



Keeney Update

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John Wesley (1853-1921) and Adelaide Long Keeney (1864-1928) and children Ethel Keeney Moeller (1888-1955), Fred Keeney (1881-1963), Byron Keeney (1882-1977, and Golda Keeney Smith (1891-1966) (Updates 9/85&0/88)

NANCY JANE KEENEY COINER FAMILY

Family of Stires Jade Keeney (1813-1876), son of Moses (1766-1840) and Frances Harris Keeney, and Amelia Gostwood Keeney (1813-1860). daughter of Ranson & Elizabeth Burke Gatewood:

ROBERT H. KEENEY (1834-1912) Family in Potawatomi Co., Kansas, scattered to Oregon and West
MCDONALD KEENEY (1836-1910) - Cabin Creek area
NANCY JANE KEENEY COINER (1838-1894) - mother of large family, mostly miners; Eskdale area
MICHAEL KEENEY (1840-c.1868) - Fayette Co., WV
MOSES W. KEENEY (1843-1901) - raised family at Belle, WV; buried at Witcher
ADALINE KEENEY-WHITE (1844-1917)-St. Albans,WV
MARY AGNES KEENEY NOWLAN (1847-1922), wife of railroader, lived in Summers Co., WV
FRANCES KEENEY, b.1847, age 2 in 1850
JOHN S. KEENEY (1849-1932) - Witcher, WV

Family of NANCY JANE KEENEY COINER:

- S. NANCY JANE KEENEY, b.1838; age 11 in 1850 census, 44 in 1880 census; believed to be buried at Red Warrior; died in 1894
m. George H. Coiner (b.8-10-1832,d.11-29-1904) listed as farmer in 1860 census, age 28, next door to Nancy's parents at Cabin Creek; lived with daughter Fannie in 1900; Red Warrior Cem.
S. STIRES J. COINER, b.1854, age 6 in 1860 census, 56 in 1910; buried at Red Warrior
m. Alice Jane Pettit (b.5-1859 in Nicholas) on 12-24-1878 by Rev. J.H.Roberts; 41 in 1900
10. CORA COINER, b.11-8-1879 in Kanawha Co.
10. EPPA COINER, born and died 11-8-1879

10. VIRGIE FRANCES COINER, b.5-1885, d.1946; buried beside husband at London
m. Frank Kazupski (b.5-17-1876 in Warsaw, Poland, d.10-25-1963;lived at Whitesville; married 5-23-1910 by Rev. Philip Pauley
11. ANDREW KAZUPSKI, b.b-10-1911; deceased
11. PANSY KAZUPSKI JARRELL - died in Florida
11. MARY ALICE KAZUPSKI KENNEDY-Payetteville, Arkansas; reported father's death
10. GEORGE CLARENCE COINER (called Clarence, listed as George C. in 1910 census), born 10-27-1887, died in a Coal River train accident on 4-11-1913 at age 25
m. Mirtle Basham (b.1898) on 8-14-1909; she married J.Theodore Meadows on 10-21-1914
11. VAN G. COINER, died at age 1
11. IPOGENE COINER
11. MATTHEW COINER
10. ELIZABETH (Lib) BROOKLYN COINER, born 10-27-1890, d.4-23-1956; London Cemetery
m. Nellie R. Woods (b.3-19-1887,d.3-6-1983 at age 95 at Cooper's Creek
11. VIRGINIA A. COINER, b.6-19-1920, died 3-10-1981; married and divorced; nurse
12. JAMES MOSEN (son)
11. JAMES WILLIAM COINER - Charleston, WV
11. BETTY LOU COINER, b.11-17-1926 at Kayford; died young
10. NANCY E. COINER, b.9-1892, died before 1977
m. Patrick L. Beirne (b.10-4-1884, d.12-15-1977, son of P. L. & Mary Jane Murphy Beirne); coal operator Nicholas County; Barren Creek Cem.
11. CHARLES F. BEIRNE - lives at Queen Shoals



STIRES J. & ALICE JANE PETTIT COINER
Parents of ten children

11. HELEN BEIRNE WHITED - Spencer, WV
11. JOHN LEONARD BEIRNE, b.12-28-1921 at Queen Shoals, d.8-17-1963; Berren Creek Cemetery
10. JOHN SIMONORE COINER, b.6-9-1895 at Fairfield, d.1-30-1947 in mine slate fall; Pvt., 135th Mg. En., 37th Div., World War I; Standard Cemetery m. Edith Josephine Bragg (b.4-27-1900, died 5-14-1974; par.: George & Elms Collins Bragg)
11. ALMA COINER DAUSCH - Baltimore, MD
11. NANCY COINER MALONE - Vincentown, NJ
11. STEPHEN DUANE COINER, b.12-22-1931, died 8-3-1979; Sergeant, US Army in Korea, where a supply camp was named for him; divorced; buried at Standard Cemetery on Paint Creek Children: Charles D. and John Coiner (in WV in 1979; David, Greg, Thomas and James Coiner (living in Maryland 1979)
10. RUTH M. COINER, b.3-18-1897, c.1973 m. James S. Perry (b.1892) on 3-6-1924
11. JACQUELINE PERRY MILLER, b.7-4-1926 at Brush Creek; lives at Gauley Bridge
11. JAMES S. PERRY, JR. - lives in Florida
11. ALICE PERRY
11. FRANKLIN PERRY
10. JAMES HARRY COINER, b.4-1-1900, c.6-6-1976; coal miner, lived at Queen Shoals; buried at Berren Creek Cemetery m. Nora Hanson
11. JAMES HARRY COINER, JR. - Roanoke, VA
11. VICTOR L. COINER - Columbia, SC
11. DON ROY COINER, b.6-3-1929, d.3-26-1970 in slate fall at Cannelton Coal Co. m. Sharon Creasey; lived at Charlton Hts.
12. RAYMOND COINER - Huntington
12. ELIZABETH ANN COINER - Huntington
12. SANDRA COINER
11. ELIZABETH COINER BOLLING - Baltimore, MD
11. NETTIE COINER POZZIE - Woodbridge, VA
11. FRANCES LOUISE COINER SMITH, b.1-7-1934
11. BERTIE COINER - lives at Clendenin
11. CAROLYN COINER - lives at Clendenin
11. JOHN PAUL COINER, b.8-2-1942-Atlanta, GA
11. LOWELL THOMAS COINER, b.1-21-1948-Nitro
9. MARY ANN COINER, b.9-1-1856; age 54 in 1910; ran boarding house in Eskdale for many years m. P. Washington Ballard (b.4-1854 in Monroe Co.) on 8-25-1880 by Rev. C. J. Rippeotte
10. WILLIAM HENRY BALLARD, b.9-8-1882, died 2-4-1955; Eskdale Baptist Church member; buried at London
- m. Elizabeth Batton (b.7-22-1884, d.1-3-1942), daughter of James O. and Carolyn V. Keeney Batton, granddaughter of Moses Walls Keeney
11. CLARENCE ASHBY BALLARD, b.8-30-1910 at Carbon; lived at Jochin in 1955
- m. Dolly Maxine Lawrence
12. SANDIA ANN BALLARD, b.11-5-1934
12. DONALD LEE BALLARD, b.3-8-1937
11. RUSSELL BALLARD - lived in Chicago in 1955
11. CHARLES MELVIN BALLARD, b.1-5-1914 at Eskdale, d.7-31-1987; buried at London
- m. Charlotte Hester Blake (b.1917) 1-20-1934
12. CHARLES MELVIN BALLARD, JR., b.10-31-1934 m. Joann Cravens - live in Charleston
13. MICHAEL THOMAS BALLARD, b.4-28-1958
12. KENT MEREDITH BALLARD, b.8-28-36, d.3-31-41
12. CHARLOTTE H. BALLARD, b.8-28-38, d.3-31-41
12. LARRY K. BALLARD, b.7-18-1942 at Decota
11. ROBERT BALLARD - lived at Belle, WV in 1955
11. DANIEL BALLARD, b.1-3-1924 at Eskdale; lived at Dayton, OH in 1955
11. LENA BALLARD (oldest child)-Cleveland 1955 m. Shirley D. Atkinson
12. NORA ELIZABETH ATKINSON, b.9-28-1921
11. LILLIAN MAY BALLARD, (1904-1977) m. James Sampson Russell (1898-1945)
12. JAMES S. RUSSELL, JR., b.7-5-1922
12. WILLIAM FREDERICK RUSSELL, b.12-23-1924
12. NORA ARLENE RUSSELL, b.2-16-1927 at Unites
12. ROY PARK RUSSELL, b.8-22-1933 at Wevaco
11. ELIZABETH BALLARD THOMPSON - lived at Carbon in 1955, Libertyville, IL in 1977
10. LILLY M. BALLARD FISHER, b.5-1885 m. James M. Hatfield (b.1881) 12-15-1902
11. CLAYDS HATFIELD, b.4-18-1913 at Carbon
10. GEORGE W. BALLARD, b.3-22-1887;died young
10. BERTHA BALLARD, b.5-1889 m. R.P.Scott (b.1877 in NC) 9-27-1905
10. JAMES H. BALLARD, b.1-22-1891
- m. Effie Chancey Selbe (b.5-18-1895, died 12-15-1977) 8-21-1912 by Willie Coiner Children: David Ballard, Joe Ballard, Hetta Hamrick, Betty Dyer and Maxine Nelson, all of Loudensdale; James Ballard, Richard Ballard, Maggie Lambert and Grace Wells, of Charleston; Hanna Kirk, Gandeewille
10. FOREST BALLARD, b.6-1892 m. Monnie Lewis (b.1896) on 6-27-1912
11. ALICE BALLARD, b.11-13-1922 at Eskdale
11. DONNIE BALLARD, b.5-30-1933
10. HATTIE R. BALLARD, b.6-7-1895 at Acme; died before 1955
- m. Fred Tucker (b.10-5-1892, d.1-15-1956) on 6-26-1911, son of Wm.R. & Selena White Tucker
10. J. RUSSELL BALLARD, b.2-1897 m. Lucille Marie Jones (b.1906) on 6-28-1922 at Eskdale; lived at South Charleston 1955
10. ELLA P. BALLARD, b.4-1899; buried at Pratt m. Samuel A. Swartz (b.1891) on 12-19-1914
11. SAMUEL A. SWARTZ, JR. (1917-1926)
11. FRED KENNETH SWARTZ, b.2-5-1917 at Eskdale, d.2-17-1990; buried at Pratt m. Georgia Louise Kirtner (b.1919) Children: Cheryl Adkins, Kenneth Swartz, and James Swartz, of Smithers, WV; Myrna Proffitt, of Hansford; Margaret (Peggy) Huddleston, of Duck; and Nina Goodrich, Brunswick Hills, OH
11. MARY E. SWARTZ CARTER - Palm Bay, FL
11. ANNA LOU SWARTZ, b.5-18-1933; deceased
9. FERNELIA CLEMENTINE (Tiney) COINER, born 9-1-1859, d.1942; IOOF Cemetery, East Bank m. (1) Mr. Lloyd. m. (2) Mr. Webster m. (3) Van G. Bannister (1854-1942), widower and father of Clara P. m. Thornton Johnson; and Aelia T. m. Theodore Schmaegel; and Beatrice F. Bannister, m. Randolph Skiles; IOOF Com.;

- married Tiney Webster on 12-2-1902
10. ETHEL LLOYD, b.8-10-1883,d.6-7-1923; buried beside her mother at 100F Cemetery
- m. Elmer Roy Spencer (b.6-1-1876, died 6-13-1957),second wife: Ruby Hope
11. E. PAULINE SPENCER, b.1899
- m. Fletcher Garrett Hartley (b.8-14-1892, d.6-7-1962) on 6-16-1915; lived at Marmet; American Leg. Post Cmdr.; Grandview Cem.
12. BETTY HARTLEY LEE - Charleston
12. DORIS HARTLEY KEMPER - Roanoke, VA
11. LAURA MAY SPENCER, b.5-11-1903 at Ohley
- m. J. William Cummins; no children
11. LLOYD SPENCER, b.1906; lives at East Bank, WV
11. GENEVIEVE ANN SPENCER, b.10-23-1908 at Ohley; d.3-26-1987; school teacher
- m. Dr. Wirt W. Duff (b.11-16-1902, died 7-28-1986; Elkview physician 50 yrs.
12. ROBERT LLOYD DUFF - lives at Pocos
11. LOUISE SPENCER - lives in Charleston
- m. Blair M. Asole
11. LEONA CLEMENTINE SPENCER - lived in Clearwater, FL; deceased before 1987
9. FANNY H. COINER, b.3-16-1864; d.9-6-1903; unmarried; listed with father in 1900 census
9. SARAH ELLA COINER, b.7-11-1866, d.2-1-1940 at Whitesville, Boone Co.; Spring Hill Cem., Huntington, WV; member, Whitesville Baptist
- m. John W. Branham (b.1865) on 11-4-1891
10. BRUCE Y. BRANHAM, b.9-28-1892, died on 11-24-1958; Chief Clerk, Webb Coal Co. and Asst. City Auditor, Charleston; Sp.Hill Cem.
- m. Naomi Lee Russell (b.1894) on 12-23-1916
11. ROBERT L. BRANHAM - Whitesville, WV
11. DON C. BRANHAM - Akron, OH
10. DANIEL FREDERICK BRANHAM, b.3-30-1895 at Acme, d.8-24-1963; WWI vet., Masonic, KofP; Whitesville merchant since 1922
- m. Mary Elizabeth Bradley
11. JACK BRANHAM - Sophia, WV
11. DANIEL F. BRANHAM, JR., b.2-20-1931 at Whitesville; lived at Sylvestre in 1963
10. GEORGE SHANNON BRANHAM, b.11-13-1896
- m. Quilla W. Dorsey (b.1896) on 11-1-1917
- m. Goldie Hedrick 10-6-1922 by Rev.G.W.Holt
10. SYLVIA BRANHAM MARTIN
9. LAURA VIRGINIA COINER, b.1870; died young
9. WILLIAM ANDREW (Willie) COINER, b.3-3-1873, d.1-8-1954; mine foreman at Whitesville; resided at Acme(1910) and Marmet; Graceland Cem.
- m. Mary Frances (Bertie) Frye (b.10-1-1872, d.2-15-1918) on 7-3-1893 by Rev. Thomas M. Spaulding; buried at Red Warrior Cemetery
10. CHARLES LEWIS COINER, b.3-1896, d.7-3-1962 lived at Bunice; funeral at Crab Orchard
- m. Ada Bell Cantley (b.1901, d.9-7-1962; bur-

WILLIAM ANDREW COINER
and Lottie Coiner (2nd wife)



- led at Sunset Memorial Park, Beckley
11. FRED B. COINER, b.1916 in Kanawha Co., d.1919; buried at Red Warrior Cemetery
11. CLAUDIA MARIE COINER, b.9-17-1917
- m. Fred Persinger; lived in Clarksville, TN
11. MARY FRANCES COINER, b.6-25-1920 in Boone
- m. James Thompson - Crab Orchard, WV
11. CHARLES WILLIAM COINER, b.3-1-1922 at Mordue, Boone Co.; lives in Cleveland, OH
- m. Norma Cole on 2-27-1947
11. HELEN LOUISE COINER, b.4-9-1925, d.10-9-1925
11. CAMERON DEWEY COINER, b.7-5-1925, died 2-24-1976; lived in Cleveland, OH
- m. Evelyn Weiskie
11. JOHN LEWIS COINER, b.1-26-1927
- m. Frances Miller; lives in W. Carolina
11. U. JAMES COINER, born and died 1928
11. JACK NEAL COINER, b.4-11-1930 at Edwight
- m. Jo Ann Thompson (divorced) - Dover, TN
11. JOANNE COINER, b.2-4-1933 at Glen Rogers
- m. Bobby Jaxnett - lived in Cleveland, OH
10. ERVAN DEWEY COINER, b.8-10-1898 at Acme, d.3-3-1969; m. (1) Claudia Maria in Raleigh Co.; she died in childbirth
- m. (2) Ruth Dorothy Johnson Matheson (b.9-23-1904 in Chicago, d.7-6-1987 in Putnam Co., dau. of John & Dorothy Johnson Matheson), buried at Harboursville
11. ERVAN DEWEY COINER, JR., b.3-17-1923 at Mordue, Boone Co. lives at Hurricane
11. GEORGE ROBERT COINER, b.6-2-1925; lives at Hilton, WV
11. MARGARET LOIS COINER, b.10-9-1926 at Edwight; m. Ray Watson
11. KENNETH ROVERS COINER, b.10-24-1928 at Edwight, Raleigh County; lives at Hurricane
- m. Mary Louise Ellis (b.1934, d.3-4-1990)
12. CYNTHIA M. COINER SHELTON - Greer, SC
12. MARY LYNN COINER STOVEN - Hurricane
12. JANICE S. COINER HOCHFSKY, b.10-29-1964
12. KENNETH ROGERS COINER, JR. - Lititz, PA
12. BRUCE ALLEN COINER - Smyrna, TN
12. STEPHEN E. COINER - Hurricane
12. TIMOTHY WAYNE COINER, b.9-17-1963
12. JOHN WESLEY COINER, b.10-29-1964
11. FRED ALLEN COINER, b.2-5-1931 at Marmet
- m. Loretta McDougal
11. BRUCE ALLEN COINER, b.2-5-1931 at Marmet; d.7-20-1958 in auto wreck; Navy veteran
10. IRENE COINER, b.7-15-1900 at Acme, died in 1940's; buried in Handley Cemetery
- m. Hulen James Goodyear
11. BILLY CHARLES GOODYEAR, b.10-23-1923, d.1-9-1990; UKV Cemetery, Glasgow
- m. Juanita Redden
- Children: Robert Goodyear and Michael Goodyear, Handley; Kathy Goodyear Griffith, Hershaw
11. DON GOODYEAR (1926-1988)
- m. Beulah Lewis (b.1926) on 9-28-1946
11. MARGARET ANN GOODYEAR LUTES, b.1927
- m. Jess Henry Baldwin (b.1924, 7-20-1946
- Children: Carol Lee Baldwin, Jess Henry Baldwin, Jr., James Ray Baldwin
11. BETTY JUNE GOODYEAR, b.7-26-1928 at Whitesville, Boone Co.
11. HELEN IRENE GOODYEAR, b.1933
- m. John Mack Baldwin on 5-28-1955

10. CHARITY IRENE COINER, b.7-15-1900 at Acme; d. in 1940's; Handley Cemetery

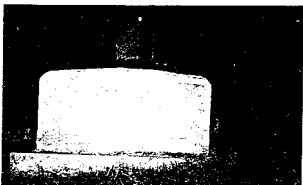
10. WILLIAM ISAAC COINER, b.3-31-1902, died 5-15-1973; Pine Grove Cemetery, McCorkle

m. Ollie Jane Alderman Clark (widow, b.1903)

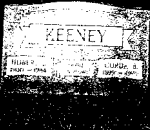
on 3-26-1924 at Edwight

11. WILLIAM HARMON COINER, b.11-29-1923 at Edwight; lived at Sumerco in 1973
m. Flo Tucker on 2-22-1947 at Hugheston
11. RANDALL EUGENE COINER, b.9-21-1927 at Mordue; killed 4-16-1953 in Battle of Pork Chop Ridge, Korea
m. Delores Moss in Anoxville, TN
11. REGINALD EARL (JACK) COINER, b.12-4-1929
m. Sandy McCommack
11. JUNE COINER, b.9-11-1926 at Mordue; died as child
11. BETTY LOUISE COINER, b.12-7-1932
m.(1) Joseph Cart; (2) Jim Smith
10. HELEN ELIZABETH COINER, b.7-3-1904, died 10-6-1982 at Huntington
m. George Bennett Baker (b.1893 in PA) on 8-9-1923 at Marmet by Rev. J. E. Hartman
11. BETTY BAKER BRAY - deceased
Sons: George Bray, Joe Bray
11. GEORGE B. BAKER, JR. - Frankfort, KY
11. JESSIE BAKER - born at Logan
m. Eugene Clerk - lives in Huntington
11. JOHN C. BAKER - Huntington, WV
10. FTHEL F. COINER, b.7-18-1906 at Marmet; died young
10. RAMSEY LORENZO COINER, b.1-27-1909 at Acme, d.9-19-1924; Oraceland Cemetery
9. GEORGE W. COINER, b.11-20-1878, d.2-11-1882

TENNESSEE



ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE descendants of Joseph Keeney (b.1765) and William (b.1795), include COLUMBUS JACKSON and Lizzie Praker KEENEY, their son HOSART J. KEENEY and wife, Corda B.; and C. J.'s brother, CREED WULFON and Hattie A. Lowery KEENEY. Hcbart's son, Jack, works in county government and is running for county clerk in the May 1 election. (Overtown Cemetery, formerly "Toad Hill Cem.")



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BENJAMIN F. KERNEY inseparably associated with the upbuilding of Lane county is the honorable career of Andrew J. Keeney, who, in addition to establishing a large farming enterprise near Gaston, gave to the state of his adoption children who maintain his good name, and keep in constant mind his worthy and upright life. Of these, none are more truly representative of northwestern vigor and enterprise than Benjamin F. Keeney, who occupies part of the original claim purchased by his sire, and where Benjamin F. was born October 24, 1865.

Andrew J. Keeney was born in Holt county, Mo., and was the son of a blacksmith who had early settled in the middle west. Remarking on the home farm until his marriage with a Miss Muldoan his life was shortly after saddened by the death of his wife, in whom he was devotedly attached. In time he married Mrs. Hannah Cooper, who bore him three sons, of whom James M. lives in Eugene, Ore.; William D. is a resident of Caldwell, Idaho; and John B. lives in Alex, Ore. For a third wife Mr. Keeney married Mrs. Annora J. M. Annus, the following children being born of this union: Mrs. Martha E. Handaker, of Tacoma, Wash.; Benjamin F., of Gaston, Ore.; Andrew A., of Massachusetts; and Thomas P., of Hong Kong, China. Mr. Keeney was ambitious and far-sighted, and was naturally impressed with the favorable reports he heard of the far west, to

which he finally decided to renounce his family. Crossing the plains with ox-teams, he remained for a few months in California, coming then to Oregon, his choice of residence being Lane county, at that time beginning to assert its independence as an agricultural and stock-raising section. Locating on the farm, a part of which is now owned and occupied by his son Benjamin, he laid the foundation for the present splendidly appointed farm which has become the pride of the owner and the neighborhood. To his original purchase he added from time to time, and at the time of his death, during the '90s, at the age of seventy-five years, was the owner of six hundred acres, the greater part of it valuable land. He raised large numbers of fine stock, as well as fruit, grains, hogs and dairy products, amassing considerable wealth as his harvests increased in extent and variety. He was no politician, but was vitally interested in his church, to the maintenance of which he gave liberally, as he did also to all worthy local charities. His life and effort were such that his name became associated with all that was noble and of good import.

From the district schools Benjamin Keeney went to Monmouth College, where his apt mind and powers of concentration accomplished far more in a given time than does the average student. For several terms he applied his knowledge as an educator, remaining in the meantime on the home farm, where he assisted in the harvest fields during the summer. After his over-

riage with Martha Cannanings he went to house-keeping on a part of the old claim. To him and wife were born two children, Hugh S. and Hobart S. His second marriage occurred in 1892, with Charity A. Fairbrock, a native of North Carolina. It were difficult to find a more perfectly appointed farm than that purchased in the early days by the elder Keeney, his son having added those able to modern agriculture which rob the occupation of its hard and discouraging aspect, and in their place substitute the possibility of an easily acquired competence. Stock-raising is a department of activity to which Mr. Keeney has devoted considerable study, and is one of the best influences on politics to be found in the state. With practical results he has raised Barred Plymouth Rock's fine brood reaching its highest excellence under his scientific treatment. In this connection he is a member and secretary of the Willamette Poultry Association, with headquarters at Eugene, and a member of the State Poultry Association. A staunch adherent of Republicanism, Mr. Keeney has been prominently identified with official undertakings in the county, having served as constable, justice of the peace, deputy sheriff, county clerk, school clerk for thirteen years, deputy assessor for eight years and notary public. He is a welcome member at numerous fraternal gatherings, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Woodmen of the World.

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PENNSYLVANIA THE HISTORY AND FAMILIES

of the

BLACK ROCK CHURCH of the BRETHREN

Elmer Q Gleim (1738-1988)

In 1767, John Kuny (Keeny) and Henry Kuny (Keeny) were listed as residents of Germany Township, York County. Henry paid taxes on one hundred acres of land. He arrived in America aboard the ship *Myrtles* on Sept 21, 1765. He signed his name in German script, "Heinrich Kuny". Henry's brother, John, arrived in America eleven years earlier and had also settled in Germany township. (4)

Morgan Edwards listed "Henry Geiny" as a member of the Little Conewago congregation in 1770. By 1779, he was being taxed for one hundred acres of land. On Jan 21, 1781, he drew up his will, "being very sick". This will was filed on Feb 15, 1781. The terms of the will, judged by the normal standards of the era, were extremely liberal toward Anna, his wife. Henry stipulated that Anna could keep the farm, if she wished. "If the children do not obey her commands", or if she chose to re-marry, she could then sell the farm, if she preferred. About fourteen months after Henry's death, Anna asked the court to appoint guardians for her children. (5) These guardians were chosen from the membership of the Little Conewago congregation. Apparently Anna had decided to re-marry.

The will of Henry Keeny itemized such clothing as a lincey jacket, a pair of old lincey breeches, two pairs of stockings and two under-jackets. An inventory of the estate, signed on Feb 17, 1781, indicated the kind of household and farm equipment used by the German Baptists of the later 18th century. Among the numerous items were the following: two spinning wheels, a lantern, a flour cest, bread baskets, "shoo" leather, a kerating trough, a loom with tools belonging thereto, a half bushel of wheat, a mare colt, two sows with young, four cows, two heifers, one bull, one steer, and six sheep. Executors for the will were Samuel Flickinger and Henry Hoff. The will was signed by three witnesses from the Little Conewago congregation: Daniel Utz, John Keeny and Henry Danzer.

The family of Henry and Anna Keeny consisted of the following persons:

Magdalena (1766-)
John S (July 7, 1768-June 21, 1848). He was granted three pounds of bad money more than any one of "my other children" (children). He was married to Magdalena Petry (Oct 10, 1770-July 19, 1828)
Anna (1773-)
Henry (1775-)
Barbara (1778-) who married Jacob Falkenstein
Jacob (1780-) who became the ancestor of the Keeny families in Washington Township, York County, PA

A record from Switzerland shows that Jacob Brungart was granted a permit from Prince William Henry to migrate to America. He settled in Breaknock Township in Lancaster County, PA, in 1760. In the years 1773-1774, he purchased land in York County close to the present site of the Black Rock Church. The first home built on this land was a log structure. By 1789, he transferred the land to Martin Brungard who had it patented under the title of "Martinsburg". This Martin Brungard was married to Catharine Wentz, the daughter of Valentine Wentz, the immigrant. In 1802, Martin Brungard moved to Centre County, PA. Their only known children were:

Margaret (-) who married Daniel Bear
Mary Magdalena (- 1858) who married George Utz
(1774-1842)

Members of the Brungard family are buried in the cemetery at the St Jacob's Stone Church.

The land and the log house owned by the Brungard family eventually became the property of Jacob Buser (1827-1874), whose daughter was married to Aaron S Baugher. Members of the Buser family were active in both the German Reformed and the German Baptist congregations. In 1773, the land known as "Martinsburg" contained a log house and two hundred and sixty acres.

The Congregation of 1770

Morgan Edwards, a minister of the Philadelphia Baptist Church (1761-1773), hoped to complete a full report of Baptist congregations in Colonial America. A part of this ambitious undertaking was a work known as *Materials Toward A History Of The American Baptists, Both British And German* (1770). In this volume, he described the German Baptists as "the harmless Tinkers" and "the visible people of God on earth". To this writer we owe the

listing of the membership of the Little Conewago congregation for the year immediately preceding the American Revolution.

From these records we may judge the sizes of the various Colonial congregations. By 1770, the German Baptists existed in twenty-one congregations. Memberships in six congregations influential in the life of the Little Conewago congregation reveal the following:

Conestoga, consisting of eighty-six persons in fifty-three families

Pipe Creek, consisting of seventy members in thirty-five families

Members of the Keeny family have remained very active in the life of the German Baptist Brethren denomination. A son of the immigrant Heinrich Keeny was named John S Keeny (July 7, 1768-June 21, 1848). George B Falkenstein described him as a man of "medium height and weight, a man of considerable ability but of reserved and retiring disposition". In the period from 1800 until his death in 1848, he ministered as a German-language exhorter of the Little Conewago Church.

John S Keeny bought a tract of two hundred and fifty-six acres in 1792 in partnership with Jacob Petry. These brethren paid six hundred pounds for the land which lay along the road between Sinsheim and Jefferson, PA. In 1794 John S Keeny became the sole owner of one hundred and eighty-four acres of land in the eastern portion of this tract. The land now borders the community of Jefferson (Codorus) and is nearly within sight of the Chestnut Grove Church.

John S Keeny was married to Magdalena Petry (Oct 10, 1770-July 19, 1828), the daughter of Stephen Petry. Their children were:

Henry (Nov 2, 1793-March 1, 1867) who married Anna Yount, daughter of Samuel and Catharine Eby Yount
John P (April 23, 1796-July 24, 1867) who married Elizabeth Wehley (May 13, 1800-April 9, 1877), daughter of John George and Eve Hoover Wehley. John P Keeny was elected to the ministry by the Little Conewago congregation on March 28, 1840.

Jacob (Nov 25, 1798-July 26, 1868) was married to Salome Falkenstein (April 6, 1799-Sept 24, 1859). They resided near Glen Rock, PA.

Mary (July 22, 1801-March, 1810) who was buried at the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery

Samuel (Dec 5, 1803-Nov 29, 1884) who was married three times: 1) To Catharine Hoff, 2) To Magdalena Grove (March 28, 1804-May 17, 1830) and 3) To Elizabeth Steuffer Michael (May 24, 1807-April 25, 1850) who married Barbara Bollinger (May 29, 1794-June 27, 1860). Both are buried at the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery.

David (July 5, 1813-Nov 4, 1879)

Jonathan (-) who is buried at the Chestnut Grove Church Cemetery

After the death of Magdalena, John S Keeny was married to Elizabeth _____, who is buried in an unmarked grave at the Chestnut Grove burial grounds. There was one son to this union. He was named Aaron (Aug 20, 1831-) and continued to reside in the Jefferson area, working his trade as a saddler.

Gwen Boyer Bjorkman, of Bellevue, WA supplies this very interesting information.

She speculates, "John Kuny (Keeny), who arrived in 1756 and settled in York Co., PA, then headed for VA (now WV)???"

The dates would make this possible. Others whose ancestry dates back to York County are invited to submit information for future UPDATES.

THE FALLABILITY OF CENSUS RECORDS

This is borne out by the belated listing of the NANCY KEENEY COINER FAMILY. She was left out of the first two genealogies of the Stires Jade Keeny family.

In 1837, when Nancy was born, birth records were not kept by the state. In 1853, when she married George H. Colner at age 16, his name was recorded in official records as George Comer. Fruitless searches uncovered no such couple.

Then in the 1860 census, in Paint Creek house #2272 we found George H. Kiner, farmer 28, Nancy 24, Cyrus (not Stires J., his name) 6, Mary 4, and Permelia C. 8/12.

Family Affair

OBITUARIES

Janice M. Champe

Mrs. Janice Montgomery Champe, 84, of 418 Ferry St., Montgomery, died Wednesday, March 7, 1990, in Montgomery General Extended Care Unit after a long illness.

She was a homemaker and a member of Montgomery Presbyterian Church. She was a lifelong resident of Montgomery.

Surviving: son, Sewell Preston of Edison, N.J.; two grandchildren.

Memorial service will be 7 p.m. Saturday at Montgomery Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Arthur H. Wilham Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London.

Friends may call after the service at 410 Ferry St. The family suggests donations to Montgomery Presbyterian Church or West Virginia Tech Scholarship Fund, R.C. Hooper Funeral Home, Montgomery, in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Keith Keeney

Kenneth Keith Keeney, 58, of Star Route Box 154, Leetown, died Jan. 31, 1990, in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was a retired master for Carbon Pools Co. No. 9, an Army veteran of World War II. He attended Carbon Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving: wife, Lucille, Leetown, Heald of Davina, Adnae of Beckley, Jack of Shelby, O. Gary of Chesapeake, sisters, Patricia Cuddey of Crown Hill, Lois Brockert of Miami, W. Va., Julia Moore of Beckley, Madeline Holt of Newark, Ohio, Ruth Spiller of South Charleston, Ann Nason of New Haven, Ohio.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. Sunday at Fisher-Prange Funeral Home, Sandy.

Mrs. Mary Lou Coiner

HURRICANE - Mrs. Mary Lou Ellis Coiner, 56, of 354 Trays Lane, Hurricane, died March 5, 1990, at Putnam General Hospital after a long illness.

She was retired chief deputy of Putnam County Assessor's Office. She was the parent for and attended Hurricane Bible Church. She was a member of Putnam County Democratic Club, former Miss Putnam County and a lifelong resident of Hurricane.

Surviving: husband, Kenneth R. Coiner Jr.; daughters, Cynthia L. Shelton of Cozer, S.C., Mary Lynn Sover and Janice S. Hinchey, both of Hurricane, sons, K. Roger Jr. of Lotts, Pa., Bruce A. of Serrano, Texas, Stephen E. of Hurricane, Timothy W. of Hattiesburg, Fla., John W. of Waukegan, Ill., Patricia S. Elliott of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; eight grandchildren.

Service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hurricane Baptist Church, 401 Ridge and the Rev. Ken Hitting officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Hurricane. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Chapman Funeral Home, Trays Valley.

Mrs. Halcy Marks

MASSILLON - Mrs. Halcy Marks, 71, of Massillon, formerly of Benton, W. Va., died Dec. 7, 1987, at Massillon Community Hospital after a short illness.

She was a retired director of purchasing for Massillon Community Hospital.

Surviving: daughter, Deena K. Berens of Massillon, son Ronald D. of Massillon, sisters, Esther Parish of Antioch, La., W. Va., of St. Albans, W. Va., and Barbara Miller of Nicholas, brothers, Lawrence Samples of Edinburg, W. Va., Orvis Samples of Belle, W. Va., and James of Ohio, four grandchildren.

Service and burial was Saturday in Massillon, Arnold-Lynch-Miller Funeral Home, Massillon, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Julia Ann Bonham

Born June 26, 1901
Died Mar. 7, 1990

Survived By

Husband, Curtis Bonham; son, Michael Bonham; daughter, Mrs. Sandra M. Leach, Mrs. Kim Taylor and Miss Jo Anne Bonham; mother, Mrs. Edna Stanley; brothers, Tony, Richard, Jerry and Larry Stanley; sister, Mrs. Kay Hartsclaw; 5 grandchildren.

Services From

Witcher Baptist Church

Time

Monday, Mar. 5, 1990 11:30 A. M.

Chapel

Rev. Billy Wilburn

Innocation

Witcher Creek Cemetery



Mr. and Mrs. Ferd G. Keeney of St. Albans will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday. He is retired from Carbonic Steel at the former Ewing Stoneking. They have a daughter, Linda Deel of Miami, Fla., one granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

MICHIGAN: Phyllis Keeney Smith appreciates material published on her ancestors, Abner and Seth Keeney. She extends an invitation to the Keeney Reunion at 10347 Dixie Highway, just north of Erie, MI, at noon July 7. For information: Mrs. Joel M. Mihovich, 24221 Morton, Oak Park, MI 48237.

KENTUCKY: David Keeney, age 15, Paris, KY 40361 is collecting genealogical information on Bourbon Co. Keeneys. The address is 156 Grimes-Batterton Rd.

JOSEPH W. POULKE, 345 Mountain Road, Wilton, CT 06897 descends from Warren Co., Iowa, Keeneys and Ellison relatives who lived along the New River of VA/WV and fought in the American Revolution.

CALIFORNIA: Kenneth R. Keeney, P.O. Box 578, Brownsville, CA is a great grandson of Jonathan Keeney (Update, Vol. 6, No. 1). He has sons Kenneth Reid, b.12-30-1949; Bruce Paul, b.9-23-1952; and Blake Phillip, b.5-6-1961.

ANGELS: Generous support has come from "family members" to pay for this issue: California-R. R. Meesey, Bloomington 25, Wm. W. LeBar, San Diego 5; Margaret Foster, Vaceville; Florida-Christian Keeney, Neptune Beach 20; Georgia-Robert Douglas, Jr., Lilburn 25; Iowa-Marion Moeller, Maquoketa 20; John & Rebekah Keeney, Keokuk 20, Jean Roller, Clinton 10; Michigan-Phyllis K. Smith, Erie 20; Minnesota-Evelynne J. Mohr, Bloomington 5; Tennessee-Jack Keeney, Clinton 15; Texas-George H. Keeney, Abilene 30; Washington-Gwen H. Bjorkman, Bellevue 5; W. Va.-Neomi M. Pollock, Wellsburg 5, Anna C. Howard, Belle 10.

REV. KEENEY PREACHED FIRST SERMON IN 1821

From Spencer, WV
Story on Roane
County churches

JOHN D. KEENEY
itinerant minister
family detailed in
September 1989
KEENEY UPDATE

From the record of the first sermon preached in what is now Roane County, District, to the present time covers a span of 135 years, but the elapsed time since the formation of the first religious group is only 116 years. From this early preaching, and down through the years, churches have sprung and in some instances, passed from the scene.

The history records that one Rev. John Keeney preached among the pioneers in 1821, but there is no available record as to the source of his origin or whether he went. It is generally accepted that he was one of the several itinerant preachers who traveled abroad during that early period.

Hardeny's Historical-Geographical Encyclopedia, copyrighted in 1884, provides the information that "In 1820, a Baptist Church was organized on Loft's Farm of Keeney, by Rev. Thomas Cain. His membership included: John M. Thompson and wife, Martha Thompson and wife, James E. Burdett and wife and Margaret Burdett. The second church organized was Methodist Episcopal and the third was Methodist Protestant."

From: Baptist Examiner 1917 OBITUARY

KEENEY
Mrs. Elizabeth Keeney, wife of David Keeney, died March 28, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Rose Largest, at Leagers. Mrs. Keeney joined the Slaughter's Creek Baptist church and was baptized by Rev. Martin Hays in 1845. Sister Keeney leaves to mourn their loss, two girls and one boy. Mrs. Rose Largest at Leagers; Mrs. J. N. Watkins of Frontville, Va. and Mr. George Keeney of Portsmouth, Ohio. She also leaves, four brothers and one sister. Her husband, two daughters and one son having preceded her. Sister Keeney lived a Christian life and she leaves many friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was preached by the writer at the Baptist Church at East-bank, and the body laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

W. H. KEENEY

JANICE MONTGOMERY CHAMPE was a great great granddaughter of Nancy Keeney & Henry Montgomery (Keeney Update, March 1986, p.4)

KENNETH KEITH KEENEY, p.46, Keeney Relatives, son of Hary Leslie & Ethel Hudson Keeney

MARY LOU COINER - family listed in this issue

HALSY PAY SAMPLES MARKS, p.26, Keeney Relatives; granddaughter of Harrison Columbus & Nettie Betep Keeney, Clay County, WV

JULIA ANN STANLEY BONHAM, p.59, Keeney Relatives; wife of Curtis Bonham, great grandson of Rev. T. Y. Keeney

PERD G. & EVELYN KEENEY, p.19, Keeney Relatives; family listed in David Keeney Family Update in 1989