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TENNESSEE

FREDRICK C. & Betty Jean Nelson Keeney, of Hixson, TN are avid travelers and family historians. Son of Watson F. & Lola Critchfield Keeney, he was born in IA. Betty Jean was born in ND.

KEENEY, Charles Heath,
Manufacturer, Inventor.

CONNECTICUT

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The rise from a lowly position to the head of a thriving and prosperous business is always interesting, and the fact is admitted that the man who achieves this aim is endowed with qualities far above the average. Charles Heath Keeney, president and treasurer of the Connecticut Blower Company of Hartford achieves this aim.

The Keeney family is one of the oldest in Connecticut, and it has furnished a great number of remarkable and able men. The immigrant ancestor of the family herein traced was: Alexander Keeney, who was a freeman in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1667, and there died in 1680, leaving an estate of L. \$6 6s. His widow, Alice, died in 1683, and they were the parents of seven children, the youngest of whom was Richard Keeney, born in 1673, and at one time lived in East Hartford. His second son was Thomas Keeney, who received a grant of land from his father in 1730. His second son was Elizur Keeney, and he was the father of Elizur (2) Keeney, born August 14, 1775. He worked during the winter months cutting wood on lots which he purchased and carting it to Hartford. He married Abigail Slate, born August 2, 1776, and their son, Elizur (3) Keeney, was born September 27, 1804, died April 14, 1885. He grew up on the home farm and lived there a short time after his marriage. Then he removed to Newington, where he lived for six years. Thence he removed to West Hartford, and for the remainder of his active life was engaged in farming there. In addition he dealt in live stock and tobacco. A few years before his death the management of his farm was taken over by his son, Elizur Keeney. Keeney was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party's principles and served as selectman. He married, in 1826, Julia Withersell, who died February 10, 1891, at the age of eighty-two years. They were active attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Elizur (4) Keeney, their son, was the fourth Elizur Keeney in succession. Mr. Keeney married (first) January 15, 1868, Lucia Isadore, daughter of Joshua S. Heath, of Collinsville, born December 5, 1847, died January, 1889. Two of their children grew to maturity, namely: 1. Julia Emily, born July 7, 1870, died October 9, 1918; became the wife of Ira Hall, and was the mother of two sons, Harry and Frederick Hall. 2. Charles Heath, of further mention. Mr. Keeney married (second) December 23, 1893, Julia H., daughter of John S. Bancroft, of Wapping, Connecticut. They attend the West Hartford Congregational Church.

Charles Heath Keeney, only son of Elizur (4) and Lucia I. (Heath) Keeney, was born October 26, 1873, and was a student at the public schools of his native town. From his early boyhood he teemed with vitality, which goes with interest and purpose, and which has been behind the great energy of the man. His first position in 1894 was with a blower company in Hartford, where he remained for several years in their office to learn the blower business. In May, 1915, he realized his ambition: to engage in his own business. In the above named month he organized and incorporated the company of which he is now the chief executive, the Connecticut Blower Company.

Mr. Keeney has taken out a number of patents in connection with blowers, and has invented a blower, exhaust fan and dust collector, a blower for drying tobacco, and a reversible bearing for blowers.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS & HANNAH SOULE KEENEY SETTLE IN OHIO, MICHIGAN, AND WISCONSIN

More than one Thomas Keeney was born in Connecticut. The subject of this report is Thomas, who was born 12 April 1773 at Kent and died at Munson Twp, Geauga Co OH on 12 Feb 1845. Son of Mark & Abigail Beeman Keeney, grandson of John & Sarah Webster Keeney, and great grandson of Ebenezer & Mary Colt Keeney, he was married to Hannah Soule(s) (b.14 Jul 1768,d.2 Feb 1852), a daughter of Benjamin & Elizabeth Davis Soule.

This Keeney family settled in Luzerne Co, PA, where at least nine children were born. Four or more of them migrated to the midwest after these states were admitted to the union. Branching out from Geauga Co. OH they spread out to Michigan and Wisconsin. These children were Cyrus, Mary (Barker), Marvin Duncan, and Harvey. The other children of Thomas & Hannah were:

ABIGAIL KEENEY, b.21 May 1795, m. Daniel Jenks
ELECTA KEENEY, b.22 Feb 1797 m.Allen Nixon
(1823-1880)

ESAK KEENEY, b.29 May 1806 in Luzerne Co. PA



WEST VIRGINIA

JOSEPH TIMOTHY NOWLAN (1839-1920) was married 5-25-1865 in Kanawha Co. to MARY AGNES KEENEY, daughter of Stires J. & Amelia Gatewood Keeney. They lived in Talcott Dist., Summers Co., being parents of eleven children.

WARREN McDONALD KEENEY SAGA CONTINUES

by

Warren McDonald Keeney III, December 1997



Upper left: WARREN McDONALD KEENEY, son of Robert H. (b. 1834 in WV) & Julia Kolley (b. 9-3-1862 in WV, d. 1932 in OR); married Minnie Riva McLaughlin (b. in OH) in 1890
 Middle left: WARREN McDONALD KEENEY II, b. 4-19-1908 in OR, d. 6-1980 in CA; wife: Mary Dale Cladek (m. 1941)
 Above: WARREN McDONALD KEENEY III, born 10-19-1944 in CA; m. Kimberlyn DePaoli

I am Warren McDonald Keeney, son of Warren McDonald Keeney and Mary Dale (Cladek) Keeney. My father was the son of Warren McDonald Keeney and Minnie (McLaughlin) Keeney of Salem, Oregon. Reference Keeney Update, September 1993 issue, Vol. X, No. 3, page 4.

I have four children, Shannon Leigh Keeney-Byler of Boise Idaho, Warren (Mickey) McDonald Keeney of Portland, Oregon, and Jacob Truman Keeney and Jetta Dale Keeney of Clearlake, California. Two grandchildren from Shannon Byler, Jennifer Byler and Logan Byler.

I currently reside in Modesto, California with my wife Kimberlyn (DePaoli) Keeney.

My son Mickey served in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, and is now a bookkeeper in Portland, Oregon. My daughter Shannon is in the real estate business as a commercial escrow officer for a firm in Boise, Idaho. Jacob and Jetta are seniors in high school and will continue on to college next Fall.

My wife and I travel quite a lot and throughout our travels we have found many Keeneys. This August we traveled to Kentucky and on the way stopped at WaKeeney, Kansas. What a surprise to them when I went into City Hall and showed the City Clerk my driver's license. With the town being founded by a man named Warron and a man named Keeney, the excitement this created was really fun. The City Clerk sent us to the local druggist to learn more about the town and how it got its name. This was very interesting and started me thinking about the Keeney Clan and where I fit into it.

This December, we took a trip to Washington. Traveling on US 395, south of Mt. Vernon, we ran across two Keeney communities, Keeney Meadows and Keeney Camp. Unfortunately the roads were all iced up and we were unable to make the trip into these areas, but plan on it in the Spring as we are going back to Washington.

My son Mickey spent Christmas with me this year. We talked about the Keeneys and he told me there are a lot of us in the Portland, Oregon area and was going to try and contact them to get more updated information. As I get further information I'll pass it on.

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LEFT: WARREN McDONALD KEENEY IV
 Bookkeeper, Portland, OR

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CHILDREN OF THOMAS (cont'd)

Hannah Keeney, b.29 Aug 1808, m. Daniel Schoon-
over
LUCY KEENEY, b.26 Dec 1811, m. Joseph Irish
The families of those who settled in the Mid-
western states:

CYRUS KEENEY

CYRUS KEENEY, oldest son of Thomas, was born
19 Oct 1798 in Luzerne Co PA and died 26 Nov
1880 at Chester Twp Geauga Co OH. He was married
to Margaret Northrup Granger, widow of John
Martin Granger, on 10 Aug 1823. He was buried
at the Old Settlement Cemetery, Chester Twp OH.
Margaret was born in Mar 1803/4 and died 11 Aug
1882/83. Descendants of Cyrus & Margaret:

WILLIAM NELSON KEENEY b.3 Mar 1824 Tioga Co NY
m. Julia Ann Smith (b.1825) 1 June 1853 (LDS)
d. 20/30 Mar 1907; son; Earnest S., b. 8-1858
HARVEY KEENEY b.19 Nov 1825 Tioga Co NY, d. 15
Apr 1912 m. Martha M. Brainerd (b.18 Oct 1830)
on 10 Oct 1860 in Geauga Co. OH

RUSSELL KEENEY b.19 Oct 1827 m. Almira J. Bailey
ALANSON KEENEY b.22/23 Oct 1829, d. in infancy
CYRUS KEENEY, JR b.8 Feb 1831, d. in infancy
JULIA ANN KEENEY b.5 May 1832 in OH m. John S.
Eakins

FRANCES KEENEY b. 16 Aug 1833 OH, d.10 Nov 1910
m. Almeda Van Eman

EDWIN DEWITT KEENEY b.26 Apr 1836 OH m. Sarah
Culver 10 Oct 1857 in Geauga Co.

ALVIN KEENEY b.11 Jul 1840 OH m. Cornelia Van
Eman

ALBERT WALLACE KEENEY b.20 Mar 1843, d.7 July
1927 m. Clarissa Irene French 4 Jul 1866

AMELIA JANETTE KEENEY b.18 Sept 1846 OH, m.
Deniel Willard Miller 4 July 1865; lived next
door to her parents in 1870 census; children:

Arthur Miller b.1867
Frank Miller b.1868

MARY KEENEY BARKER

MARY KEENEY, daughter of Thomas & Hannah, b. 29
May 1800 in Luzerne Co. PA, d. 11 June 1869 n.
of Elkhorn WI; Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville,
Wisconsin

m. (1) Timothy Edwin Barker (b.6 June 1793 in
Pennsylvania, d.3 Jan 1853 in Wisconsin

m. (2) Sumner Preston (b.1800 MA, d.7 July 1876
in Wisconsin

Children of Mary & Timothy, all b. Wisconsin

NANCY B. BARKER b.23 Mar 1820 NY, d.27 Oct 1892
WI m. David Alanson Hoyt in 1841; Children:

CORNELIA ca1844, d.30 Dec 1934 m. Andrew Wilcox
JAMES E. b.22 Oct 1846 d.10 Feb 1907, m. Jennie
Miller 8 Oct 1871

WILLIAM ca1849 in OH
ELLEN HOYT b.1854

ALMIRA BARKER b.14 Nov 1821 NY, d.12 Feb 1900
m. Ashel M. Young 14 Nov 1838

SUSAN M. BARKER b.18 Mar 1824 NY d.3 Dec 1906
at Minneapolis MN; Rutland Cem Dane Co. WI

m. James Everett Horton (b.5 Nov 1825, d.9-
1892); Children:

JAMES EVERETT JR ca1846 Geauga Co OH, m.
5 Nov 1868 to Minerva Pritchard

LOREN CLINTON 22 Apr 1849 OH d.21 Jan 1900
m. Ruth Johnson 26 Jan 1869

EMERILLA A. 22 Oct 1852 OH m. Charles Taylor
24 Dec 1870, d. ca1940

WILLIAM B. ca1854 Dane Co WI m. Emily Tusler
18 Aug 1875

JULIA JANE 12 July 1859 WI d.14 Apr 1930,
m. Charles Albert Searies 20 Sept 1874

HARRIET 29 Aug 1860 WI, d.23 Jan 1943, m.
Edward Morrison 19 Sept 1880

HARVEY b.1861 WI, d.1862

GEORGE HORTON ca1862 WI, died in 1938

MARYETTE BARKER b.14 Aug 1825 at Elmira NY, d.

20 Jun 1874 Columbia Co WI; m. David S. Clark
(b.29 Dec 1819, d.13 Sept 1896) on 27 June 1844
Children of Maryette & David:

MARTHA J. 10 Nov 1845 Walworth Co WI d.20 Feb
1903 m. Christopher Langdon 31 Dec 1862

JAMES K. 20 Dec 1848 Columbia Co WI, d. 9 Feb
1939 m. Mary Turner 18 Oct 1869

MARY M. 20 July 1852 WI, d.19 Feb 1935, m.
Jacob Breneman 30 Dec 1869

IDA ADOL 14 Sept 1858 WI, d.14 Dec 1925, m.
Alonzo Holloway

VIOLE E. 21 June 1864 WI, d.10 Feb 1954, m.
Fred Edwards 21 Oct 1885

DAVID EUGENE CLARK 7 Nov 1866 WI, d.11 Aug
1931 m. Alzoe Mullencup 14 Mar 1894

JULIA BARKER 3 July 1827 at Elmira, Tioga Co NY
d.20 Nov 1902 Elkhorn, Walworth Co. WI; Spring
Prairie Cemetery, Elkhorn

m. George Franklin Babcock (b.13 Mar 1825 NY,
d.1 Feb 1890 WI) on 13 Feb 1845 in Geauga Co

Children of Julia & George F. Babcock:

HENRY E. 8 Nov 1845 WI, d.2 Jan 1912, m.
Marian Doane 27 Jan 1875

MARY JANE 16 Nov 1847 WI, d.2 Mar 1931, m.
Alfred Churchill, Jr. 1 Sept 1867

FRANK ALTON 6 May 1853 WI, d.8 Nov 1923, m.
Agnes Marie Neumoth 30 Aug 1880

FRED ALMON 14 Sept 1858 WI, d.25 Aug 1939, m.
Emma Curran 12 Nov 1884, (2) Celia Salentine
20 Feb 1928 at East Troy, WI

WALTER SCOTT 3 Oct 1862, d. 30 May 1924, m.
Bertha K. Babcock 12 Nov 1888

BYRON ELMER BABCOCK 21 Apr 1865, d.19 Feb 1941
m. Anna Lumsden 20 Feb 1889

MARVIN DUNCAN KEENEY

MARVIN DUNCAN KEENEY, fifth child and second son
of Thomas & Hannah Soule Keeney, was born 22 May
1802 in Luzerne Co. PA and died 9 Feb 1885 at
Omer, Arenac Co., Michigan. He was married to
Sally Barker (b. ca1810 in NY) about 1830.

There were nine children, born in NY and OH:

WILLIAM KEENEY 1829/30 in NY

KEITH KEENEY 1831/32 in NY

LUCINDA KEENEY 1832/33 in NY, m. John P. Al-
len 26 Sept 1852 in OH

LOUISA KEENEY 1834/35, married a Springer

LUCY KEENEY 1837/38 in OH

SOULE FAMILY: From "Pioneer & Genealogical
History of Geauga Co. (Pub.1880) we learn:
Three brothers, A. L. Soule, Myron Soule &
Benjamin Soule (father or brother of Hannah)
came to Russell in 1839 from Onondaga Co NY.
They were active business men. A. L. Ben-
jamin and Richard Robinson moved to Michigan
about 1855. A. L. Soule died in a few years
and Myron Soule died 22 March 1863 at Russ-
ell.

LOYAL KEENEY 1840/41 at Munson, Geauga Co OH
m. Arabella Niece 15 Aug 1865

NELSON BYRON KEENEY 1842/43 at Munson, d. 11
Aug 1890 m. Olive Levina Waste 16 Aug 1874

CORWIN (T.C.) KEENEY 1844/45, d.11 Jan 1865

CHARLOTTE KEENEY 1847/48 at Munson, Geauga
Co OH m. Ben Brooks

HARVEY KEENEY

HARVEY KEENEY was the sixth child and third
son of Thomas & Hannah Soule Keeney. He was
born 3 June 1804 in Luzerne Co. PA and died
1 Oct 1884 in Arenac Co., Michigan. He was
twice married and the father of eleven.

He and Frances ? (b.24 Dec 1810, d. 12 Apr
1847) were married 11 April 1832 and were the
parents of:

JAMES KEENEY, b.4 Mar 1833, d.7 Mar 1833

JOHN KEENEY, b.4 Mar 1833, d.7 Mar 1833

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CHILDREN OF THOMAS (cont'd)

ANDREW KEENEY, b.4 Mar 1833, d.12 Mar 1833
 ANN SOPHIA KEENEY, b. 27 Apr 1835
 WILLIAM HENRY KEENEY, b.7 Aug 1837
 JOSUCN KEENEY, b.1 June 1840, d.24 Sept 1840
 MATHISON KEENEY, b.13 May 1842, died young
 Harvey Keeney was married to Sarah Ann Smith
 (b.1 Jan 1819, d.16 Jan 1880) on 6 August 1847
 at Kalamazoo, St. Joseph's Co., Michigan. Four
 children were born to them:
 GEORGE WALLACE KEENEY 9 Jan 1849 at Parkville
 MI d.9 June 1923, m. Johanna Cameron 7 Nov
 1886.
 SARAH FRANCES KEENEY 30 Oct 1850, d.31 Jan
 1853
 HARRIET MATILDA KEENEY 22 Apr 1853 at Park-
 ville, St. JOS. Co d.1924, m. Embry
 ISAAC WELTON KEENEY 2 Feb 1855 at Parkville
 m. Orilla E. Jackson 1 Jan 1881 (LDS)

Several of the Keeney boys were involved in
 the Civil War. Russell W. was discharged on
 1 Dec 1862 and Nelson was discharged 16 June
 1865 by the 9th Independent Battery, enlisting
 in Munson.

Listed from Chester Township were Alvin, Ed-
 win and Frank Keeney and Horatio Culver. All
 were discharged at the end of the war.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Elaine R. Babcock Bristow - Newman, CA
 Genevieve Elsie Keeney Lockman - daughter of
 Albert Wallace Keeney
 Iva W. Keeney Bristow
 Maria A. Hill - Union Lake, MI
 Amy Ethel Keeney Wheeler - GD of Cyrus Keeney
 Florence L. Keeney Robertson - Keeney Researcher
 Family Bible of Cyrus Keeney
 Bernard F. Farmer, GGGG of Mary Keeney Barker
 Ohio Census Reports 1850, 1860
 1900 Census of Walworth Co., Wisconsin
 Pioneer & Genealogical History of Geauga Co., OH
 LDS Regional Library, Sissonville WV

The MOSES KEENEY, of Hendricks Co., Indiana
 mentioned on this page, was born 5 July 1823
 in Pulaski Co., NY. His parents were George
 and Susan Hughes Keeney and both his grand-
 father and great-grandfather were named Mos-
 es. Young Moses went with his parents from
 Kentucky to Indiana when he was seven. Since
 there were no schools at the time, he had no
 formal education. He operated the freight
 line from Indianapolis to Danville for ten
 years. He was married to Ann J. Irvin and
 was the father of John I., Carrie & Maggie.

MONUMENTAL PUZZLE

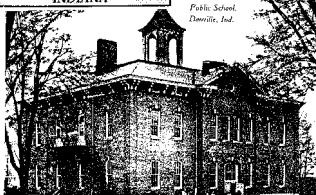
(Taken from the ROOTS-L, April 25, 1995)

Answer available from Ana Sharp, asax@ppg.com

Here lie: Two grandmothers,
 with their two granddaughters;
 Two fathers,
 with their two wives;
 Two mothers,
 with their two sons;
 Two sisters,
 with their two brothers;
 Yet but six corpses in all
 lie buried here,
 All born legitimate,
 from incest clear.

Can you work out the relationship of the people buried in this
 plot?

INDIANA



Public School,
 Danville, Ind.



The building was erected in 1874 at a cost of
 approximately \$24,000. In 1879 a fire destroyed the interior
 of the building. The damage to the classrooms was repaired
 and it continued to be used until the new school building was
 completed in 1928.

In 1904, the old school was dedicated to one of its
 most popular teachers, and renamed the Mattie A. Keeney
 School.

In 1913, her former pupils unveiled a bronze tablet
 that read: "This Building Dedicated to Mrs. M.A. Keeney by
 Her Loving Pupils Scattered Over Land and Sea."

Omnibus Line

Between Danville and Cartersburg.

THE undersigned is now making daily trips
 between Danville and Cartersburg—leav-
 ing the former place at 8 o'clocks, m.,
 and the latter at 10 minutes after 2 p.,
 m.—immediately on the arrival of the Eastern
 train. His omnibus will seat twelve passen-
 gers, and has been fitted up with express refer-
 ence to convenience and comfort. Fare—35
 cents. MOSES KEENEY.

Danville, Jan. 11, 1855:163w.

BT Remember—The *Red* is the one.

In the early 1850's
 a railroad was built across the
 southern part of the county,
 connecting Indianapolis
 and Terre Haute. The
 closest point of the railroad
 to Danville was 5 miles
 south, where the station
 called Cartersburg was
 established.

Moses Keeney, who had
 built the first livery barn in
 Danville, saw a business
 opportunity and established
 an omnibus line between
 Danville and Cartersburg.
 His twelve-passenger coach
 made daily trips between
 the two towns.

As a young boy, Moses
 Keeney began riding and
 training race horses. At the
 age of 21, he settled in Dan-
 ville and operated a
 business hauling freight to
 Danville from Indianapolis
 and Cincinnati.

The first advertisement
 for his passenger line ap-
 peared in the *Danville Ad-
 vvertiser* around 1855. Some
 of the Danville hotels also
 ran hack lines to Carter-

sburg for their customers.
 Keeney painted his vehicle a
 bright color and reminded
 travellers that "The *Red* is
 the one."

Keeney's skill as a driver
 was well known. When
 John W. L. Matlock's wife
 was gravely ill, he had two
 of his prize race horses
 taken to Keeney's livery and
 asked him to use them to
 drive to Indianapolis for a
 doctor. Keeney took the
 team to Indianapolis and
 back in record times: 3
 hours and 40 minutes.

When Central Normal
 College was removed to
 Danville from Ladoga in
 1878, Moses Keeney was in
 charge of rounding up
 enough wagons and
 carriages for the move.
 When the first vehicle
 returned to Danville
 carrying William F. Har-
 per, the president of the
 college, and CeDora
 Liesellen, a member of the
 faculty, it was the best
 carriage from Keeney's
 livery, driven by Moses
 Keeney, himself.

(refer to MARVIN KEENEY listing, page 3)

MARVIN DUNCAN KEENEY was the fifth child of Thomas and Hannah Keene. He was born 22 May 1802 in Pennsylvania, probably Luzerne County. The 1820 census lists the Thomas Keene family living in the town of Berkshire, Broome County, New York.

About 1829, Marvin married Sally Barker (born c.1810 in New York). They became the parents of:

William (born c.1830),
Keith (born c.1832),
Lucinda (born c.1833),
Louisa E. (born c.1835),
Lucy (born c.1838),
Loyal V. (born c.1841),
Nelson Byron (born c.1843),
T. Corwin (born c.1845) and
Charlotte (born c.1847).

By the time their fourth child was born in 1835, Marvin and Sally had moved their family to Munson, Geauga County, Ohio, along with members of their extended family.

Word of the gold strike in California reached Ohio. According to a family story, son Keith joined a group of 16-men and set out to seek his fortune in March of 1849. We can only speculate what happened to him.

Sally died about 1858. Recruiters appealed for volunteers to serve in the Civil War. Four of the five boys and several cousins joined various regiments. Corwin, the youngest and last to volunteer, was captured at Trevillian Station, Virginia, then sent to Andersonville Prison. He died of dysentery in 1865, just weeks before the war ended.

In 1864, Marvin married a widow, Eliza Jane Nevins Canfield Waste. Once again, it was time to move on. With most of his sons scattered and daughters married, Marvin moved with Eliza c.1867 to a homestead near Sterling, Bay County (now Arenac), Michigan. His son Nelson E. and her daughter, Olive Lovina Waste (b. 1857) completed the household.

The family settled on 160 acres next to Marvin's brother, Harvey. Marvin's homestead papers claimed a 24x18' story-and-a-half log house of two rooms, with seven windows and four doors; plus a 30x24' log barn, all on three cleared acres.

By 1880, Marvin and Harvey's widowed brother, Esak, had moved to the area with his daughter and her husband, Abigail and Lloyd Rowley. Marvin died in 1885. By that time, Nelson was living in nearby West Bay City with his wife and children.

The wilderness has a way of bringing people together. Nelson E., 31, and Olive, 18, tied the knot in August 1874. The early years of their marriage are saddened by the death of their first two children. Three children survived to adulthood: Zilpha, Bessie and Leo.

While living in West Bay City, Nelson worked at a series of jobs, ranging from operating a confectionery to carpentry work. In 1890, as his young daughter, Zilpha, watched from across the street, Nelson fell to his death from the second story of a neighbor's house. For a time after, Olive worked as a cook in a lumber camp while her mother (Marvin's widow, Eliza Jane) cared for the children. Olive later married William Bricker of Naylor, Ohio.

Zilpha Keene married William Hillis c.1902 in Bay City. They moved to Detroit about 1920 with their children: Hubert, Bessie, Clara and Ellen Suzanne.

Leo Keene married Bessie May Burson and raised a family of nine in Sparta, Ohio. Their children were Margaret, Mildred, Marvin, Mary, Franklin, Harvey, Elta May and twins David and Dennis.

Bessie Keene married Clarence Funkhauser. They lived in Cleveland, Ohio and Orlando, Florida. There were no children of this union.



PATRONS

Greatest response in years!
That's the story following the December 1997 UPDATE.

Contributions paid off the last issue and will cover printing and postage for this issue. Donations include: Patricia Kaufman, OK \$40; \$25 each: Thelma Terrahan, NV; Jerry P. Keene, FL; Fred C. Keene, TN; Betty L. Keene, MO; W.R. (Bob) Keene (VA); Joann Nelson, IL. \$20 each: Juliana Cole, FL; Rebekah Keene, NH; Jay Keene, IA; Maria A. Hill, MI; \$15 Blanche K. Stephens, CT.

Don't stop; send pictures and stories of Keene kin, as well as clippings and obituaries.

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Apr., 1912
Died in Missouri, Jan., 1982
SS#: 493-09-8620

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Mar., 1918
Died in California, Jan., 1981
SS#: 349-46-9676

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Mar., 1941
Died in Feb., 1986
SS#: 330-84-1125

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Sep., 1920
Died in Mar., 1961
SS#: 337-13-9962

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Feb., 1923
Died in Mar., 1982
SS#: 817-10-9142

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jan., 1916
Died in Mar., 1987
SS#: 116-04-7319

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Nov., 1913
Died in Maryland, Mar., 1963
SS#: 214-09-4902

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jul., 1907
Died in Maryland, Apr., 1966
SS#: 406-14-1156

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Aug., 1899
Died in Newark, May, 1968
SS#: 707-04-1116

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Feb., 1902
Died in Michigan, May, 1976
SS#: 261-10-1713

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Mar., 1922
Died in Texas, Sep., 1992
SS#: 602-14-0219

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Sep., 1927
Died in Florida, Jan., 1989
SS#: 262-20-1078

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Dec., 1918
Died in New York Oct., 1985
SS#: 040-18-3777

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Mar., 1917
Died in Florida, Nov., 1968
SS#: 718-06-1547

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jul., 1914
Died in Florida, Nov., 1976
SS#: 251-01-1351

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jan., 1925
Died in Texas, Dec., 1974
SS#: 481-20-1241

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jul., 1915
Died in New York, Sep., 1979
SS#: 267-40-8143

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Jan., 1909
Died in Pennsylvania, Sep., 1981
SS#: 000-10-6490

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Mar., 1925
Died in Illinois, Sep., 1966
SS#: 328-10-0112

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Apr., 1924
Died in Maryland, Sep., 1987
SS#: 217-11-2884

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Feb., 1896
Died in West Virginia, Sep., 1998
SS#: 321-18-1216

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Apr., 1928
Died in Illinois Oct., 1966
SS#: 212-60-5423

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Dec., 1899
Died in Maryland, Aug., 1970
SS#: 114-00-0408

JAMES KEENEY

Born in Aug., 1900
Died in Florida, Aug., 1985
SS#: 107-37-8519

New Friends and Old Friends

by Joseph Parry

Make new friends, but keep the old;

Those are silver, these are gold.

New made friendships, like new wine,

Age will mellow and refine.

Friendships that have stood the test —

Time and change — are surely best;

Brow may wrinkle, hair may gray;

Friendship never knows decay.

For "mid old friends", tried and true,

Once more we our youth renew.

But old friends, alas! may die:

New friends must their place supply,

Cherish friendship in your breast —

New is good, but old is best;

Make new friends, but keep the old;

Those are silver, these are gold.



WEST VIRGINIA



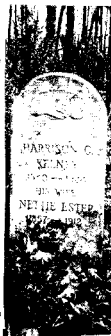
LEFT: Harrison C. & "Nettie" (Estep) Keeney
 ABOVE: Autone Hart Samples, great granddaughter - Elkview, WV
 FAMILY HISTORIAN

Name: Harrison Columbus "Lun" KEENEY
 Birth: 6 Apr 1840 Place: Cabin Creek, Kanawha Co., VA
 Chr: Place:
 Death: 25 Aug 1924 Place: Bomont, Clay Co., WV
 Burial: Place: Family Farm, Glen, Clay Co., WV

Harrison Columbus Keeney was born 6 April 1840 in Cabin Creek, probably in the area of Eskdale, Kanawha County, West Virginia. His parents raised their family there so apparently Harrison spent his childhood years in that coal mining community. Although his father, Moses Walls Keeney, did have considerable coal interest in later years, it is uncertain as to whether he actually ever worked in the mines. In most census reports, he was listed as a farmer. Unfortunately for our side of the family, the youngest daughter of Moses Walls (Caroline) apparently inherited all of the coal property.

Harrison was age 10 in the Kanawha County 1850 census; in 1860 the family is listed in the Faint Creek District of Kanawha County and Harrison C. was age 20. It is not known if there was a move to a different community but is believed to be the same location. I have not located the family in 1870. In the 1880 census of Clay County, West Virginia, Harrison C. Keeney is found in the household of Hiram Lewis, a farmer. He was 41 years old, single, a servant, working on the farm. It was within that year on 22 August 1880, that H. C. Keeney and Jenetta M. Estep were married. Kanawha County marriage records reveal that Jenetta's father, Joel Estep, reported the marriage.

On 28 Jul 1881, Harrison and Jenetta's first child, Cora Lee was born. She was born at Brawley which is between Clendenin and Queen Shoals in Kanawha County. In the next 15 years, five more children were born in Kanawha County; Maggie, Vesta, Mattie, Nettie and Carl. The only son, Carl, was born at Clendenin which may be how Brawley was reported. At some point, the family lived at Hart's Branch near Elk River at Queen Shoals. They may have also lived on the divide between Queen Shoals and Bomont near the John and Anna Sands family. Those two families were good friends and, in fact, 81-year-old Anna Davis Sands lived with the Keeney family as a boarder in the 1900 census. By the time Harrison and Jenetta's youngest child, Nona, was born in 1899, they were living in Clay County.



W SUTHERLAND
 b. 29 May 1862
 P. Virginia, Dinwiddie Co.
 M. 23 Feb 1888
 P. WV, Kanawha Co.
 d. 11 Mar 1945
 P. Kanawha Co., WV

G SUTHERLAND
 b. Mar 1859
 P. Coalburg, WV Kanawha Co.
 M. 18 Dec 1915
 P. Wood hemphre Brooks Creek
 d. 24 Mar 1965
 P. WV, Thomas Hop

Laura Belle WHITE
 b. 5 May 1868
 P. Kanawha Co., WV
 d. 5 Aug 1969
 P. So. Class., WV, Dams Hop

G SUTHERLAND
 b. 3 Apr 1922
 P. WV, Kanawha Co.
 M. 21 Oct 1945
 P. WV., First Baptist Church
 d.
 P.

William WOOD
 b. 6 Aug 1848
 P. WV Cross Lanes
 M. 19 May 1887
 P. Lincoln Co., WV
 d. 7 Nov 1925
 P. Kan. Co., St. Albans, WV

Ella Lena WOOD
 b. 18 Nov 1862
 P. Kanawha Co., WV
 d. 24 Mar 1993
 P. Houston, TX, Harris Co.

Lacy PAULEY
 b. 30 Aug 1863
 P. Lincoln Co., WV
 d. 13 Oct 1947
 P. Kanawha Co., WV

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 Forest Thornton

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not, How did he die?
 But, How did he live?
 Not, What did he gain?
 But, What did he give?

Not, What was his station?
 But, Had he a heart?
 And, How did he play
 His God-given part?

Rosa B. Keeney

Rosa B. Keeney, 101, of Belle died Feb. 18, 1997, in Beverly Health Care Center, Glasgow, after a long illness.

She was the oldest member of White Baptist Church, Belle, a native of Nicholas County and a longtime resident of Kanawha County.

Surviving: daughters, Rosalie Burris of Belle, Loretta K. Baskin of Cherokee, Fla.; sons, John Edward of Walton, Fla.; William of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; sister, Fannie Celea Pittman of Columbus, Md.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.



Health Care Center, Glasgow, after a long illness.

KEENEY, Rosa B. — Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Witcher Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Fidler & France Funeral Home, Belle, is in charge of arrangements. Keeney, 101, of Belle died Feb. 18, 1997, in Beverly Health Care Center, Glasgow, after a long illness.

F SUTHERLAND
 b. 1780
 d. 15 Aug 1833

E TRAYLOR
 b. 1785
 d.

Altea ARCHER
 b. 1 Mar 1783
 d. 11 Feb 1869

P WHITWORTH
 b. 29 Sep 1789
 d. 18 Nov 1851

Blaford WHITE
 b. 1818
 d. Dec 1850

Cynthia HUDNALL
 b. 27 Sep 1818
 d.

Sires KEENEY
 b. 1813
 d. 4869

M GATEWOOD
 b. 25 Jan 1813
 d. 10 Jul 1860

Basil A. WOOD
 b. 1780
 d. 13 May 1844

E DUDDING
 b. 1781
 d. 25 Jan 1865

James MCCOWN
 b. 14 Apr 1783
 d. 2 Jul 1871

R DUDDING
 b. 1793
 d. 1835

Mohaney PAULEY
 b. abt 1796
 d. 2 Jun 1865

Lucinda TURLEY
 b. abt 1795
 d.

Peter HOLSTEIN
 b. 1 Aug 1795
 d. 9 Nov 1859

E MCCLURE
 b. 31 Mar 1791
 d. 1877

SUTHERLAND
 30 Grizzel ?
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 38 John ARCHER
 37 Millison BARROW
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 42 Daniel HUDNALL
 43
 44 Moses KEENEY
 45 Frances HARRIS
 46 R GATEWOOD
 47 Elizabeth BURKE
 48 William A WOOD
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 50 DUDDING
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 52 M MCCOWN
 53 Eleanor MOSS
 54 John DUDDING
 55 Sarah BELLAMY
 56 Henry PAULEY
 57 Athalia MULLINS
 58 John, Sr. TURLEY
 59 Martha TURLEY
 60 S HOLSTEIN
 61 Jane LOONEY
 62 R MCCLURE
 63 Mary CRAWFORD

OBITUARIES

Traber G. Bonham Jr.

Traber Gatewood "Red" Bonham Jr., 60, of St. Albans died Nov. 18, 1967, at Memorial Hospital, CAMC, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

He was a retired maintenance complex administrator from Union Carbide-Khose Fulcrum with 34 years' service. He was a member of Diamond Baptist Church and Elks Lodge 200, Charleston, and was a Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving: wife, Mary Bonham; daughter, Teresita Faller of Atlanta, Elder, Father of St. Albans; Becca Gaines of Charleston; sisters, Betty King of Westcott-Salvo, N.C., Alice Meigs of Cleveland; brother, Tom of St. Albans; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Fidler & France Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Lloyd Daulters presiding. Burial, with military rites, will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

KEENEY — Lawrence W., 60, of Spencer, Dec. 1, 1897, John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer.

Wilma Lawanna Vance Fell

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Wilma Lawanna Vance Fell, 90, of Columbus died Dec. 5, 1997, at home.

She was a coordinator at Columbus Cancer Clinic.

Surviving: husband, Donald Fell; sons, Larry A. and Jerry L. Vance; daughter, Diana Gail Vance; step-daughters, Valerie Price and Vicki Owens; sisters, Ann Hager, Nora Carroll, Edna Fugittier, Brister, Douglas and Vernon Keeney; six grandchildren.

Service will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel, Columbus. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery, Panama, may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice at Riverside and Grant, 3535 Cemetery River Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Elsie Clarence Keeney

WALTON — Elsie Clarence Keeney, 95, of Walton, Boone County, died Jan. 1, 1998, at Revere General Hospital, Spencer, after a short illness.

She was a retired coal mine a member of UMW, District 17 and a former resident of Miami.

Surviving: daughter, Belva Newcomer of Chesapeake; sisters, Arbia Light of Marmor, Md.; grandchildren, 11; great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, with the Rev. Melvin Stumacher officiating.

Traber G. Bonham, Jr. was a great grandson of Rev. T. Y. Keeney; obituaries his parents were published in recent issues.

LAWRENCE K. KEENEY was one of nineteen children of Daniel Keeney, oldest son of John P. Keeney, of Boone Co. WV; he was unmarried.

WILMA FELL was one of ten children of Adria LeRoy (1908-1968) & Sylvia Jetta White Keeney in the William E. Keeney line.

ELSIE CLARENCE KEENEY was the youngest son of John Quincy (1873-1953) & Julia Scott Keeney in the Moses W. Keeney line.

FAMILY OF REV. JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY AND MARY MCCLOTHLEN

PATRICIA FOULKE KAUFMAN
1400 SE MELMART DR.
BARTLESVILLE, OK 74006

NEW YORK

Jonathan Anthony Keeney was a Baptist Minister who was licensed to preach in the Big Pigeon Baptist Church that his parents belonged to near Jefferson, Tennessee. About 1808, after the birth of their first three or maybe four children, the Rev. Jonathan and his family left Tennessee joining the pioneer westward movement. There is some evidence that they came first to Ohio. One census record says that Jonathan Keeney, the fourth child, was born in Ohio but some family researchers say the Joseph Seaberry, the third child was born in Indiana. This family was known to be in Union County, Indiana by 1812. Following a pattern of the early Indiana settlers, they first came to Eastern Indiana then later moved to central Indiana. By 1830 the Keeney's were in Montgomery County, where the family had settled on a claims of 40 acres for each child of Jonathan and Mary (McClothlen) Keeney.

About 1846, most of this family came west to Iowa. The parents and most of their grown and married sons and daughters, many with small children, all settled near one another in the South East part of Polk County in what is now Allen Township. Charles Keeney a mason, built a large brick home, and also dealt in real estate. He laid out the town of Avon in Allen township. After lasting perhaps a hundred years the town of Avon no longer exists. Most of the families engaged in farming. Jonathan was a blacksmith and had a retail store. Samuel was a Baptist minister and circuit rider. Peter, also a Baptist minister, stayed in Indiana. John Hiram Keeney also stayed in Indiana although some of his descendants eventually came to Iowa.

Rev. Jonathan lived only a couple of years after the Keeney migration to Iowa. Until his death he and his wife, Mary, lived with their son Charles in the brick home in Avon. Along with their parents, the following children have burial stones in Avon Cemetery: Charles, Jonathan, Samuel, and Mary Hannah.

*There is disagreement about the marriage date of Joseph and Esther Davidson, but Indiana records show the marriage as 26 May 1836 in Hendricks Co., Indiana. The marriages of other children are: Charles and Mary Beck, 23 March 1826, Union County; Elizabeth and Alanson Harrison, 18 Sep. 1834, Montgomery County; John and Mary Crusan, 12 July 1825, Union County; Nancy and Samuel McCoy, 30 Jan. 1840, Montgomery County; Peter and Dulcena Shirley, 4 March 1841, Boone County; Samuel T. and Elizabeth Kessler, 2 Feb. 1848, Montgomery County; Jonathan and Matilda Walker (licensed) 24 Dec. 1832, Hendricks County, although the marriage according to family records took place 25 Dec. 1832 in Montgomery County.

Authorities: Family Records of Patricia Foulke Kaufman: Marriage records of Montgomery Co., Indiana; Avon Cemetery, Polk Co., Iowa; Keeney/Kenny early Indiana marriage records.

A History of Polk County, Containing a History of the County, Its Cities, Towns, Etc., Des Moines: Union Historical Co., Birdsall, Williams & Co., 1880.

CHAPTER LIV.

POLK COUNTY TOWNS.

AVON.

The town of Avon in Allen Township was platted in August, 1856, on land belonging to Charles Keeney, one of the early settlers who had previously built a mill there, and had also erected one of the first brick farm houses in the county. The town was on a beautiful site, and it became a thriving village with considerable trade, and was a religious and educational center for a considerable scope of country. There was built the first graded school house in Allen township. A United Brethren Church was organized there as early as 1856, and early in the '60's a fine church was erected. Other churches were also organized at an early date, and have since flourished. When the railroad came Avon Station was located about one mile from the original town, and this actually did some injury to the latter. But Avon continued to be a beautiful country village, the center of a magnificent farming country.



Jonathan Keeney

KEENEY, Abner, Associate builder of the Brooklyn bridge. He was born in the Wyoming valley, Penna. Sept. 5, 1830, and is the son of his grandfather who was one of the first settlers. Like many farmers' boys born in the early part of the century, Abner devoted to study the hours that he snatched from labor, working in the summer months, and going to school in the winter. He also taught for a while in the common schools, but being ambitious and of a robust character, he began to think of a more active life. He studied engineering, worked on the Sunbury & Erie railroad from 1852 to 1854, and in company with his brother, Seth L. Keeney and Judge Fassett, built the three-mile of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad from Stroudsburg to the Water Gap. In 1856 he went to Brooklyn where he made the acquaintance of William C. Kingsley, who soon selected Mr. Keeney as his partner. Thereupon the firm of Kingsley & Keeney began to monopolize great works of engineering, meeting with a success which was quite unexampled in the business. During the war Mr. Keeney was in Washington, engaged in supplying stores to the army. In 1864 he returned in Brooklyn and renewed his relations with his old partner. The firm undertook the largest sewers in Brooklyn, and then attacked the great "Wallabout Improvement," a contract undertaken for \$1,000,000. This was followed by the construction under the personal charge of Mr. Keeney, of the Hempstead reservoir for the storage of the water supply of Brooklyn. It cost \$1,500,000, and brought fame and profit to the contractors, but so much jealousy was thereby stirred among other contractors in the city that in the endeavor to uproot them from their established position, Kingsley and Keeney were charged with dishonesty and with misappropriation of the public funds. A searching investigation was demanded, and this resulted in a complete vindication.

The last great undertaking of this firm was the construction of the Brooklyn bridge, the idea of which undoubtedly sprang to life in the brain of William C. Kingsley, being worked out in all its details by those two master engineers, the Keesleys (as v. v.), father and son. In this gigantic undertaking Mr. Keeney and his partner risked the majority of their capital. The bridge cost \$15,000,000, which is a single sum of \$1,500,000. The reaction incident to the successful completion of so enormous a task probably affected the powerful constitutions of the two men who had largely assumed its responsibility, for within a year both of them were dead. Mr. Keeney was a large stockholder and director of the Brooklyn "Eagle," a stockholder and director of the Metropolitan Gas Light Co., part owner of the Brooklyn theatre at the time of the terrible fire, and afterwards, when it was rebuilt, a member of the New York Exchange, largely interested in the Fulton Bank of Brooklyn; and a large stockholder and director of the Prudential Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J. He was also concerned in the direction of many other public institutions. He was married, in 1868, to Susan Ashby, of Jamaica, I., who survives him with two sons and one daughter. He died Aug. 18, 1884.

The first election in the township of Allen was held April 5, 1853, and the following officers were elected: Trustees, J. P. Denton, John Watts, James S. Mills; Clerk, Henry O. McIlroom; Assessor, Charles E. Flemming; and the first meeting was held at the house of John D. McClothlen.

The latter was one of the early settlers, prominent in township and county affairs, and every way a most excellent and enterprising farmer and citizen. He died some years ago. In this township was also located the Indian village of Keokuk, chief of the Sacs and Foxes, and there he made his home for several years. Nothing is left now but a few traces of this once large Indian village, but the beautiful land thereabouts yet retains the name of "Keokuk Prairie."