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Thomas B. Keeneey, b. about 25 Dec 1750 in Greenbrier (then Augusta) Co., VA, received a 200 acre grant for service in the colonial militia on the frontier. Greenbrier records, which began in 1781, record numerous run-ins with the law after receiving rations for military service on 19 June 1782 a warrant was issued on 20 August for breach of the peace, costing him 150 pnds. On 22 August a similar charge was dismissed.

Additional charges for assault in September 1783, May 1784, and a final 20 Nov 1784 dispute with John Alderson, the local minister, settled by mutual consent.

Thomas Keeneey, as well as brothers John, Michael, David and Joseph, were listed as heads of families in Greenbrier in 1783-86. In 1789 1789 Thomas sold furniture for 16 pnds. to Zachariah Green and court minutes of 12 Oct 1789 showed him living in Sumner Co., Tennessee. On 8 Sept 1778 he had married Mary Reaves in Bedford Co., the nearest court house. Thomas sold his land on French

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Drawing of Foster Keeneey (son of William F., drawing of Keeneey family home at Eekdale, Cabin Creek WV. Foster received home from his father, William F.

1889 John Perry

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF FORT ARBUCKLE

By Kim Arbogast McBride and W. Stephen McBride

INTRODUCTION

Frontier fortifications were a critical part of a defensive system which allowed for the successful colonization of the Trans-Allegheny region during the Revolutionary War era, a region which was hotly contested by European nations, American colonies or states and their settlers, and Native Americans. Unfortunately, the documentary record of these frontier forts is often rather meager. This is especially the case with such topics as fort structure and location, occupational length and intensity, and the variety of activities which took place at the forts. Archaeological investigations of frontier forts are the best, and in some cases the only, way to fill in the gaps in the historical record.

This article discusses the archaeological excavation of one of these frontier forts, Fort Arbuckle. This fort site is located in Greenbrier County just north of Alderson. Research on Fort Arbuckle was directed toward locating structural evidence, such as foundations and remnants of the stockade, and understanding the activities which occurred in the fort and the nature of the material culture of its occupants, through the recovery of artifacts. The project also had the strong educational goal of communicating the discoveries of the excavations and the process and potentials of archaeology to the community and state. This goal was addressed through a volunteer excavation program, a web site, an exhibit at the North House Museum of the Greenbrier Historical Society, and a number of public lectures and publications.

THE FRONTIER DEFENSIVE SYSTEM

It is impossible to understand the nature and function of Fort Arbuckle without some background on the frontier defensive system in which it operated. The period under study, roughly 1768-1790, actually represents the third attempt by Virginians to settle the Greenbrier and Middle New River Valleys. The first two settlement attempts, those of 1749-55 and 1760-63, both ended in failure and abandonment because of Indian raiding, associated with the French and Indian War and Pontiac's Uprising. In neither of these periods is there evidence of a well organized defensive system. This, together with the low settler population density, contributed to the

unsuccessful nature of these initial settlement attempts.

Settlers returned to the Greenbrier area after the 1768 Treaties of Fort Stanwix and Fort Loyalte which the Iroquois and Cherokee, respectively, relinquished their claims to the region. Between 1768 and 1774 settlement proceeded at a rapid pace and by 1774 the Greenbrier region contained 3,000 to 4,000 settlers (Rice, *The Allegheny Frontier*, and *A History of Greenbrier County*). During this third settlement attempt, a well organized defensive system was established from the beginning. Some private forts were built as early as 1770, and an organized militia and arming system was formed. With the beginning of Dunmore's War in the spring of 1774, which pitted Virginia against the Shawnee and Mingo who had been left out of the above treaties, this local defensive system was greatly strengthened, and remained in place into the 1790s.

An important question about the forts' occupational history is whether they doubled as full time domestic structures or whether they were only occupied seasonally or during times of attack. Documentary and oral tradition suggests that about a third of the Greenbrier forts may have also been residences. These include both blockhouses and stockades. Others, including all known militia built forts (Arbuckle, Culbertson, Savannah, and Clover Lick) as well as some private forts, were not residences. The occupational status of most forts is unknown. Again, additional archaeological investigations would illuminate this issue.

FORT ARBUCKLE

While the above characterizations suggest clear size and form differences in the Greenbrier forts, the range of variation and the exact size and appearance of these forts are unknown. Only through archaeological excavation can we get a clear picture of the appearance of these forts. One of the forts which had received a substantial amount of excavation is Fort Arbuckle, also referred to as the Muddy Creek Fort and Keeneey's Fort, both at the confluence of Muddy and Mill Creeks, not far from Alderson, in 1774. The property was owned by John Keeneey when the fort was built and occupied. There is no evidence that the fort was ever used as a residence by the Keeneey family or others. John Keeneey settled in the general area as early as 1750-52 (Rice, *A History of Greenbrier County*, p. 18). He was listed in the Matthews Store Ledger in 1771 (Handley, *The Matthews Trading Post*). In 1789 he patented 152 acres, which encompassed the fort site (*Greenbrier*

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County Survey Book 1, p. 550). This property passed through six other owners before being purchased by the Bidde family, which donated much of the site to the county (*Greenbrier County Deed Book 2, p. 58 and 478; 13, p. 130, and 27, p. 204*).

We know from the pension application of John Innes that this fort was built in the spring of 1774, under the direction of militia Captain Matthew Arbuckle, to guard the inhabitants of the Muddy Creek drainage in southern Greenbrier County. Matthew Arbuckle was already a prominent frontiersman in 1774, having been on hunting and exploring expeditions up the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. In the fall of 1774 he was chosen by Colonel Andrew Lewis to act as the guide for Lewis's army, which was to march to Bear Flats. Arbuckle was at the Battle of Point Pleasant in October 1774 and he was in the relief columns at the attack on Fort Mifflin in May 1778. Through most of the Revolutionary War Arbuckle was commander at Fort Randolph at present Point Pleasant (Jeffords, *Captain Matthew Arbuckle: A Documentary Biography*; McBride et al., p. A-17; Stuart, *Men of the Indian Wars and Other Occurrences*).

135 26 Feb 1825, A. Examin. McCLINTIC and wife Alice McCLINTIC, 644 acres for \$1,000 to Samuel BEARD is the Big Level part of two surveys. One of 500 acres made for William McCLINTIC and one of 900 acres for Jacob SPILERS. Lewis is ad. to Joseph HICKSON, Richard WILLIAMS, term of David GRAYTON, John KENNEDY, term of Jacob SPILERS, Michael FRANKLIN, John MARY, and the said ALLEN and JIM.

201 1 New 1825, David KEENEY Sr and wife Peninah land for \$1,000 to David KEENEY from 33.5 Acre Creek part of a 300 acre survey purchased by the name of William KEENEY and wife to Moses A. KEENEY, COYSON and CARROWAY.

345 18 Nov. 1826, Thomas FRAZIER for love and affection and \$5,000 to son John FRAZIER in part on Muddy Creek 11,150 acres conveyed to said Thomas by Moses KEENEY and wife to JARRETT, KELLY and heirs of CASTLES 2,127.34 acres ad to the first tract.

Name: John Isaac FLOYD
Birth: 15 Feb 1870 Iowa
Death: 7 Jan 1950 Saranac, Illinois
Home: Miles, Iowa
Father: Charles H. FLOYD
Marriage: 7 Jan 1892 Iowa
Spouse: Adeline Matilda KEENEY
Birth: 17 Dec 1875 Iowa
Death: 8 Mar 1954 Hazel Nursing H., Magnolia, Iowa
Home: Miles, Iowa
Father: James (Kimber) KENNEDY (1840-1915)
Mother: Lucinda B. PEMBERTON (1844-1906)

Children
J M:
Birth: 20 Mar 1893 Preston, Iowa
Death: 1963 Elgin, Illinois
Spouse: Clara A. BERMAN
Marriage: 22 Dec 1917 Chicago, Illinois
2 F:
Birth: Blanche FLOYD
Death: 1925
Spouse: 1916
William GUTINKE Helon, Wisconsin *

Lester FLOYD ...an infant

HOPE
Walter NOLDE
Stanley FLOYD
Rush JOHNSON
Dwain FLOYD
Birth: 1915
Spouse: Unknown

Name: James (Kimber) KEENEY
Birth: 4 Feb 1857 Talbott County, Ohio
Death: 22 Oct 1915
Home: Andrew Jackson's County, Iowa
Father: William S. KENNEDY (1818-1885)
Mother: Jane G. SHARIN (1816-1863)

Misc. Notes
 * Civil War Veteran, Corporal in Co. H-5th Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, June 1861 to discharge on 29 June 1864 at Wheeling, West Virginia.
 † Farmed in Jackson Co., Iowa

Marriage: 20 Oct 1864
Spouse: Lucinda B. PEMBERTON
Birth: 30 May 1844
Death: 26 Mar 1906

* Included on next page, 101.

TENNESSEE



Frederick & Betty KeeneY celebrating the 50th anniversary of their 1943 marriage at Hixson, TN September 4, 1993.

- 1- Frederick Crenfield KEENEY Doctor -1922; #6
- 9P- Betty Jean NELSON -2 (1924) #8
- 2- Wendy Lisabeth KEENEY Doctor -1950; #11
- sp- Alan JEFFREY Doctor -15
- sp- Melton Charles KENNICUTT II Doctor -19 (1952)
- 2- Nancy Gail KEENEY -4 (1961) #1
- 0- Frederick Watson KEENEY -5 (1954) #3
- sp- Elizabeth Marie MC ADAM -17 (1954)
- 3- Frederick Mc Adam KEENEY -16 (1978)
- sp- Deborah Lee GATHANY -19 (1958)
- 3- Erm Elyse KEENEY -40 (1991); 44
- 1- Jans Anne KEENEY -8 (1956) #5
- sp- James Michael WALKER -21 (1954); #7
- sp- Zoran LORINC -22 (1962) #9
- 3- Enos Louis KEENEY LORINC -16 (1955) #2
- 3- Samantha Anne KEENEY LORINC -17 (1956) #10

Please fill in the form and let us know if you would be interested in attending

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Country _____
 Phone/Fax _____
 E-Mail _____

Which Year would you prefer? **2000 2001** Which month? **May June**
 July

Would you be willing to help with the cost of mailing, phone calls, and other organizational costs? **YES NO**

If yes to what extent? **\$5 \$10 \$15 Other***
 * If other, please specify on self-addressed envelope

As you know the Keeney name is of a very common name and it seems that more and more Keeneys are wondering where their ancestors came from. Roscoe Keeney of West Virginia started many years ago a newsletter that went together with many Keeneys of United States. Then with the new age of computers Dan Keeney of California started the Keeney Web Page at www.keeney.net. This began drawing the Keeneys from all over the world together. With the coming together of so many Keeney records we have learned that most of us are related and those of us that we have not determined how we are related to that it is only a matter of time before we do. However, one thing we all seem to have in common is that we all believe that the Keeney came from Ireland probably from County Sligo or County Donegal.

Knowing all of this my husband, Bill, and I have come forward by emigrating back to Ireland this year. Since moving back here we have had contact from Keeneys in many different countries. Recently I was told to me by Ray Keeney of California, "Wouldn't it be fun if we had a Keeney reunion in Ireland." That of course is like waving a red flag in the face of a bull and I started working on it that same night. I first contacted Dan Keeney and he designed a survey form for the web page. We are now trying to find out how much interest there is in such a reunion. Enclosed please find a copy of the survey. Fill it out and return it to Dan Keeney at P.O. Box 200 Sunland, California 91081-0200 or Carol Keeney at 1 The Fairways Bracken Court, Dorenybrook, Douglas, County Cork, Ireland. If you have access to the Internet you can complete the survey at http://www.keeney.net/keeney_reunion.htm Very truly yours
Carol O. Keeney

This survey carried by request asks that many Keeneys are English or German, and should not assume that "we are all Irish, although a quick look at a Chicago telephone directory would suggest otherwise."

KEENEY/FLOYD FAMILY (Continued)

Children

1 F: Adeline Matilda KEENEY
 Birth: 13 Jan 1875 Iowa
 Death: 8 Mar 1954 Haged Nursing Hl, Muskegeta, Iowa
 Spouse: John Isaac FLOYD
 Marriage: 7 Jan 1892 Iowa

2 M: William E. KEENEY
 Birth: 24 May 1866
 Spouse: Mary GREEN
 Marriage: two children

Mary Jane (Janie) KEENEY
 Birth: 24 Apr 1867
 Death: 1927
 Spouse: William DENNIS
 Spouse: Charles CARTER

4 F: Estella B. KEENEY
 Birth: 1868
 Spouse: Ed SELKINS

5 M: Henry B. KEENEY
 Birth: 1870
 Death: 1906
 Spouse: Anna REED

6 F: Martha M. KEENEY
 Birth: 18 Feb 1872
 Death: 4 Sep 1882

7 M: Andrew Otis KEENEY
 Birth: 1873
 Death: 1939
 Spouse: Elizabeth TILG
 Marriage:

8 M: James A. KEENEY
 Birth: 1878
 Death: 1949
 Spouse: Ida HODD

9 F: Eva KEENEY
 Birth: 1880
 Death: 1954
 Spouse: Wm H. KEENEY

10 M: Martin (Abner) KEENEY
 Birth: 5 Apr 1882
 Spouse: Annetta SEAMONDS

11 M: Fred L. KEENEY
 Birth: 14 Jul 1884
 Death: 1958
 Spouse: Fama B. STARBUCK

Carolina L. Dewdney
 712 W. University St.
 Springfield, MO 65807
 417-864-4838

Husband: Gideon Keeney **KEENEY**

Birth: 22 September 1842 in: Palatka Co., KY
 Married: 08 July 1865 in: Dent Co., MO
 Died: 18 October 1896 in: Rolla, Phelps Co., MO
 Father: Moses Keeney
 Mother: Catherine Skogsdill
 Other Spouses:

Wife: Mary A. Cordell
 Born: 15 April 1841 in: Mason Co., IL
 Died: 05 January 1896 in: Duke Phelps Co., MO
 Father: James (James) Cordell
 Mother: R. Cordell
 Other Spouses: **MISSOURI**

CHILDREN

1 Name: Anna Keeney
 Born: 11 March 1867 in: Dent Co., MO
 Married: Died: 11 March 1867 in: Dent Co., MO
 Spouse:

2 Name: Daniel Moses Keeney
 Born: 04 April 1868 in: Dent Co., MO
 Married: 11 May 1898 in: Putnam Co., MO
 Died: Unknown in: Kansas?
 Spouse: Alice Jane Jennie Ayers

3 Name: Abner Martin Keeney
 Born: 06 March 1870 in: Texas Co., MO
 Married: 15 April 1894 in: Warsawville, Putnam Co., MO
 Died: 12 March 1962 in: St. Louis, MO
 Spouse: Francis Emeline Riden

4 Name: Sarah Catherine Keeney
 Born: 07 May 1872 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Married: 12 January 1895 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Died: in:
 Spouses: William H. Bowman, Napoleon Hoff

5 Name: Francis Marion Keeney
 Born: 18 February 1874 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Married: 17 February 1895 in: Palatka Co., MO
 Died: 18 September 1967 in: Edger Springs, Phelps Co., MO
 Spouse: Luana Ellendorf Riden

6 Name: James William Keeney
 Born: 22 May 1877 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Married: 07 June 1903 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Died: 17 October 1929 in: Phelps Co., MO
 Spouse: Effie Myrtle Brookshire

An excerpt from a Los Angeles Paper of an article which was one of a series of portraits of leading Los Angeles women. This was number V in the series Los Angeles Women at Home, by Catherine Robertson Manlio, probably dated about 1906.

Miss Viola Frank Keeney

It is not often that a society butterfly renounces the whirl and sets herself to the task of mastering a serious business. This, however, is just what Miss Viola Frank Keeney, of Pasadena, has done, and during the past year she has built up a bungalow-gallery that is one of the most renowned places in the little city of millionaires. Two years ago Miss Keeney who is the daughter of a prominent family of Florida and Chicago, was sent to Southern California for her health. She was the guest of well known people in Los Angeles and Pasadena, but the grind of society's treadmill pulled upon her before she grew strong, and she cast about for a congenial way of filling her days and remaining in California. Having dabbled in amateur photography ever since her babyhood, when she posed her pet dog and cat and produced more or less distorted pictures of their invaluable features, she, of course, leaned toward the art of which she knew something. It was not until she began to study earnestly that she realized how little she did know. It took her just six months of good hard work to master the intricacies of picture taking. Then she secured a romantic-looking, vine-covered bungalow, out on Oakland Avenue, Pasadena . . . and took up fearlessly the role of wage-earner. From the first she has made the enterprise joy and now it has passed the experimental stage. She has turned from wondering if she could make a place for herself in the business world to devising plans for stretching the walls of the bungalow, so that they may be elastic enough to accommodate all its patrons. . . . She is a petite, nut-brown haired not yet twenty of age. In a short skirt and a full blouse of Chantrel crepe, she looked ever younger. Source: Rita Gould Lincefield



ARKANSAS THOMAS KEENEY

Broad River, Jefferson Co. TN in 1814 to Francis I. Carter. Five daughters and three sons followed their parents to western Missouri.

DAVID KEENEY (1807-1850s) & Sarah had Mary (m. Levi Snyder 1854, Thomas 1835, Louisa J. (m. Francis F. Lucy 1857), John 1841, Nancy Jane 1844 (m. James Harris 1869), Mary Jane 1846 & Margaret 1848. David's will is recorded in the Cass Co. MO Will Book C.

MICHAEL KEENEY, second son, and wife Nancy Elizabeth Ann Wiley, and their large family also settled in the Cass Co. arwa. This family was detailed in the May 1993 KEENEY UPDATE.

The elder Thomas Keeney got 80 acres from Gebriel Prewitt in Saffire Co. MO 20 Sept 1822. He was listed in the 1830 census, but not in 1850 or 1860. Additional land sales to Thomas included 69 acres in 1838 and 72 acres in 1839/40. Wife Nancy was living with David's family in 1840.

THOMAS KEENEY, JR., born in Cocke Co. TN in 1795, married Sarah Moore on 29 Apr 1820 in Jefferson Co. TN. This family did not go to Missouri, but relocated in Marion & Independence Cos., Arkansas, before 1850. Sarah was Thomas' second marriage.

Children of Thomas Keeney, Jr., as listed by descendant Linda Caroy: MARY ANN KEENEY (1811-1833) LEATHA KEENEY b. 1812, m. 1834 JAMES KEENEY b. 9 May 1816 TN, d. 4 Jul 1861; wife: Serena

RHODA KEENEY b. 13 Oct 1817. TN; d. 10 Jan 1852

JOHN KEENEY b. 22 Jan 1819 TN; d. after 1880; wife: Eliza

SARAH M. KEENEY b. 5 Sept 1821; d. 13 Jan 1894 AR; m. David M. Crawford (1826-1876) on 2 Jul 1857

WILLIAM KEENEY b. 12 Jul 1824 TN, wife: Lorinda (b. 1828) m. 1845; lived in Marion Co., AR

JOHN FRANCIS KEENEY b. 9-11-1847 WILLIAM S. KEENEY (1849-1852)

SARAH ELIZABETH KEENEY b. 12-18-1850 DAVID KEENEY b. ca 1854

NANCY J. KEENEY b. ca 1856 JAMES KEENEY b. ca 1858 REBECCA KEENEY b. ca 1859

GIDEON KEENEY (Continued)

V	Name: John Samuel Keeney Born: 04 January 1809	in Phelps Co. MO
M	Married: 26 March 1809 Died: 27 January 1847	in Near Ralls Phelps Co. MO in St. Helens, Columbia Co. OR
	Spouse: Mary Nora Ryan, Sarah Thornhill	
K	Name: Richard Gilbriht Keeney Born: 01 May 1882	in Phelps Co. MO
M	Married: 06 March 1906 Died:	in Arkansas in Phelps Co. MO
	Spouse: Lillian M. Dykes	
G	Name: George Washington Keeney Born: 12 June 1885	in Polk Co. MO
M	Married: Died: 26 February 1888	in: in Finney Phelps Co. MO
	Spouse:	

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Family records say that Jonathan Keeney fought in the Black Hawk War (1832).

Black Hawk War, 1832, conflict between the U.S. and the Sac and Fox Indians. An 1831 treaty compelled the Sac and Fox to move west of the Mississippi, but in 1832, under Chief Black Hawk, a group returned to Illinois. Fighting ensued, and most of Black Hawk's band were killed on the Bad Axe Reservation (in present day Wisconsin) by a force under leader, Henry Atkinson. The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia: edited by Judith S. Levey and Agnes Greenhall with the Reference Staff of Columbia University Press, Avon Books, 1982, p. 92. He served in the Company of Capt. Joseph Orr, Indiana Mounted Rangers. See document.

Jonathan Keeney, son of Rev. Jonathan Anthony Keeney, and father of WilliamERRY Keeney, came to Avon with the rest of the Keeney family. He ran a general store and a blacksmith shop in Avon. In the 1856 census there was a doctor, John McDonald, residing with him, so there was at least one doctor in the booming little community. Unfortunately, by this time there was less call for a blacksmith and Jonathan eventually decided to buy land and farm. In 1845 he sold his land (100 acres) in Somers Ridge and moved to Kansas or Nebraska with Thomas, his son. No details are known, but evidently Thomas died. Jonathan and Matilda were both ill and had lost their investment. Purry Keeney sent tickets for the return of his parents. When they met the train (at Avon?) Matilda was very ill. They had made up a bed for her in the back of the wagon, and Ethel can recall how important she felt holding the umbrella over her grandmother all the way home to keep the sun out of her eyes. Matilda died October 21, 1886. Jonathan grieved so much for her, that he almost lost his mind. He seemed to have no will to live and would walk around the home place crying and praying. He died January 2, 1887. Both are buried in Avon Cemetery.

SEX:M

Born: ca 1601

At: England

Of: Gloucester, Mass and New London, Conn
Died On: 1675

At age 61 years

Married To: Agnes (Hannah?) (Annie?) — Keeney (ID=4045)

On: Prob bef 1628

At: Gloucester, Mass

Status: Married

Number of Children: 3

1) Susanna (No RN)

2) Mary (No RN)

3) Jean KEENEY (ID=2022)

Agnes (Hannah?) (Annie?) Keeney (ID=4045)
(Last Updated 9 Dec 1986)

SEX:F

Born: 1599

Married To: William KEENEY (ID=4044)

On Prob bef 1628

At: Gloucester, Mass

Status: Married

Number of Children: 3

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KEENEY FAMILY

MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS

Generation 12

Mary BREWSTER Turner (ID=2021)

(Last Updated 9 Nov 1989)



SEX:F

Born: 16 Apr 1627

At: Plymouth, Mass

Died On: after 22 Mar 1697

Father: Jonathan BREWSTER Sr (ID=4042)

Mother: Lucretia OLDHAM Brewster (ID=4043)

Married To: John (J) TURNER Sr, Esqr (ID=2020)

On: 10 Nov 1645

At: Plymouth, Mass or Scituate, Mass

Status: Married

Number of Children: 13

1) Mary Brewster was granddaughter of William

Brewster of the Mayflower 1

Mayflower Index 3,099; Mayflower Anc. Index 4,620

JOHN KEENEY (ID=2022)

SEX:M

Born: 1641

Of: New London, Conn

Died On: 3 Feb 1716

At: New London, Conn or Niantic, Conn

Father: William KEENEY (ID=4044)

Mother: Agnes (Hannah?) (Annie?) — Keeney (ID=4045)

Married To: Sarah DOUGLAS Keeney (ID=2023)

On: Oct 1661

At: New London, Conn

Status: Widowed

Returned To: Naomi CAULKINS (No RN)

Number of Children: 4

1) Susannah KEENEY Turner (ID=1011)

2) John (No RN)

3) William (No RN)

4) Hannah (No RN)

Derby, CT, Land Records, 21,941, show the sale on 10 July 1677 by "Ethel Keeney and Sally Keeney, his wife" of land "being known by the name of Jonas Meadow." One of the witnesses was Letitia Lockwood.

Captain Isaac Smith was born 18 March 1730 in Derby, CT, son of Jonah Smith and Grace Riggs, and grandson of Andrew Smith and Sarah Tomlinson and Edward Riggs and Abigail Nichols. His wife was Lucy Clark, born 23 Dec. 1716 in Derby, CT, to William Clark and Hannah ROCK and mentioned in both parent's wills as Lucy Smith. Probate records indicate that Sarah was their daughter and based on her age at death, she was born about 1774-5.

It appears that Ethel and Sarah Keeney may have named their son Lockwood after Sarah's first husband. Both husbands were sea captains and probably friends. Letitia Lockwood was probably named for her grandmother Letitia. It also appears that the identity of the Sally who married Solomon Lockwood may be in error in Holden's Lockwood Genealogy.

The probate records of Ethel Keeney (CSL) also show a daughter Lucy, probably named for her grandmother, Lucy Clark Smith. Several children of Ethel Keeney are listed as heirs who are not found in the Seymour Past and Present genealogy. They include Lucy who married Wilfred Titchener, Jane who married Enos B. Miles (Derby VRs), and Betsy who married Lyman Smith, Jr. (ibid.).

The following information is found in Abstracts of Derby Probate Records at CSL:

1. Oliver Lockwood Estate, Commissioner's Report, 12 Dec. 1787. The "court allows the widow, now Mrs. Keeney, for necessaries and provisions for herself and the child 24 pounds out of reasonable estate." There is also a reference to the proceeds of a sale of real estate going to "Mrs. Sarah Lockwood."
2. Captain Isaac Smith's Estate was divided 16 May 1791. Distributions to heirs included: "Set out to Sarah Smith one piece of Land being part of 'Royals Plain,' and also 'The Great Swamp Lot' and 'Great Hill Lot.' The Widow's Dower went to Lucy, wife of Capt. Isaac Smith, who was a principal along with sons William Clark Smith and Isaac Smith."



Obituaries

ALTA J. KEENEY of Mitchell Heights

Alta J. Keeney, 84, of Mitchell Heights died Monday in her residence.

She was born Aug. 6, 1914, at Columbus, a daughter of the late E. J. and Lily Spawnt Thomas.

She was also recorded in death by two brothers, Paul and Russell Thomas.

Miss Keeney was a homemaker and member of the Calvary Baptist Church at Chapmanville.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde K. Keeney; one daughter, Gladys, wife of Mitchell Heights, and one son, Tommy Keeney of Chapmanville, three grandchildren and one, grand-grandchild.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Calvary Baptist Church at Chapmanville with Rev. Robert Jernoff and Rev. Earl Carkner officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Rocky Hill.

Funeral was held from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Evans Funeral Home in Chapmanville and 102 hours prior to services Thursday at the church.

Eugene F. Dent

Eugene F. "Doc" Dent, 61, of Belle died Jan. 28, 1992, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was a retired paper mill worker, attended New Life Temple, Belle, was a lifetime resident of Belle with an Army version of World War II. Surviving wife, Jack, Dent, daughter, Margaret Dent of Cleveland, Tenn., wife of late Edward Jim of Belle, Mrs. Diane Walker of Columbia, Dora, widow of Denton, Fla., seven grand children, three grand-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, with the Rev. K.C. Thackeray officiating. Burial will follow at the Forest Lawn Cemetery.



DENT, Eugene F. — Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, with the Rev. K.C. Thackeray officiating. Burial will follow at the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

ALTA THOMAS KEENEY was the wife of Clyde, son of Charles Franklin (1872-1953), grandson of Neri (Bud) Keeney.

EUGENE F. DENT was a son of Cypsy B. Keeney (1897-1970) & Frank Dent and a grandson of John Wilson & Annie Cornelia Slack Keeney.

BERNARD K. BUPP was a son of Letha Keeney, youngest child of Rev. T. Y. Keeney & Eliza Ann White, and Austin S. Bupp.

KATHRYN MARTIN KEENEY was the first wife of Kyle M. Keeney (1910-1972), son of Theodore & Daisy E. Brewer Keeney.

Bernard K. Bupp Sr.

Bernard K. Bupp Sr., 84, of Charleston died Nov. 27, 1991, at home.



He was a standee with local 625 and a member of Bayed Memorial Christian Church, Royal Order of Eagles and the Army of the Lord. He was a Navy Reserve veteran surviving wife, Esther Katherine Bupp; daughters, Beverly (deceased of Oakwater, Fla.), Esther, Carolyn of Charleston, and Donna K. Bupp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; DWK Grace of Red Oak, N.C.; and Mary Louise Gott of Hainesville, Fla.; brother, JR Bupp of Charleston; 10 grandchildren; an grand-grandchild. Service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at J.E. Johnson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Boyd Purdie officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston. Friends may call from 9 to 9 p.m. on day at the funeral home in lieu of flowers. The family suggests donations to Bayed Memorial Christian Church, 332 Delaware Ave., Charleston, WV 25302, or to Kalaivah Hospice Unit, 1119 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, WV 25804.

Kathryn M. Keeney

FRONT ROYAL, Va. — Kathryn M. Keeney, 84, of Front Royal, formerly of Greenville, N.C., died Dec. 15, 1991.

She was a native of West Virginia and a retired federal government employee, having worked in various positions under Sen. John F. Kennedy, Hubert H. Humphrey, Robert C. Byrd, Lyndon B. Johnson. She also served as secretary to former West Virginia Gov. Arthur I. Altmeyer.

SERVING as pastor, Lawrence (deceased) of Leesport, two grandchildren. Service will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Charleston, W.Va. Maude Funeral Home, Front Royal, at a charge of funeral arrangements in care of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Altmeyer Clubmen Association, 1211 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.



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New HAMPSHIRE at

Georges Mills, New Hampshire

One matter I will mention that may be of interest is that my father, Norwood H. Keeney Jr., and my mother, Phyllis Mottram Keeney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, June 15, 1996.

With regard to the New Hampshire presidential primary, neither my folks nor I were involved per se. My folks were quite involved in politics and elective office over the years but they consider themselves very much retired from all of that now. Nonetheless that is not to say that we did not take up opportunities to meet our frequent visitors.

You might enjoy the following episode which I wrote up for a friend. At the moment I would not want it reprinted.

Friday, February 16th was the day. Just down from my house about 2 1/2 miles of a mile in the village is the Georges Mills, NH General Store. Its barn gambrel architecture belies its former life, years and years ago as a horse and carriage barn. Now with its porch and rockers, of course, it beckons with friendly charm making for a polite backdrop for a presidential candidate visit. The late 1995 gas pump canopy—one of those modern convenience improvements stands boldly along Route 11 at the north end of Lake Sunapee.

The owner is Dave Kildner of neighboring New London who is a member of a prominent business family in that town. The Kildners are supporters of Steve Forbes.

I had learned that Steve Forbes was going to be stopping by as he toured the area. I took off that morning from work so I could be a local yokel. It was a beautiful morning with bright sun reflecting on a light powdery snow that had fallen overnight. I walked down about 5:45 a.m. My parents came over from Unity for the event, as well. Mr. Furber was scheduled for 10 a.m. and he was close to being right on time.

A handful of voters were on hand and several Forbes supporters—at least they were wearing Forbes buttons. A reporter or two from the print, radio and tv media were already there. I preferred to be inconspicuous but being in a little congenial general store was not ideal for this strategy as I well knew. Since one of the TV crews was from our statewide Chapel 9, WMUR TV, I especially preferred not to be a central focus. After all, my boss

•The Bronx would lose its song if we removed the rocks.

(Governor Merrill) is the national chairman for Sen. Dole. The reporter, Stephanie Lyden, struck up a conversation with my affable father while my mother remained aloof. Father tells me that Mother was furious that they "ignored" her as she had a few lines to tell. Ms. Lyden zoned in on Father with questions like, "What do you think of Mr. Forbes? Did you watch last night's debate? Who won? Who lost?" Father was careful not to be too specific but answered thoughtfully. None of this was on camera. I had sort of faced a different direction but finally had no choice but to speak to Ms. Lyden. Hence, I asked her a question about what she was seeing on her assignments. She answered, "Mostly cameras". The reporter then redirected the conversation to try and get my thoughts. I was cagey in my answers, she knew it, but with a twinkle in her eye, she tried to elicit comments nonetheless. Without success, I might add. I did hear her say to her crew to get footage of "these folks because they are real voters".

At that moment cars and vans began arriving. The poor souls at the gas pumps didn't know what to think as herds of cameramen swarmed occupying every space. The tour-sized bus carrying Mr. Forbes pulled in. Moments later the swarm bust into the store. It was like an explosion. We were just four feet in front of the counter where the Kidder family stood behind ready to receive their guest. In a flash we might as well have been at the back of the theater. I retreated to the right, over near the coffee maker. My folks were pushed somewhat down the aisle. One reporter scooted by Mother, who was trying to be as out of the way as possible while saying, "Just push right by.". He said, "No, I always say excuse me, first." Probably he was one out of a hundred.

Meanwhile, I am backed up to the coffee maker with a couple of neighbors. One reporter said to me "Don't worry once he sees a real person he'll be right over to you.". Sure enough, I was about third in a row. Mr. Forbes greeted me. I asked for his autograph. To which he said, "Sure". I handed him a Concord Monitor newspaper from a few weeks ago that had the banner headline, "Forbes, The Man of the Hour", with a good picture. I asked that Mr. Forbes note the date and Georges Mills. As he made a space by the coffee maker, he hesitated a moment. He evidently didn't connect my instructions with the fact that he was in Georges Mills. So I have an autograph inscribed to George Mills!

I engaged him in conversation by noting that I was aware of his interest in history and proceeded to mention the summer of home of US Secretary of State John Hay (1838-1905) located not far away on Lake Sunapee. [I am a tour guide there in the summer months.] He remarked that he had been unaware of the Hay-New Hampshire

connection asking if Hay had written the Lincoln biography here [Hay first worked as a "clerk" for Abraham Lincoln]. "No", I told him but that the volume set had been just published before Hay came to New Hampshire. Forbes said that he had enjoyed reading Hay's account of Lincoln and that it was a superb work of writing. I presented Mr. Forbes with a brochure, a duplicate from my collection of historical postcards, c. 1906 and one of my own photocards. He beamed.

Just the day before I had seen a reference that Mr. Forbes Sr. had held Wendell Willkie as a hero and that Steve Forbes was specifically likening himself to Willkie. I then asked about his interest in Wendell Willkie and whether he collected things related to Willkie. This took him by surprise but he responded with an emphatic, "Yes, I do.". I seized the moment and relayed very quickly the fact that I asked that question on behalf of two elderly sisters who are acquaintances of mine. Their father was Willkie's college professor. I said that they had some things in which Mr. Forbes might be interested.

Mother did get her chance at one point to ask Mr. Forbes about foreign policy matters, a subject not much talked about in the campaign and lacking in the TV debate. Mother was then interviewed at length by the Washington AP reporter and somebody from New Jersey.

I managed to get over to the door where I was pressed up against the newspaper racks by reporters getting in front of me. One even asked if I could reach a Times! Hardly able to breathe, I said, "I don't think so". As Mr. Forbes parted, he spotted me, shook hands once more and said, "Go get back to me."

Since, then I have had calls from friends from all over to tell me that C-SPAN covered the conversation I had with Mr. Forbes and rebroadcast it on the hour throughout the

the moment was not right to go into detail. I asked whether he might be and how to get in contact with him. He affirmed his interest. He began searching his pockets for a business card as I assumed. Apologetically, he asked if I had something to write on. I whipped out a folded manila envelope upon which he scrawled his address. While this intent little discussion was going on, I was more than aware of a 180 degree view of nothing but camera lenses, lights, and sound booms. It is amazing the effect that the addition of TV cameras have.

day. So much for being inconspicuous! I have now also learned that C-SPAN's separate conversation was also carried by C-SPAN.

There you have it, an eye witness account of the presidential process.

Sincerely,
Norwood H. Keeney III

Caring Help Creates a "Miracle"

Ada Keeney is determined that she and her husband will continue to live in their house at Ohley.

Charles Keeney suffered a bout of spinal meningitis and a stroke in 1995, and last year she experienced problems with her own eyesight. She credits CCHC Director of Nursing Debbie Kiser with making the extra effort needed to help her solve her vision problem and allow the Keeneys to continue to remain at home.

Both Ada and Charles Keeney were born and raised on Cabin Creek. They met on a blind date 41 years ago and will celebrate their 40th anniversary next month. They have two daughters and a son. Two of their grandchildren live nearby.

The Keeneys left the area for a while. After Mr. Keeney went in the Army, they lived in Illinois and Ohio. They were in Virginia for 20 years before family obligations brought them back here.

Mrs. Keeney's parents were expressing medical problems and she and her husband came home to care for them. Her father was in a wheelchair. Her mother had Alzheimer's disease. Keeney cared for her parents until both passed away.

Then in May, 1995, Mr. Keeney became ill and his condition kept getting worse. He was diagnosed with spinal meningitis, and then he had a stroke. He had a feeding tube in his stomach, was disoriented and his short term memory was poor. Mrs. Keeney was told he would never get better, he would always need

feeding tube and a catheter, and he should be put in a nursing home.

Mrs. Keeney brought him back to Ohley instead.

"I know I experienced anger at first," Mrs. Keeney says of those first months back home with her husband, who depended on her for his total care. "A daughter who loves nearly gives as much help as she can, but Mrs. Keeney says there is only so much another person can do.

Even though she had been told Mr. Keeney would never again be able to eat, she began to gradually wean him away from the feeding tube.

"I started cooking for him," she says, and in the process she, who for a year had lived on cereal, cookies and milk, began to eat more too.

Both the Keeneys work hard to help Mr. Keeney get better. He can now sit up in a chair and is working to get more mobility. Both he and his wife are proud of his continued success. His illness caused great speech difficulties, but with Mrs. Keeney's help he can now make himself understood. His memory has improved and he takes a great interest in things around him.

But he always took the sight from his eyes and he has only minimal vision in his eyes.

Mrs. Keeney has to see for both of them.

She never had good vision. She wore glasses all her life, and by 1997 contacts were during the vision in both eyes.

In February of that year she had cataract surgery on her eye.

"I know cataracting was not quite right, but I didn't have my new glasses yet," she says about how she felt after the operation.

Then in March she got her new glasses, and there was a line through the center of her vision.

"I had found in embroidery and quilt" she told Ada, but it was still troubling, seeing well seemed to be a lot of even more.



Charles and Ada Keeney

CHARLES EDWARD KEENEY, son of Jesse Ivan & Con-
cieve McJurlay Keeney &
grandson of Andrew Jack-
son & Fannie Housh Scan-
ley Keeney, married Ada
Janou Davis (b.1937) on
12-30-1957. Their chil-
ren are Charles Timor,
b.2-1-1959, Ada Glen,
4-29-1960, and bebr:
b.8-6-1963...
They live at Ohley
Cabin Creek, Kanawh,
WV.

High Style

By Ruth H. Larson, Mesh-Wick Community,
Cedar Rapids, IA

*My brother would have felt a fool
wearing overalls to school.*

*Now the garments once for dads
Are featured in teenagers' ads.*

*While dad's were denim, striped or blue,
Today's bibs come in varied hue.*

*Grandpa's chin would drop a mile
To see bib overalls in style.*

CAN YOU FIND SIXTEEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

I ONCE MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT WAS A LULL, KEPT PEOPLE LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS. FOR OTHERS IT WAS A REVELATION. SOME WERE IN A JAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAME OF THE BOOKS WERE NOT CAPITALIZED. THE REAL TRUTH, HOWEVER, STRUCK HOME TO NUMBERS OF READERS. TO OTHERS, IT WAS A REAL JOB. WE WANT IT TO BE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MOMENTS FOR YOU. YES, THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT. OTHERS MAY REQUIRE JUDGES TO HELP FIND THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM AND THERE SHALL BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS IF HE SHOULD FAIL. A LITTLE LADY SAYS SHE BREWS A CLP OF TEA SO SHE CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPETE. RELAX NOW FOR THERE REALLY ARE SIXTEEN NAMES OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS STORY.

(ONE MINISTER POUND 15 BOOKS IN 20 MINUTES, BUT IT TOOK HIM THREE WEEKS TO FIND THE 16TH ONE.)

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needs. Cutting fingernails became an impossible job.

She "put up with it for five months." She used ointment and eye drops and even had the prescription in her new glasses checked to make sure it was the right one, but her vision did not improve.

She thought she was supposed to be covered under her husband's policy, but something went wrong and she found she had no insurance.

She continued to go to the doctor and was in his office prepared for a further procedure when she was told to "come back when you get your insurance straightened out."

"The hardest thing was I couldn't read or sew. My daughter was in my eyes," Mrs. Keeney recalls about that time.

Both the Keeneys now go to the Cabin Creek Health Center. One day when Mrs. Keeney was at CCHC for an appointment, she asked Medical Director Dr. Mark Neuhoff if the kinds of any agencies that could help low income individuals with no insurance.

He called Ms. Kiser and she began trying to find help. She contacted the Lions Club and a Lions representative helped get Ms. Keeney in to see another ophthalmologist, who checked her eyes thoroughly.

He told her the cataract surgery had been successful, but he wrote a new prescription for eyeglasses.

"When I put that new prescription it was too good to be true," she recalls, "I can read everything. I can do everything. I saw something different. I saw my granddaughter's beautiful blue eyes for the first time."

"I believe God uses people in accomplishing miracles," Mr. Keeney says. He thinks Ms. Kiser illustrates that point.

She credits Ms. Kiser and CCHC with caring enough to do the things that needed to be done for her to be able to see again.

And she believes other people could benefit from CCHC services if to the