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Keeney Update

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Witcher Cemetery
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MARCH 1995

BOYD CO., KENTUCKY, SCENE OF MANY KEENEY WEDDINGS

Very few Keeney families have grown up in Boyd County, Kentucky, just across the Ohio from Lawrence Co., Ohio, and across the Big Sandy River from Kenova, WV. But many have been married there, especially during the period of 1925-1955 when Kentucky had no waiting period. Here are some of them.

Records are on file at the Boyd County Court House at Cattlettsburg.

MICHAEL B. KEENEY 37 m. Sarah E. Brammer 26, on 9-1-1878; both born Lawrence Co., C.
 JAMES H. KEENEY 26 m. Eliza E. Green 14 on 12-24-1894 at home of Alfred Keeney, Ashland
 WILLIAM H. KEENEY 56 (widower, b.Lawrence Co.) m. Theresa Harless (b.Russell,Ky.) 6-20-1854
 SARAH F. KEENEY 24 m. Nathaniel Salyers 19 on 9-15-1879 at John Keeney home at Trace
 EMMA KEENEY 29, dau. of Henry & Malinda Hall-
 ick Keeney, m. Alfred Ward 33 on 12-13-1900
 MADEL I. KEENEY 24 (b.Kanawha Co., WV) m. Fred
 F. Cottle (b.Putnam Co., WV) on 10-9-1910
 ALTA D. KEENEY 19 (b.Kanawha), dau. of Robert
 & Susan Bailey, m. Anthony W. Ferguson 5-13-12
 WHEE KEENEY 23, Huntington, WV, m. Stanley E.
 Cornwell (b.Gallia Co., O.) on 11-27-1912
 HENRY M. KEENEY 22, son of Wm. & Samantha
 Pritt Keeney, m. Nellie M. Douglas 6-24-1915
 DEADRACK (Shade) KEENEY 27, son of Han & Lena
 Barls, m. Lestic Freeman 23 on 2-18-1915
 EVA KEENEY 21, dau. of Wm. & Samantha, m. War-
 ner Adkins 24 (b.Elliott,Ky.) on 9-13-1919
 EVA KEENEY 30, dau. of Han & Lena, Lawrence Co.,
 m. Thomas Webb 26 (b.Lawrence Co.) 9-18-1915
 WILLIAM EARL KEENEY 22 m. Mildred Miller 21
 (b.Charleston,WV) 3-8-1916; father - U. Z.
 LINDSEY KEENEY 28, son of Wm. & Laura Gibson,
 m. Ethel Paul 26 on 9-12-1917
 IDA KEENEY, b.6-5-1895, dau. of Wm. & Eliza
 Crawford, m. Norbert Ward (b. 1-10-1894) on
 3-5-1927; both born in Lawrence Co. C.
 VENUS KEENEY m. Claude Lake in 1920
 VESTA KEENEY 41 (widow) m. Winfield Smith (b.

Hanlin, WV) age 30, on 6-22-1921
 HARVEY KEENEY 27, son of J.F. & Iona Spears,
 m. May Large (b.Knoxville,TN) on 6-24-1922
 CHARLES P. KEENEY (b.1-17-1931), son of T.G.,
 m. Leone Bonham (b.2-2-1907) on 2-12-1925
 ANNA KEENEY 16 (South Point,O.) m. Harold
 Freeman 24 (b.Lawrence Co.) on 8-6-1926
 ADAM KEENEY 22 (b.5-21-1908 at Burnwell,WV)
 m. Georganna Keville 21 on 3-5-1927
 FRANK J. KEENEY 21, son of E.B. & Margaret E.
 Smithers (Kanawha), m. Nora Catherine Gardner
 (b. Boyd Co., Ky.) on 1-25-1928
 JAMES ALVIN KEENEY (b.Logan Co.,WV, son of E.B.
 & Lily Godoy, m. Anna Louise Nickolls 2-25-29
 BIRDIE KEENEY m. Kelley Freeman in 1926
 EDNA LUCILLE KEENEY, b.1906, dau. of James T.
 & Edna Jacobs, m. Lewis Hobart Canterbury
 (b.1896) on 7-1-1926
 ESTILL KEENEY 21 m. Alden Freeman 22 on
 12-18-1925; p-Cecil & Elizabeth Weppler
 MARIE M. KEENEY 23, dau. of Noyes & Eva
 Whittington, m. James E. Welcher 34 on
 8-23-1926
 KACWI KEENEY 21, dau. of George & Della, Boyd
 Co., m. Clifford H. Atkins 24 on 6-6-1928
 BEHEL MARGARET KEENEY, dau. of Theo. & Daisy
 Brewer, m. Eugene Evan Quenon, son of Max &
 Della Soulyrette Quenon, on 5-31-1930
 CAMERON H. KEENEY (b.7-28-1910), son of T.G.,
 m. Margaret Hill on 6-29-1931
 KATHLEEN V. KEENEY (b.9-6-1909), dau. of Wood-
 ford B. & Mary Frances Moore, m. Harold Bonham
 Hensley on 12-21-1931
 WILBUR KEENEY m. Gladys Gibson in 1932
 ELAINE KEENEY (b.1-18-1915), dau. of Charles
 F. & Bessie Meadows, m. Denver H. Bird on
 7-30-1932
 MAXINE STANLEY KEENEY (b.11-30-1912), dau. of
 McDonald & Mamie Stanley Keeney, m. Norman H.
 Harless (b.1910 in Wyoming Co.WV) 3-18-1933
 ELIZABETH ROSE KEENEY (b.12-12-1906), dau. of
 T. G. & Chloe Ann Young, m. James Robert Har-
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WITCHER CEMETERY
Keeney section

In Memoriam

MARIAN GOVE, wife of George D. (6.30), a. 7-5-84, Portsmouth.

VALERIA KELLEY, wife of Fred Kelley, (6.153) a. 7-5-84, Portsmouth.

Keeney

Marian L. Keeney of Portsmouth, died early today at home.

A Portsmouth native and a member of First Christian Church and Scioto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, she was a volunteer of Scioto Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, George Keeney, a daughter, Marlene Sand of North Canton, a brother, William Gove of Portsmouth, four sisters, Emma Watkins of Hudson House, Mrs. Paul (Belie) Kesinger of Friendship, Virginia G. G. M. of Portsmouth and Jane Colburn of Fremont, and three grandchildren.

Services are planned at 10 a. m. Friday at Dabner Funeral Home, with Rev. Richard Wilbur officiating, and interment in Memorial Bernal Park.

LAWRENCE G. MONTGOMERY, a. 10-25-1894; grandson of James B. (5.257)

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Mrs. Elsie Valeria Keeney 81 of Riverside died Saturday in Memorial Division, CAMC after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Kanawha County, she was a retired cafeteria worker for West Virginia Tech. Messenger, and was a member of Riverside Church of God.

Surviving daughters, Mrs. Faye Bove and Mrs. Phyllis Purr, both of Riverside; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Service will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Zion Funeral Home, Center Church with the Rev. Charles Burke officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London.

Funeral from 10 to 9 p. m. today at the funeral home.

MARGARET JOHNSON KEENEY, daughter of Alice Keeney & Harry Johnson B. 30, page 20

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6.453, page 116 d. 9-4-83 in Florida

Clyde E. Fout Sr.

MEZBOURNE, Fla. — Clyde E. "John" Fout Sr., 71 of Melbourne, formerly of Charleston, W. Va., died Sunday in Melbourne after a long illness.

He was a 20-year employee of Union Carbide in South Charleston, W. Va. He was a member of Union Baptist and Grace Baptist W. Va., Missa Lodge No. 21, A.P.A.M., Madsen, W. Va. and I.O.O.F.

Surviving wife, Melissa; sons, Ed of Orlando, Fla., Carl of Tallahassee, Fla.; father, John A. of Belle Meade, E.B. of Abingdon, W. Va.; sisters, Anna Moore of Victoria, Texas; Elizabeth Shover of Petersburg, W. Va.; 10 grandchildren.

Service will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Browline-Melbourne Funeral Home, Melbourne. Burial will be in Melbourne.

husband of G. 2356, p. 63

William R. Huddleston

FALLS VIEW — William R. Huddleston, 61 of Falls View, died Monday in Montgomery General Hospital after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of this area, he was a department supervisor for Union Carbide, Metal Division at Alloy. He was a Protestant and member of Olivet Baptist Mission Lodge, Scottish Rite and Ben Eason Shrine of Charleston.

Surviving wife, Helen Eugenia; children, daughters, Fanny Dora of Kansas City, Mo., Mary Helen and Thelma B. of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, Mark of Charleston, Va.; one grandchild, Robert of Falls View.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday in R.C. Hooper Funeral Home, Montgomery, with the Rev. Paul and officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p. m. today at the funeral home.

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Linnie G. Keeney

Linnée G. Keeney, 44, of 304 East 11th St., Belle died Tuesday in Memorial Division, CAMC after a long illness.

She was a retired post president of T.O. Keeney & Sons Hair Dressing and a retired power superintendent of the former Belle Alkali plant. She was the last charter member of the Jordan Baptist Church at Belle, and was a devoted wife to the trustee board of the church. She was a devoted member of Seaside Lodge, A.P. & A.M. and a lifelong resident of the Belle area.

Surviving son, H.E. Keeney of Charleston; daughters, Mrs. Beth Campbell of Belle, Mrs. Mary Phillips of Greenbush, Md., Mrs. Elizabeth Shover of Belle, Mrs. Juliette Stanley of Harwood, five grandchildren. 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church, Charleston.

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IN MEMORY OF

Frances F. Keeney

BORN

September 24, 1920

DATE OF DEATH

December 28, 1984

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Devine Chapel

7:00 p. m., Monday, December 31

READERS OFFICIATING

Opal P. Dillon

wife of William David Keeney

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(photographer for this paper)

Manon, Indiana

Charles W. Keeney

SAWFORD, Fla. — Charles W. Keeney, 74 of Sawford, formerly of Belle, W. Va., died Sunday in Central Regional Hospital, Sawford, after a short illness.

He was raised in the West, was a member of the Madison, W. Va. Methodist Church and had lived in Sawford for the past 12 years.

Surviving wife, Beulah; sons, Charles B. Keeney of Sawford, Robert F. Keeney of Charleston; daughter, Mrs. Rose Ann Cason of Sawford; brother, H. E. Keeney of Front Pleasant, W.Va.; sister, Mrs. Thelma of Front Pleasant, W.Va.; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church, Sawford.

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6.323, page 83; married 1919



Fete for Goldenweds

Mrs. and Mrs. R. Earl Barton are to honor a reception Sunday to observe their golden wedding anniversary. The event will be at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Barton, between 2 and 5 p. m., all friends invited. The couple asks there be no gifts. The couple's daughter is Mrs. Paul Duncan (Barbara) of Culver City, Calif. (Jester-Miller Studio picture).

Rogers

Mr and Mrs. Dennis B. Rogers of Planch will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house given by their children from 4 to 7 p. m. today at the home of their daughter, Rose Marie Children of Beaumont Road. She is the former Othel Gene Mallon. He is a retired postmaster at Planch and is owner of Rogers Gas. They are also the parents of William B. Planch and have four grandchildren.



The NICK B. & SUSAN FLOWERS KEENEY family (S.214, page 103), of Witcher; pictured in August 1937: Mary Susan Crawford, John S. III, Gertrude Richie, Charles B. (dec.), Susan, Rachel Brubaker, T. G. (dec.), Nick, U.Z.(Pete).

KEENEY/LEWIS FAMILY NEEDED

KEENEY UPDATE is collecting data for a complete genealogy of the Michael Keene (1761-1790) and Catherine Lewis family, which will probably be published in June. Much information has been gathered on the William H. S. Keene and Nancy Montgomery families and there has been a breakthrough on the Mary McRoberts family. Information is badly needed on the fourth child of this marriage, John S. Keene. Everyone in any of the families mentioned should send in information.



RALPH R. KEENEY is the publisher of WAGON RUTS WEST, a detailed account of the movement of many Keene families to the Great Northwest. He is shown here beside the Oregon Trail Memorial marker, located alongside 15-Mile Creek a few miles east of The Dalles, Oregon.

The Montgomerys

THE town of Montgomery on the south side of the Kanawha, twenty-four miles east of Charleston, was first known as Montgomery's Landing, and was much used for many years by southern counties as a shipping point for river traffic. The old landing was just above the present bridge over the Kanawha, and the home site of the Montgomery family stood a short distance above the landing.

Major Henry Montgomery was an adventurous young Indian fighter who could be found wherever there was action. Commissioned a Major in the Virginia Militia, he participated in many battles with the savages, and for his military services was awarded numerous tracts of land on both sides of the river. His wife was Nancy Keene, great-niece of General Andrew Lewis, and they were the parents of eleven children.

In 1809 Major Montgomery built his home near the Kanawha Falls. Being exceptionally well and carefully constructed of walnut logs, the house stood for a hundred years. It was used as a slave house under the later ownership of James, one of the sons of Major Montgomery, who was a man of means and political interests, and who served as a member of the Virginia Assembly. He was an ardent secessionist, and when the Kanawha Valley was occupied by Federal forces, took his family farther south for safety. He suffered the loss of a son in the war, as well as property, money, and slaves, and when he returned to the Kanawha, found his home and

equipment all destroyed, with only the old house built by his father, remaining. He thankfully occupied it until he could restore his farm, and when this old building was torn down in 1908 each of Major Montgomery's grandchildren was given one of the handmade locust pins used in its construction.

One granddaughter was Ann, daughter of Michael Montgomery, operator of the first ferry near the Falls, and which he sold later to Aaron Stockton, who continued its operation. In 1869 Ann was married to Benjamin, son of Levi Morris, thus joining the two pioneer families of Morris and Montgomery.

Early homes of the Montgomery family are long since gone, but descendants are still residents and property owners in the town which bears their name, and has grown into a busy medical and educational center. The buildings crowd into the narrow strip of land between river and hills and extend for some distance east and west, the upper portion of the town now lying in Fayette County. The brick buildings of the excellent school, West Virginia Institute of Technology, are located here. Montgomery is also the home of Laird Memorial Hospital, a uniquely conceived and successfully executed experiment, proving that beauty and order can go hand in hand with high professional skill, and efficient business management, and still maintain an extensive and unobtrusive program of charitable work. The hospital and its founder and chief surgeon, Dr. William Laird, enjoy a deserved national, and even international, reputation.

CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS

JOHNNIE WAYNE KEENEY m. Monna Lee Herbert (b.2-17-1955) on 7-3-1973 (7.11, p. 18)
 CHARLES EDWARD KEENEY m. Brenda Gail Joplin (b.9-11-45) on 2-28-1967 (7.4, p. 17)
 CALVIN EUGENE KEENEY m. Patricia Kay Johnson (b.1936) June 9, 1957 (8.101, p. 34)
 JEFFREY LEWIS KEENEY, b. March 31, 1959 (8.324b)
 JOHNNIE WAYNE KEENEY m. Marlene Dona McDougal Del. on 4-23-84 at Charleston (p.61)
 SARAWATHA JO KEENEY, b.5-11-1981 daughter of Phillip Carl & Anita Crist Keeneey at Alloy, WV
 JESSICA LEE KEENEY & MONICA WAR-

LE KEENEY, twins, b. 12-29-82 to John Scott and Ada I. Plantz Keeneey (7.524, page 104)
 CLEM LESTER COOPER, JR., b.12-2-59 d. 6-3-1981 at Columbus, C.; wife Goldie J.; children: Paul, Tammy, Malissa (5.252, p. 88)
 JAMES HOWERY KEENEY m. Jennifer Jane Caburr (b.11-15-1961) on 5-15-1984 at Cross Lanes (7.622)
 JOHNNA MARIE JACOBS, b. 9-26-1963 to John William & Donna Louise Jacobs Keeneey (8.47, page 24)
 MARY ELISHA KEENEY, d. 12-5-1974 at Beckley; age 77
 MICHAEL WAYNE KEENEY m. Carolyn Sue Davis Martin on 7-2-1976 at Buffalo, WV (7.580, page 112)

CONTRIBUTORS

KEENEY UPDATE CONTRIBUTORS since December 1984:
 Helen Rollins - Portsmouth, O.
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 Naomi M. Pollock - Wellsburg, WV
 Goldie M. Stout - Tacoma, WA
 Evelynne J. Mohr - Bloomington, IN
 Eva C. Smith - Phoenix, AZ
 Ethel K. Quenon - Lexington, KY
 Lester E. Keeneey - Deland, FL
 Mary Lou Smith - Newport News, VA
 Eunice Williamson - Tucson, AZ
 Arthur G. Keeneey - Mobile, AL
 Paul E. Holbrook - Lexington, KY
 Karla Yates - Whitefish, MT

WaKEENEY, KANSAS

In 1877 James P. Keeneey of Chicago purchased land in what is now Trego County, for speculative purposes, looking for wealth in the "Great American Desert". A deed was made to him on December 14 for Section 9, Township 12, Range 23, for the consideration of \$27,732.21.

Among those who went from Chicago with him were brothers John and Charles. Charles ran Oakes House, now known as Bryant Hotel. Keeneey's partner was A. C. Warren. The town was platted out in March 1878 by Peck & Ellsworth Surveyors.

The name was formed from the two names, Warren and Keeneey.



JOHN BLADEN KEENEY (1859-1942), rancher & lawyer, Gilliam, OR, son of Andrew Jackson & Hanna Keeneey; left to right: Marjorie, John V., Maude, Ella, Willard; Glenn in front

BOYD COUNTY, KY. MARRIAGES

son (b.1893) on 12-17-1934
 HELEN KEENEY, dau. of S.W. & Lesta Freeman (b. Lawrence Co.) m. Everett Conway 6-22-1935
 HELEN L. KEENEY 21, dau. of Sherman & Nora Gerinck Keeneey, m. Jim T. Smith 10-29-1935
 JULIA BEAL KEENEY 23, dau. of Harry L. & Ethel Huddal, m. Nelson Lee Hill 28 on 11-7-1936
 MARY KEENEY 21 (b.Boyd Co.,Ky.) m. Lillford Carey 2 (b.Lawrence Co.) in 1937
 CHARLES B. KEENEY 22, son of Charles F. and Bessie, m. Kathleen Turley 22 on 8-16-1938
 CYNLE ROSS KEENEY 25, son of Charley & Bata Stowers, m. Alta Josephine Thomas 22 (b. in Lincoln Co., WV) in 1937
 DELBERT KEENEY 22, son of Oren & Gustava Mart-in Keeneey, m. Norma Langdon 26 on 5-13-1929
 EVERETT BERNARD KEENEY 21, son of Homer & Ad-die Parris Keeneey, m. Lillian Marie White 16 (b. Logan, WV) in 1938
 JAMES H. KEENEY 24, son of Walter & Annie Hill, m. Ruth Holcombe 23 (b.Braxton Co.) 10-15-37
 GRACE EVELYN KEENEY 21, dau. of Walter & Annie, m. George Washington Price 21 on 8-13-1938
 PAULINE KEENEY 21, dau. of L.L. & Ethel Paul, m. Carl Leroy Burd 24 on 8-3-1939
 PAULINE SHIRKEY KEENEY 21, dau. of Emory S. & Kenna Bonham, m. Wm. Elmer Sneed 21, son of David & Eunice Nelson Sneed, on 7-24-1939
 ARBUTUS KEENEY 31, dau. of John Q. & Julia Scott Keeneey, m. Norris Light, son of Will & Fannie Keeneey Light, 5-18-1940 (from Kanawha)
 ROSALEE KEENEY (b.1-22-1922), son of John S., Jr. & Rosa Cline, m. Homer Burris (b.12-16-1921) on 6-22-1940 (both families from Kanawha County)

CEOLA PAULINE KEENEY 16 m. Elmer Francis Child-ers 18 on 12-26-1941; she b. in Ashland, KY.
 JANIS V. KEENEY m. John L. Robertson (both born in Logan Co, WV; p-John Keeneey & Annie Cook; m. 2-5-1946
 GLENNA A. KEENEY m. James Corbitt Elkins, Jr. on 10-13-1953
 GLORIA JEAN KEENEY, dau. of Wm. Earl & Esther Gehring Keeneey, m. Darrell Gene Perkins on 4-18-1962; residents of Ashland, Ky.
 FRED STONEY KEENEY (b.1916 in Kanawha) m Edith Svel-yn Guthrie (b.6-4-1918 in Kanawha) 10-30-39
 WILLIAM THOMAS KEENEY 58, son of Wm. T. & Alice Light, m. Freda Alice Tate 28 on 12-9-1939
 WILLIAM KEENEY 40 (Payetteville resident), son of John & Mary Joseph, m. Lou Edith Hobbs on 6-22-1940; he was born in Lawrence Co., O.
 WILLIAM EARL KEENEY 45 m. Esther Louise Gehring-er 36 (of Boyd Co.) on 11-8-1941
 FRED KEENEY 49 m. Goldie Crawford 49 on 9-13-43; son of H. H. & Martha Crawford Keeneey
 JACK W. KEENEY, son of J. W. & Anna Winebrenner, m. Constance Maynard (b.Payette, WV) 11-20-1944
 WYNDON PAUL KEENEY, son of Walter & Maude Keeneey, m. Mabel Lucille Sloan on 6-8-1946
 ALBERT McDONALD KEENEY, son of McDonald & Mamie m. Phyllis Eileen Caldwell on 1-19-1947
 CECIL M. KEENEY m. Ruth Burris on 8-6-1947
 CARL E. KEENEY m. Alma Maynard on 11-15-1947
 PHILIP P. KEENEY, son of John S., Jr. & Rosa, m. Helen E. Ways in 1949
 JERRY KEENEY m. Patricia Hysell on 8-2-1968
 FRANKLIN D. KEENEY m. Melinda C. Broughton on 6-26-1991