Burgess at her home in Lebanon, Neb.

For a time the couple resided in Arapahoe. In 1908 they moved to McCook, where Dr. Gatewood operated a dental practice, until his retirement in 1927. It was in McCook where the seven Gatewood children were reared and educated.

John Cozad's brother-in-law, Dr. Traber Gatewood, of McCook, friend of William Jennings Bryant and staunch Democrat, died in 1928. He is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook.

After hastily leaving Cozad, John J. Cozad made his way to Atlantic City, N.J., where he assumed a new identity as Richard H. Lee. It was said that after leaving Cozad he never gambled again.

After her husband's death Mrs. (Cozad) Lee moved to New York City to be near her famous artist son. She died there in 1923, never returning to Nebraska.



◇ Keeney, Roscoe C. - See entries below; some of his publications include information about lines of Thomas of England, Henry of MA, etc.

Keeney, Roscoe C. [b. 1922]. **2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES A Genealogical Record of Keeney Origins in America, With Special Attention to Those Who Came into West Virginia.** Parsons, W. Va. : McClain Printing Co. (1978). 140p.

Family History Library Catalog (LDS); entry states: "*Keeney families lived in England and Scotland before immigrating to America from Ireland. William Kinie/Keeney/Keney/Kinney lived in Massachusetts as early as 1633. Stires Jade Keeney (1813-ca. 1860) was the son of Moses and Frances Harris Keeney who married in 1789. Descendants and relatives lived in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kansas, Iowa and elsewhere.*" Also described by Daniell Keeney (link below under *Keeney Update*) as family of "*Moses Keeney (son of John, original Keeney settler in VA/WV) . . . from 1750.*"

Keeney, Roscoe C. **435 MORE KEENEY RELATIVES, FRANCES KEENEY BRAWLEY FAMILY.** Supplement #1 to: 2,597 Keeney Relatives Parsons, W. Va. : McClain Printing Co., (1981) 27p. Family History Library Catalog (LDS); entry states: "*Frances Keeney (1790-1879) was the daughter of Moses and Frances Harris Keeney. She married William S. Brawley about 1811 and they moved to Kanawha County, West Virginia. After his death in 1839, she lived with their daughter, Emeline Brawley Snyder. Descendants of their eight children lived also in Kansas, Indiana, Iowa and elsewhere.*"

• Keeney, Roscoe C. *Keeney Update.* Cedar Grove, W. Va. Semiannual updates; Vol. 1 (1983). Family History Library Catalog (LDS); entry states: "*Includes information on the various American branches of the Keeney family, genealogical tables, personal biographies and other information.*" Some of the volumes are at Daniell Keeney's website.

3. **AGNES KEENEY (WILLIAM2, WILLIAM1)** was born 1640 in New London, New London, Connecticut, and died April 05, 1725 in Colchester, New London Co., Connecticut. She married **SAMUEL BEEBE** 1660 in New London, New London, Connecticut, son of **JOHN BEEBE** and **REBECCA LADD**. He was born Abt. 1633; in Broughton, Northamptonshire, England, and died April 06, 1712 in Plum Island, Long Island, Connecticut.

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Patrick Keeney  
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My line goes from PETER b.1740 in VA (m. Ann Yoakum

abt. 1762) d. Unk; MOSES b. abt 1770 in KY (m. Catherine Pence, 13 Dec 1792--first of 2 marriages for Moses) d. 5 Dec 1846 in KY; HENRY W.,SR. b. abt 1798 in KY (m. Elizabeth Jane Waddle, 30 Jan 1819) d. 1879 in KY; THOMAS JEFFERSON b. Jan 1829/30/1 in KY (m. Harriet E. K. Gragg, 5 Mar 1855) d. Unk; PENUMBRA (an only child) b. 25 Jan 1856 in KY (m. Esther Thompson (Coffey) d. 26 Jul 1925 in Unk; GROVER CLEVELAND b. 1886 in CO (m. Mary Elise "Mamie" Donaldson, 190?) d. 11 Mar 1961 in CA; CHARLES JAMES b. 25 Oct 1912 in CA (m. June Malone, 23 Apr 1935) d. 29 Mar 1996 in CA. I am the son and oldest child of Charles and was born in CA. I am looking especially for: any information on ancestors of PETER (and confirmation that he and Ann moved from VA to KY between 1767 and 1770); what happened to THOMAS after PENUMBRA's birth; any information on PENUMBRA between his birth in KY in 1856 and the birth of his 2nd child (GROVER's older sister, Lenora) in 1882 in Sterling, CO., as well as where he died.

## William C. Keeney +Mary Hargis

- 2 James Fount Keeney 1871 - 1939
- +Sara Elizabeth Adey 1876 - 1963
- ... 3 Mary Elizabeth Keeney 1897 - 1975
- ..... +Jacob Leslie Bradshaw 1894 - 1964
- ..... 4 Jacob Leslie Bradshaw 1922 -
- ..... +Martha L. LeResche 1925 -
- ... 5 Diane Louise Bradshaw 1945 -
- ..... +Charles Good
- ..... 6 Jennifer Diane Good 1968 -
- ..... +Carrico
- ..... 7 Kelli Marie Carrico 1992 -
- ..... 6 Julie Diane Good 1971 -
- .. 5 James Leslie Bradshaw 1950 -
- ..... +Karen Jones
- ..... 6 Jeremy Bradshaw 1980 -
- .. 5 Gary L. Bradshaw 1953 -
- ..... +Joann Sarung
- .. 5 Beverly Ann Louise Bradshaw 1954 -
- .. 5 Denise Louise Bradshaw 1958 -
- ..... +Gerald Cooper
- ..... 6 Andrea Renee Stewart 1978 -
- .. 5 Brian Leslie Bradshaw 1960 -
- ... +Erin Murphy
- ..... 6 Ryan Bradshaw 1987 -
- .. 4 Norma Elizabeth Bradshaw 1924 -
- .. 3 Bessie Iva Keeney 1902 - 1995
- +William John Sanders 1902 - 1983
- ..... 4 William John Sanders, Jr 1921 -
- ..... +Marcella Ruth Taylor 1929 - 1997
- ..... 5 Gerald Bradford Sanders 1948 -
- ..... +Joni Carol Mackie 1955 -
- ..... 5 Pamela Marie Sanders 1949 - 1950
- ..... 5 Susan Ann Sanders 1951 -
- ..... +Lawrence Ernest Laxson 1950 -
- ..... 6 Chad Wesley Laxson 1978 -
- ..... 6 Brett Michael Laxson 1981 -
- ..... 5 Debra Marie Sanders 1954 -
- ..... +Michael Dardan Dowd
- ..... \*2nd Husband of Debra Marie Sanders:
- ..... +Keith Densberger 1956 -
- ..... 6 Keith Colton Densberger 1992 -
- ..... \*3rd Husband of Debra Marie Sanders:
- ..... +John Gage
- ..... 5 Theresa Diane Sanders 1957 -

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- David Keeney b. 1765 Greenbrier Co VA(WV), d. 1846
- m. Peninah Hicklen Bailes Apr 24 1788 Greenbrier Co
- \* Michael Keeney
- \* Ruth Keeney
- \* Joseph Keeney b. bef 1789
- m. Mary Elizabeth McClung
- \* Thomas Keeney b. 1830
- \* John B Keeney b. 1831
- m. Grace Greenwood Fray 1880
- \* Annie Maude Keeney b. Apr 1892
- m. William Herbert Jones
- \* Archie Kester Keeney b. Sep 1895
- m. William Calvin Hizer 1914
- \* Rev. John David Keeney b. 1789 Greenbrier Co VA(WV)
- m. Rachel Burdette Nov 30 1812 Monroe Co VA(WV)
- b. Jun 23 1793 Greenbrier Co, d. Oct 1 1861 VA
- \* David Keeney Jr b. Jun 2 1790 d. Jul 1 1862
- m. Jane Hunter b. 1804 d. 1878
- \* Mary Keeney b. 1793 d. 1827 Vermilion Co IL
- m. David Boggess May 21 1821 Greenbrier Co VA(WV)
- \* Elizabeth Keeney b. abt 1796
- \* Thomas Hicklin Keeney
- b. Mar 12 1803 Greenbrier Co VA(WV), d. Mar 7 1880
- m. Elizabeth Caraway b. 1810 d. 1878
- \* Lucretia Keeney b. 1805

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## QUAKER ROOTS

Making heads or tails from Keeney (Kinne) records prior to 1700 requires a study from the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF Quaker Genealogy. LDS sources tie some of these records as early as 1691 in Chuckatuck, Isle of Wight VA, listing the birth of John Ke(e)ney, son of John Keney and wife Catherine. It is of great interest to veteran Keeney researchers that JOHN is confirmed for a Virginia land grant in 1750 and his wife is listed as Catherine. It is an indisputable fact that this same John Keeney had a fort on Muddy Creek, had sons who fought the Indians after 1783 and thus received land grants in what is now North Carolina, subsequent to later settlements in what became Washington, Greene, Jefferson and Cocke counties as land grants expanded and new counties were formed. Detailed Jefferson Co TN records link records of the Keeney family with their Denton and other family members who took similar routes from northern Virginia to eastern Tennessee.

Earlier our ancestors were mingled with Yocum and See families in New Jersey and Maryland, all settling in the eastern West Virginia counties of Hampshire and Hardy counties along the South Branch of the Potomac. From there some migrated South through the Appalachians, with others (as Quakers) accompanied settlers to Nansemond County VA, with subsequent moves across the line into North Carolina and points south.

JACOB DENTON and his wife Mary were associated with the John Keeney Nansemond family. Jacob was born in 1741 in Jefferson and Hardy Cos VA. And his will shows his death date as 1814 in Jefferson Co. The will states that he lived along the French Broad River TN (with son Jacob.) where John Keeney's sons John, Thomas, Joseph and others lived.

Simultaneously, the Connecticut Nutmegger reports in 1994 that Alexander Keeney Jr was born in Wethersfield CT and died 22 Jan 1738/9 in New Jersey, where he was joined by his brother Thomas as early as 1694, as a Quaker supporter.

In an E-mail message Richard Russell, son of Robert Denton and Jane Moon, daughter of Jacob Denton SR, states that he descends from Catherine Denton Winton, settling in the northwest corner of Rockingham Co just below the present Hardy Co WV line. He states that Jacob and Mary Denton went to Jefferson Co TN so their daughter could marry Jacob G. Winton and go to Gods Country in 1828.

## GRENBRIER VA/WV

Meanwhile members of the Keeney, Yocum and see families who had followed the South Branch of the Potomac to unsettled farm lands along the Greenbrier River, welcomed a Greenbrier Syndicate in 1745, offering 1,000 acres per family who would settle within five years on the land. The agent and surveyor would be Andrew Lewis. In 1751 the grant was renewed for four years. On 22 Nov 1750 Felty Yocum

**Silas John Keeney & Malinda Pearl**

The Parents of Silas John Keeney were:

Sithy Allen b 1810/1817 and died between 1842 and 1844 she married 23 Mar 1829 in Ray Co. Missouri, Thomas Keeney who was born Sep 1808 and died 1841 in Hold Co Mo.

Silas John Keeney b 1830 m 20 Sept 1855, Linn co Oregon  
Malinda Pearl she was the dau of James and Elizabeth (Berry) Pearl she died 5 June 1869

Their children

Mary Jane Keeney b 1853 m 14 Jan 1875 Chesney Keeney

John Keeney b & d 3 Feb 1859

Elizabeth Keeney b 1860 m 3 Jul 1878 Charles Cornwall

Martha Keeney b 1862 m Guy Beanwell

Sarah C. Keeney b 1864

Laura Keeney b 1866 m Grant Taylor

## Your INDIAN ANCESTRY - Algonquin

## GATEWOOD FAMILY ANCESTRY

back to CHIEF OPECANCAHOUGH POWHATAN (1554-1644)

## Generation No 1:

CHIEF OPECANCAHOUGH POWHATAN (Algonquin Chief) was b. 1554 in VA, d. 1644 in Jamestown, James Co VA married PRINCESS CLEOPATRA, daughter of Wahunsonacock POWHATAN and Winanuske Matatiske (1592-1641 in VA)

Chief Opencanough was a brother of Chief Powhatan, father of Pocahontas. As successor to Powhatan he led the great Indian massacre of Good Friday March 22, 1622 in which a quarter of the English population was killed, leading to great retaliation against the Indians and their eventual forced removal to reservations.

Generation No. 2: PRINCESS NICKETTI b. 1625 in VA, name meaning "She who sweeps the dew from the flowers"; married a Mr. Hughes (b. 1620, d. in VA); Gov. John Floyd (VA governor 1830-1834) named a daughter NICKETTI

Generation No. 3: MARY HUGHES b. 1650 m. Nathaniel Davis (b. 1645 in Devonshire, England) in 1680 in New Kent Co VA

Generation No. 4: MARY DAVIS b. 1682 in Albermarle Co VA m. Samuel Burke Sr (b. 1680/5 in England, d. 12 Feb 1756 at St. Anne's Parish VA) will probated 1756

Generation No. 5: SAMUEL BURKE JR b. 1707, d. after 13 Jul 1753 in VA; wife: Elizabeth

Generation No. 6: CHARLES BURKE b. 1743 in Albermarle Co VA m. Rebecca Baldwin on 4 Sept 1776

Generation No. 7: ELIZABETH BURKE (b. 1775, d. before 1834 at Slaughter's Creek, Kanawha Co WV; married 1798/9 in Amherst Co VA to RANSOM GATEWOOD (b. ca 1772 in Amherst Co., d. 9 Jan 1843 at Slaughter's Creek WV)

GENERATION No. 8: ELIZABETH ANN (Polly) GATEWOOD 1811-1882 m. MICHAEL R> KEENEY 1804-1875 in Kanawha Co WV

GENERATION No. 8: AMELIA (Millie) GATEWOOD 1813-1860 m. STIRES JADE KEENEY 1813-1876 in Kanawha Co WV

GENERATION no. 9: JOHN S> KEENEY 1849=1932 & HANNAH FRAZEE KEENEY

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..... +Stuart Harris 1957 -  
..... 6 Christy Dawn Sanders 1978 -  
..... \*1st Husband of Theresa Diane Sanders:  
..... +Terry Sutton 1955 -  
..... \*2nd Husband of Theresa Diane Sanders:  
..... +Paul Villerrell 1957 -  
..... \*3rd Husband of Theresa Diane Sanders:  
..... +Rubin Reyes Flores 1962 -  
..... 6 William Henry Flores 1993 -  
..... 6 Ashley Nichole Flores 1993 -  
4 Cloise Robert Sanders 1923 -  
..... +Crystal Doris Jones 1917 -  
..... 5 Mickey Lee Sanders 1948 -  
..... +Charles Lee Newman 1948 -  
..... 6 Joshua Sage Newman 1976 -  
..... 6 Katherine Michal Newman 1979 -  
..... 6 Emily Beth Newman 1991 -  
..... 5 Steven Robert Sanders 1951 -  
..... +Laura Marie Hoover 1956 -  
..... 5 Kathy Gail Sanders 1953 -  
..... +Jerry F. Huffaker 1950 -  
..... 6 Robert Judd Huffaker 1989 -  
..... 5 Mary Beth Sanders 1956 -  
..... +Kenneth Felle 1954 -  
..... 6 Nathan Eli Felle 1984 -  
..... 6 Victoria Elizabeth Felle 1987 -  
..... 5 Kay Sanders 1949 -  
..... +Fenton Bain 1947 -  
..... 6 Michelle Bain 1967 -  
..... +Wayne