

Mr & Mes Charles H Meadows entertained with a dinner party Sunday in honor of the birthday of their daughter Virginia. Present were: Miss Meadows, Miss Helen G Keeney, Miss Julia Palmer, Miss Ruth Palmer, Miss Frances M Keeney, Miss Thelma Henley of Huntington, Miss Elizabeth Keeney, Miss Julia H Keeney, Miss Marcolia Meadows and Miss Josephine Miller.

# Keeney Update

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## FAMILY RESEARCHER LINKS WV KEENEYS WITH BUSH FAMILY OF CONNECTICUT

(Research by SANDRA SWEENEY KASLOSKI 1950 d/o Philip Daniel Sweeney 1926 s/o Emma Marie Snyder Sweeney 1900 d/o Philip Welch Snyder 1870-1960 d/o Emeline Btawley Snyder 1832, d/o FRANCES KEENEY BRAWLEY 1790-1879, d/o MOSES & FRANCES HARRIS KEENEY 1760-1840)

"My research calculates your relationship with George "Dubya" as a 7th cousin, twice removed, and a 9th cousin, 1c, once removed. The double relationship stems from Rebecca Foote's sister Elizabeth being Mary Smith's (John's wife) great grandmother."

-Sandra Kay Kasloski

1. LT PHILIP SMITH b.1632 in Hadleigh, Suffolk, England; died 10 Jan 1685 in Hadley MA  
m. Rebecca Foote (1634-1671) on 1 Mar 1657/8; she m. (2) Major Aaron Cooke (1610-1690); Descendants by generations:
  2. SAMUEL SMITH 1658-1707 m. Mary Church 1664/5-1700 on 16 Nov 1682 in Hartford CT
  3. MARY (Mercy) SMITH (b.28 Dec 1689 at Wethersfield, d. 28 Mar 1776 at Middleton) m. JOHN KENNEE/KEENEY (b. 5 Aug 1679, lived in Salem MA until 1732 or later; he was a son of John Keeney (1651/2-1718) of Newbury MA and was m. to Elizabeth Looke, whose father set up the Hammersmith Iron Works in Lynn MA
  4. MARY KEENEY 1707, ELISHA KEENEY 1703-1713, JOSIAH KEENEY 1705/6=1714, BENJAMIN KEENEY 1709-1815?, JOHN KEENEY 1710-1761, BARTHOLOMEW KEENEY 1711/2, JOSIAH #2 1712/3-1736/7, ELISHA 1713/4, DAVID KEENEY 1714/15  
(DAVID KEENEY is listed on many lists as the father of the VA/WV Keeneys, although the land grant in 1751 in Greenbrier is listed for JOHN KEENEY, his father or his brother
2. CHARLES SMITH - born and died 1660
2. JOHN SMITH 1661-1727
2. JONATHAN SMITH 1663-1737
2. PHILIP SMITH JR b.1665, d.15 Jan 1725 in Hampshire Co MA
2. REBECCA SMITH 1669-1750 92nd wife of George Stillman, selectman for Wethersfield and Representative to Court of Massachusetts 1698; parents of nine Stillman children
  3. ANN STILLMAN 1699-1767 m. Hezekiah May 4-27-1721
  4. ELIZABETH MAY 1730-1789 m. DANIEL NEWCOMB 1729-1879
  5. LYDIA NEWCOMB 1763-1835 m. TIMOTHY BUSH JR (b.1766) on 26 Jul 1791 at Penfield NY
  6. OBADIAH NEWCOMB BUSH 1797-1851 m. Harnet Smith 1800-1867 on 8 Nov 1821 Rochester NY
  7. JAMES SMITH BUSH 1825-1889 m. Harriet Eleanor

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### OREGON

## Letter from LOIS ELSIE BROWNING KEENEY FAMILY HISTORIAN

LOIS ELSIE BENNETT BROWNING - KEENEY HISTORIAN

Letter from Lebanon OR, dated 30 September 1985:

I am delighted with the Sept 1984 and Sept 1985 issues of KEENEY UPDATE. It was a real thrill to see the picture of my beloved grandmother SARAH KEENEY BENNETT (b. 1844 in MO (daughter of James (1816-1885) & Catherine Strout Keeney (b.1840 Ray Co MO)); I lived with her a lot when I was small and we were very close. She was a lady.

Sarah was a fine seamstress, but her husband, Alexander Bennett, was a United Brethren minister sent to Oregon as a missionary. The UB people did not believe in wife dress, so Sarah, as a fine dressmaker, had a hard time keeping things plain, as her husband DEMANDED. She managed to add small touches and the clothes she made for me were beautiful and had all the frills I wanted.

Do me a favor about my grandparents John Keeney & Mary Ramsey Buckhalter. I have some evidence she was married to a Rutsey first and had a Ramsey daughter. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Jonathan Keeney, gospel minister, had the first marriage recorded in Lafayette Co MO 8 Feb 1821, joining JAMES KEENEY & Anne Ramsey. James was drowned in 1841 and Annie remained a widow until 17 July 1899)

In 1964-65 my husband and I spent 18 months traveling from the Pacific to the Atlantic ocean. I didn't find all I was looking for but I did get a lot of records. By the way, ELSIE BROWNING & Mrs. Harry Youngsberg are the same person. I lost two husbands in nine years and am now alone with my genealogy. I am badly crippled with arthritis and a lung ailment called bronchitis. I have one son and a granddaughter living in Ketchikan, Alaska. Both were here last month.

I also have a great granddaughter, Katie, age 27 months. She was born in Taiwan and was adopted, since my granddaughter had cancer. Katie is the only grandchild I will ever have.

My husband Harry Youngsberg built our home in Lebanon OR in 1941. We were married for 29 years. Harry dropped dead at my feet with a heart attack.

Essie Browning and I had nine years together. He had cancer. I have had cancer three times, but had surgery and no recurrence. The noise you hear is me knocking on wood.

SINCERELY, Elsie Bennett Browning  
(KEENEY UPDATE's last message from Elsie came from Alaska FAMILY GENEALOGY.)

JOHN KEENEY JR. b. in VA (now WV) c.1780 in Mary Buckhalter (b.1783 in SC); parents of  
JAMES KEENEY b.20 Aug 1816 in Fayette Co IN, d. 27 Apr 1885 in OR; m. (1) Catherine Stewart in 1840 in Ray Co MO, parents of MARY & SARAH CATHERINE SARAH CATHERINE KEENEY b.1844 in MO: m. Alexander Bennett (b.1842); parents of  
JOHN A BENNETT (1880-1954) m. Emma E. Brattian (1885-1957); parents of  
LOIS ELSIE BENNETT (1903-1984)

**BUSH** (continued from Page 1)

- Fay 1829-1924 on 24 Feb 1859 in New York NY  
 8. SAMUEL PRESCOTT BUSH b.4 Oct 1863 in  
 Brick Church NJ, d.1948 m. Flora Sheldon (1872-  
 1920) on 20 Jun 1894 in Columbus OH; banker,  
 corporation director, US Senator from CT 1953  
 9. PRESTON SHELDON BUSH 1895-1972 m.  
 Dorothy WALKER (1901-1992) on 6 Aug  
 1921 at Kennybunkport, Maine, York Co.  
 10. GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH  
 b.1924; m. Barbara Pierce b.1925; US  
 Ambassador to UN, Vice President  
 1980-88, Prtident of US 1988-92  
 11. GEORGE WALKER BUSH b.1946  
 Dorothy Walker (1901-1992) on 6 Aug  
 1921 at Kennybunkport, York Co. Maine  
 10. GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH  
 b.1924 at Milton MA; m. Barbara Pierce  
 (b.1925); US Ambassador to UN, Vice  
 President of US 1980-88, President of  
 US 1988-92  
 11. GEORGE WALKER BUSH b.6 Jul  
 1946; Governor of Texas 1994-2000,  
 President of US 2001- ; m. Laura  
 Welch (b.4 Nov 1945) on 5 Nov 1977

**ULYSSES SIMPSON JARRETT**

The History of West Virginia, Old and New  
 Published 1923, The American Historical Society, Inc.

ULYSSES SIMPSON JARRETT. For over thirty years Mr. Jarrett has been a working force in all that concerns the growth and progress of the little community of St. Albans. In that time St. Albans has grown from a very small village to one of the thriving little cities of Kanawha County. He was in charge of the business of the railroad at this point for a number of years, has been a merchant, head of the city government, and is now postmaster.

Mr. Jarrett was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County, June 26, 1870. The Jarrett family has been represented by several branches of the name in Kanawha County since pioneer times.

The parents of U. S. Jarrett were Addison and Margaret (Keeny) Jarrett. Margaret Keeny was a daughter of Moses Keeny, representing another old family. Addison Jarrett spent thirteen years of his life in Missouri, St. Joseph, and was a member of the Home Guard there during the Civil War. He returned to West Virginia about 1861 and located at Cabin Creek. He was a carpenter, and he worked at this trade for thirty years with one coal company. He died at the age of seventy-four and his wife, at seventy. Their two sons were John A., a former sheriff of Kanawha County, and U. S., who was named for General Grant, then President.

U. S. Jarrett attended country schools, at the age of fifteen learned telegraphy, and for twenty years was in the service of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company as telegraph operator and agent. He was assigned to duty at St. Albans in 1889 as operator, and became agent in 1893, continuing in that capacity for eight years. When he came to St. Albans in 1889 the place had a population of only 100. There are now between 3,000 and 4,000 people living in this community. After leaving the railroad service in 1901 Mr. Jarrett was in the hardware business, was also deputy revenue agent, for a time resumed work as a telegraph operator, and during Tall's administration was appointed postmaster. He held that office until the change of administration, and later was called back to the duties of postmaster for a year and a half during Wilson's second term. Soon after the Harding administration came in he was selected as postmaster, and his present term began January 1, 1922. The business done by the postoffice while he has been connected with it is a graphic illustration of the growth of St. Albans itself. The receipts of the office are

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**MICHAEL KEENEY/ELIZABETH GATEWOOD FAMILY**

KEENEY/JARRETT MARRIAGES 1815-1970  
 DAVID A. KEENEY s/o Moses & Frances m. CATHERINE JARRETT d/o David in 1829 on Cabin Creek WV  
 JOHN H. KEENEY s/o Moses W. & Mary Huff m. HANNAH J. JARRETT d/o John & Nancy Foster in 1857/8  
 BETSY ELAINE KEENEY b.1952 d/o Norris C. & Lillian m. DAVID JARRETT in 1970  
 ETHEL INEZ KEENEY 1916-1976 d/o Edward C. & Mary Lou m. CHARLES EDWARD JARRETT 7 Jul 1941  
 MARGARET KEENEY d/o Michael R. & Elizabeth Gatewood m. JOHN ADDISON JARRETT 24 Aug 1848  
 ZEPHARIAH T. KEENEY b.1854 s/o William F. & Sarah Huff m. ALMIRA B. ELIZABETH JARRETT 1860-1894  
 ETHEL IRENE KEENEY b.1897 d/o Cliven B. & Margaret m. HERMAN TAYLOR JARRETT 1891-1974 on 20 Apr 1914 by Rev. T. Y. Keeny  
 WALTER HINSON KEENEY 1888-1957 s/o John S. & Hannah m. (2) MAUDE CAROLYN JARRETT 1899-1979 d/o Clark & Clarify on 20 May 1919  
 EDGAR LLOYD KEENEY s/o David Jr. & Jane Hunter b.1835 m. VIRGINIA B. ELIZABETH JARRETT 26 Oct 1865

## MARGARET KEENEY JARRETT, MOTHER OF ST ALBANS MAYOR & KANAWHA SHERIFF

MARGARET KEENEY, b.1831 at Cabin Creek, d.1 May 1901, dates confirmed by tombstone at Ronda Cemetery; sister of BETTY FRANCES WEAVER b.1833, MARY JANE MONTAGUE b.1835, ROBERT G (Bull Bob) KEENEY b.1836, DAVID R. KEENEY b.1838, WILLIAM S. KEENEY b.1840, LUCINDA K. DAVIS b.1843, WOODFORD KEENEY b.1844, ELIZABETH ANN MONTAGUE b.1846, THOMAS Y (Rev) KEENEY b.1848, JOHN GATEWOOD KEENEY b.1850, CHARLES FRANKLIN KEENEY b.1852, MELVINA KEENEY b.1834 and DANIEL SMITH KEENEY b.1846 m. JOHN ADDISON JARRETT b.1844, d.28 Nov 1890, son of JOHN JARRETT (b.1787 in Greenbrier Co, d.1859 in Kanawha Co) & NANCY FOSTER (1800-1876), grandson of OWEN & MARY DORAN JARRETT, carpenter, went to Shelby Co, Missouri after 8-24-1848 marriage, but came back to West Virginia in 1868

Siblings of JOHN ADDISON JARRETT: Oliver 1829-1880 m. Nancy Ashby, Seth 1832, Elizabeth b.1825 m. Wilson Kirk, Catherine 1826, David b.1828 m. Margaret Coleman, Martha b.1833, Vienna (b.1836, Nancy b.1840 and HANNAH JARRETT b.+ + + + 1848, d.17 Nov 1920, wife of JOHN H. KEENEY s/o Moses Walls (brother of Michael) 1829-1880), and mother of Clara Thomas, Addison Keeny, George Keeny, Charles H. Keeny, James H. Keeny, Lucy Keeny Hawks, and John Quincy Keeny

**CHILDREN OF ADDISON & MARGARET K. JARRETT:**

- I. AMANDA JARRETT b.1849; 7 mos. in 1850 census
- II. ANN ELIZA JARRETT b.22 May 1854
- III. NANNIE JARRETT b.1861 m. James W. Curry
- IV. MARY JARRETT b.1862
- V. JOHN A. JARRETT b.2-1863, wife: Annie; became SHERIFF OF KANAWHA COUNTY in 1901
- VI. JULIA JARRETT b.1868, age 12 in 1880 census
- VII. ULYSSES SIMPSON JARRETT b.26 June 1870; d. 17 Nov 1946 at St Albans WV; m. Clara Manley; dau; JOSEPHINE JARRETT (unmarried in 1947); C&O RR operator & agent 25 years, served 8 terms as MAYOR of St Albans and served as St Albans postmaster



J. A. JARRETT.

J. A. JARRIETT, sheriff of Kanawha County, and a prominent citizen of Charleston, West Virginia, was born in Clarence, Shelby County, Missouri, and is a son of Addison and Margaret (Keeney) Jarrett, both of whom were natives of what is now West Virginia. They returned to the State when their son was six years of age.

Sheriff Jarrett was educated in private schools and began his business career as a telegraph operator, serving as such for 10 years and also as joint agent for the Winifrede Railroad and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, at Winifrede Junction, West Virginia. Mr. Jarrett also served as distributing agent for the Winifrede Coal Company, during the 10 years prior to 1896. From early manhood he had been deeply interested in politics and in 1896, when he removed to Charleston, he was appointed chief deputy county clerk, under E. W. Staunton, and filled the position for four years. In the fall of 1900, he was made the choice of his party for sheriff of Kanawha County, and took charge of the office in January, 1901. Mr. Jarrett has proved himself a judicious and capable public official and has given entire satisfaction to his constituents. He has been a leading member in the Republican party for a number of years.

#### ULYSSES SIMPSON JARRETT continued

two times now what they were when he first became postmaster. The receipts now average about \$12,000 per year. There are four clerks and two rural carriers.

Mr. Jarrett has been interested in all civic movements in St. Albans, and he served eight terms as mayor and twice as a member of the city council and also a city recorder. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is a past master of the Masonic Lodge and has represented it in the Grand Lodge. Mr. Jarrett married Clara A. Henley, whose father, Capt. C. W. Henley, was a Confederate officer and later a builder of railroad tunnels along the line of the Chesapeake & Ohio. He died at the age of seventy-four. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett have one daughter, Margaret J., now a student in Lewisburg Seminary.

## PA/MI/CA BETTY G KEENEY/ REV LORING GRANT

BETTY G KEENEY b.6 Apr 1796, d.16 Jan 1867 d/o JOSHUA KEENEY 1766-1837, b. CT, d.Branntim PA & Phebe Sturdivant; m. Rev Loring Grant b.1789 PA, d.1870 MI s/o Isaac & Hannah Tracy Grant on 14 Feb 1790; Siblings: LAURA KEENEY b.30 Mar 1791,d.30 Jun 1873, m. William Cooley 8 Nov 1806 AMY KEENEY b.9 Aig 1792, d.27 Aug 1876; m.George Hall 26 Mar 1810 SALMON KEENEY (pioneer to Michigan) b.23 Jul 1794,d.8 Mar 1812; m.Mary Gordon 8 Mar 1812 CHARLES KEENEY b.28 Feb 1800,d.16 Jan ?; m. Margaret Overfield 7 Dec 1825 SETH LEE KEENEY b.17 Mar 1798,d.12 Jun 1849; m. Polly Wall Jul 1822 ARAHEL KEENEY b.5 Feb 1802, d.21 Jul 1876; m.Lucretia Facutt 22 Dec 1825 SIMON GELOTUS KEENEY b.6 Jun 1804 m. Louisa Robinson 1 Dec 1827 AURELIA KEENEY b.1 Mar 1807, d.26 Mar 1843; m. Rev Reeder Smith

PARMELIA KEENEY (twin) b.1 Mar 1807; m. James Chubbuck GEORGE LANE KEENEY b.22 Mar 1809, d. 31 Dec 1869; m. Ann Dalbuer 31 Dec 1835 SON OF BETTY & LORING GRANT: LORING GRANT KEENEY b.Aug 1828 in Btantrm PA, d.1911 at Lodi, San Joaquin Co CA; listed at age 72 in 1900 census of San Joaquin, m. Mary Jane Rice (b. Sept 1846 in MO) d/o David & Macy Bradley Rice, in 1865 in Jackson, Amador Co CA; Children of Loring & Mary Jane: NELLIE T KEENEY b.1867 GEORGE LORING KEENEY b.1869 at Jackson, Amador Co; wife:Edith in 1900 CORA KEENEY b.Sept 1876 at Jackson; m. James Joshua Corell EDWARD M KEENEY b.Aug 1878; age 22 in 1900 census of San Joaquin CA RALPH KEENEY b.HI 1879 at Jackson, Amador Co; 11 mos in 1880 census KATHRYN KEENEY b.Oct 1881; age 18 in 1900 CA census

### Mr Paul Eugene Keeney

### ILLINOIS

Paul Eugene Keeney 1922-2002 Palmyra, Illinois Paul Eugene Keeney, 80, of rural Palmyra, Illinois, died Thursday, December 26, 2002 at his home. He was born March 14, 1922, at the family farm near New Berlin, Illinois, the son of John Reuben and Bessie Emma Warren Keeney. His mother died when he was young and step mother Lillian Blakely Keeney raised him. He married Edna Jean Schramm, January 22, 1950 in Waverly, Illinois and she survives. Mr. Keeney retired from farming in 1987. He served in the United States Army in Panama, with the 554th Signal A W. Battalion as a radar operator. He was a member of the Palmyra American legion Post# 1034, Scottville Masonic lodge #426, Palmyra Chapter O.E.S. #453 and the Greenfield United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife; son, Mark (Mary Frances) Keeney of Scottville, Illinois, grandchildren Amber and Chad Keeney; son, Douglas (Adole) Keeney of San Pablo, California, grandchildren, Brian and Jenney Keeney; son, Jeffery (Julie) Keeney of Villa Grove, Illinois, granddaughter, Haonah Keeney, half brother, James Blakely of New Berlin, Illinois, several nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Joseph, John, Benjamin and Charles; 4 sisters, Bernice Keeney, Bertha Stewart, Grace Richards and Paul's twin sister who was still born. Funeral services will be at 10am, Monday, December 30, 2002.

Life changes all our thoughts of Heaven;  
At first we think of streets of gold,  
Of gates of pearl and dazzling light,  
Of shining wings and robes of white,  
And things all strange to mortal sight.  
But in the afterward of years  
It is a more familiar place,  
A home unhurt by sighs or tears  
Where waiteth many a well-known face.  
With passing months it comes more near.  
It grows more real, day by day,  
Not strange or cold, but very dear—  
The glad home-land not far away  
Where none are sick, or poor, or lone,  
The place where we shall find our own.  
And as we think of it all we know  
Who there have met to part no more,  
Whose longing hearts desire home, too,  
With all the strife and trouble o'er.

- Robert Browning.

Heaven

# KEENEY-KELLEY TIES CLOSE IN KANSAS HISTORY

Many KEENEY families find the name KELLEY prominent among their close relatives. Histories of Pottawatomie & Nemaha counties in Kansas bear this out.

JACOB M KELLEY was a boatman by profession and plied many of the larger streams in the US. On a trip in 1860 he traveled overland to the Neuchtel and French settlements on the eastern border of Kansas. Here, under the Homestead Act, he preempted 320 acres on Kelley Creek, named for him; as he returned for family members to West Virginia (then VA).

ROBERT H KEENEY, oldest son of Sires Keeney & Amelia Gatewood, had married Julia A. Kelley (1839-1876) in 1858. Robert's brother, MOSES (TOPP) KEENEY 1845-1907 had married Julia's sister, Lucy J Kelley 1849-1921 on 14 Oct 1869. Both daughters and their husbands followed their father to Kansas, but frightened by the Indians who outnumbered the settlers, both forced their husbands to return with them to their home state.

Julia Kelley Keeney died soon after the return, in 1876. Robert returned to Kansas ten years later, accompanied by children Elizabeth, Ned, McDonald and George (twins), Amelia (Mollie), Charles, Sires, Jade H, Sarah, Peter and Lewis. They settled on the farm where Moses and Lucy had been living.

In the 1866 journey Robert's family had traveled by boat from Cincinnati to St Louis and then by rail to Topeka. At Topeka he learned that it would cost \$7 a night for a place to sleep and \$13 to go back to Holton. He then met a man hauling a load of oats who offered to take him and his family to the home of James Hastings (a cousin of Mrs. Jacob Kelley) in Jackson County for \$11. Taking the offer, they stayed in Jackson County for two months working on the Wyatt family ranch. Julia refused to go further into Indian land.

This story has many other chapters - for Kelleys and Keeneys. Belle WV resident Jake Kelley, a son or grandson, spent years trying to trace his relatives by studying Keeney records; his death a few years ago came before this information was available. -RRK



Never hear a bugle blast  
Or gaze on marching men,  
that don't breathe a prayer to God  
that war not come again,  
and rob us of your young men's strength  
who die in war's mad fray.  
O Lord we lift our pleasing voices  
as we bow our head to pray.  
Send peace and joy around the world  
that men may hate no more,  
but fellowship and love of man  
shall take the place of war.

## IDAHO KEENEYS

CATHERINE S KEENEY b. 01-28-1846, d. 8-6-1895 in Latah County.  
TONY KEENEY b. 1920 Latah County  
WILLIAM REID KEENEY b. 7-1-1927 in Nez Perce County, d. 10-28-1899  
ROBERT JOE KEENEY d. 11-20-1929 in Coner D'Alone ID.  
WILLIAM H H KEENEY b. 2-24-1841, d. 11-19-1926 in Moscow ID.  
EMMA KEENEY b. 10-26-1887, d. 9-26-1936 in Moscow ID.  
MERLE WESLEY KEENEY b. 1-18-1914, d. 7-25-1941  
WALTER AMOS KEENEY b. 2-6-1872, d. 8-29-1944 in Moscow  
WILLIAM BARNES KEENEY b. 12-25-1913, d. 1-11-1948 in Buhl, Twin Falls County

## I'm Still Here

How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well, my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went.  
But in spite of it all, I'm able to grin  
When I think of the places my get-up has been.

Old age is golden, so I've heard said,  
But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
And my eyes on the table, until I wake up.

Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I can lay on the shelf?"  
And I'm happy to say, as I close my door,  
My friends are the same, perhaps even more.

When I was a young thing, my slippers were red,  
I could kick up my heels as high as my head,  
But I got older, my slippers were blue,  
But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I'm still older, my slippers are black,  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.  
The reason I know my youth is all spent,  
My get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went.

But really I don't mind, when I think with a grin,  
Of all the great places my get-up has been.  
Since I have retired from life's competition,  
I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up in the morning and dust off my wits,  
I pick up the paper and read the obit,  
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead,  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

—Anonymous

*dec*  
Dec Keeney Ferguson  
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I received your *Keeney Update* today for December, 2002. Thank you for your dedicated efforts to recording Keeney history. Maybe you remember that I wrote you a couple of years ago about finding proof of the ancestry of Daniel Keeney who died in 1884 in WI. His death certificate proved that **Ebenezer Keeney and Lois Luck Keeney were, indeed, his parents!** I had been told several times that was impossible, stating that Ebenezer died in 1777 and Daniel wasn't born until 1799. This death certificate was a reproduction of the original hand-written document in which the names of his parents were given, and was signed by the attending physician Wm H. Hurbit, M.D. At the time of Daniel's death he was a farmer living in Elkhorn, WI. Last year, sadly, we lost our dear Lorena Keeney Goldsworthy. I just recently received a copy of her obit from Wisconsin. I realize this is a year late, but I hope you can find space to print her obit in your *Keeney Update*. She was the one who steered me in the right direction to obtain the copy of the death certificate.

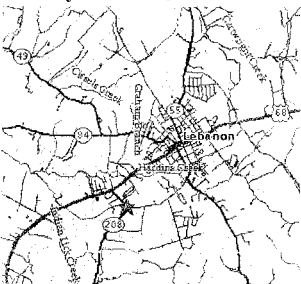
Lorena had been a devoted researcher of Keeney history all her adult life, having a fantastic memory for detail and keeping her files updated with family information as long as she lived. She was much more than a researcher. She was a tiny dynamo who liked the expression

"Bloom where you are planted".



KANSAS KEENEYS: ROSIE MINTHA KEENEY, wife of STUIRFS JADE KEENEY II (b. 10-4-1871, d. 3-31-1974) is pictured on her 80th birthday in Onaga, Kansas in 1971. Pictured left to right are children: IDA KEENEY L'PIENOUR, BLANCHE KEENEY STOTTIS, EARL & wife Lorene (Roberts) KEENEY, and CLAUDE & wife Grace (Burger) KEENEY. Blanche Stotts and her daughter, Ann Lee KOSKOV, have furnished vital family information to KEENEY UPDATE.

## Keeney Cemetery Pulaski Co KY



## SAN ANGELO, TEXAS KEENEYS

JOHN ISAAC KEENEY was born 25 Nov 1904 in Eldorado, Texas, the last of seven children born to JONATHAN KEENEY (b.9 Aug 1859 in Dade Co MO, d.7 Mar 1946 in San Angelo TX) and Mary Ann Keele (b. 1861 in TN, d.1952), who were married 8 Apr 1883.

JONATHAN KEENEY was a son of MICHAEL KEENEY JR. (b.1817 in MO) and Celia Ellen Backus (b.1822, d.22 Mar 1890); He was an injured Civil War veteran, who moved from Missouri to San Saba TX in 1865; his grandparents were MICHAEL KEENEY SR & SUSANNAH RAWLS, born in VA and moved to Lincoln Co KY in 1782. Michael, son of Peter Keeney, and Susannah were married 14 May 1790 in Kentucky.

JOHN ISAAC KEENEY married Ollie Harp 15 Apr 1927 in Hext TX. They lived in Menard, Texas until 1937 when they moved to Christoval until 1942, and moved to their home on Marx St, San Angelo until John's death. John had been a farmer/catcher, a carpenter, and a bookkeeper. Ollie spent her last years on Abington Ln. with her daughter and was buried beside her husband in Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo.

HARRIS ELDON KEENEY, son of John & Ollie, was born 26 Dec 1928 and died 15 Aug 1987. He served in the US Army during the Korean conflict. He married Ann Rose Mattison 26 Dec 1928. He worked as a carpenter, an accountant at Gander's Daries, and then opened his own accounting business, maintained until his death in San Angelo. He died in a VA Hospital in Big Spring TX. Their children were:

ROSS ELDON KEENEY b.20 Sept 1955, m. Juanee Delores Cook 14 Feb 1974. Daughters JENIE JUANESSA b.22 Feb 1975 and JONIE ELDOEA KEENEY b.5 Jul 1981 are their children.

RAMONA ANN KEENEY b.10 Jun 1958, d.28 Dec 2001, m. Kendall Lee Mosley (b.2 Feb 1978); they divorced and Ramona never remarried.

ALMA LOUISE KEENEY, daughter of John & Ollie, was born 25 Sept 1931 and married John Bob Wilson, a career Air Force Colonel, on 11 May 1954. They have two children: DAPHNE LOUISE WILSON b.24 May 1955 m. Roger Gibson and JOHN EVERETT WILSON b.8 Jul 1958 m. Amy Huston.

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Create a family cookbook of old favorite recipes to give as a present to family members.

Compile a family history and publish it in 2003.

Thomas Oakes Sr. Robert H.H. John Mosley, John of Greenbrier Co VA.

## Thomas Oakes Keeney Jr.

Thomas Oakes Keeney Jr., 46, of Cross Lanes passed away at home Feb. 3, 2003.



He was a musician, carpenter and service technician. He was the son of the late Thomas Oakes Keeney Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Jill Elaine Keeney of Cross Lanes; mother and step-father, Phyllis and Jerry Strout of Glasgow; sons, Trevor Oakes of Cross Lanes, Justa Tamias of home, daughter, Shannon Elaine of home, sisters, Leola Lang of Charleston, Kimberly Dawson of North Carolina; brother, Mark Keeney Sr. of North Carolina; stepmother, Martha Keeney of Charleston.

Services will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, at Tyler Mountain Funeral Home, Cross Lanes with the Rev. Jim Crouch officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

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# RUFUS DRAKE KEENEY FAMILY TRACED FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO OHIO TO INDIANA, TO IOWA TO MISSOURI, TO OKLAHOMA, NOW IN TEXAS

# OHIO TEXAS

- I. SIR THOMAS KINNE of Kings Lnnc, Norfolk, England  
 II. JOHN KINNE b.1600 in England, d.1670, ro America 1621, mariner in Salem MA 1649, m. SARAH CHEEVER 1603-74  
 III. HENRY KEENEY b.8 Jul 1623 in Leyden, Holland, died 19 Jun 1696 at Newbury MA; m.(1) Ann Putnam d/o Edward & Ann Compton Putnam (2) Anna Lane, widow  
 IV. THOMAS KINNE 1655-1756 m. Elizabeth Knight (1652-1694) on 23 May 1677  
 V. THOMAS KINNE II b.27 Jul 1678, d.1 Oct 1756 m. Martha Cox on 10 Nov 1701  
 VI. JEREMIAH KINNE b.30 Aug 1702 m.MARTHA GALLUP (mother of ?), (2) Mary Starkweather 10 Nov 1726  
 VII. DANIEL KINNE b.1744 s/o Jeremiah & Mary Starkweather (10 May 1747, d.27 May 1773) m. PATIENCE HUTCHINS 1752-1796 in Worthington MA  
 VIII. RUFUS KEENEY b.3 Feb 1774 m. Ann Fink  
 IX. RUFUS DRAKE KEENEY b.1801 in PA; Licking Co Ohio in 1830, Noble Co IN 1840/50, Lucas Co IA 1860, died in Mercer Co MO in 1870s; m. Fanny Crow 25 May 1824 in Licking Co OH; left Ohio after 1832; member of House of Representatives in Indiana 1849-1850  
 X. BARTON KEENEY b.1826 in Ohio; wife: Laura  
 XI. RUFUS DRAKE KEENEY III b.25 Dec 1861 in Iowa, d.9 Dec 1929 in Texas; listed in Edwards Co TX census at age 58 in 1920 census; m. NANCY REBECCA MOSS  
 XII. CLARENCE BYRD KEENEY b.15 Mar 1892, d. Jan 1964; Wife: Pearl b.1893; children: Clarence b.1917, Morris G b.1920  
 XIII. CLARENCE BYRD KEENEY b.15 Mar 1892, d.Jan 1964; m. Pearl Brown 31 Oct 1915; children: Clarence Jr b.1917, Rebecca, Morris G b.1920, Virginia  
 XIV. CLAUDE CARLTON KEENEY b.22 Oct 1893, d. Jan 1964; m. Mattie McBee 15 Dec 1915 at Divot, Frio Co TX (LDS); children: Edna Lee Cole, Algra Bruce Carter, Mittie Claudine Keene (m.Harrell Johnson)  
 XV. RUBY FRANCES KEENEY b.11 Jun 1896 Carter Co OK d.10 Mar 1986 Waldo TX; m. Akfred Rummell; children: Dessie May & LeRoy Rummell  
 XVI. FLOYD BARTON KEENEY b.14 Jul 1900, d.11 Jul 1975 in Ulvalde Co TX; m. Lillie Bates; sons: Norman and Stanley KeeneY  
 XVII. ROSIE MAY KEENEY b.1903 m. Howard Leggett Thompson; children: Jesse May (b.Frio Co TX) m. Darris French & Annie L Thompson (m.Bill Ripple)  
 XVIII. EULA ESTELLA KEENEY b.1906; m. William Clarence Stewart (1905-1964) in San Antonio; children: Thelma Eloise, Jesse Herzel, Mary Rebecca, Glenn Elbert, Amy Jo, Willie Clarise, Jack Y and Patricia Nan Stewart  
 XIX. FLORENCE MABLE KEENEY, b.25 Apr 1909, d.27 Jul 1997 in Frio Co TX; m. Hiram Pierce Caraway (b.1900 in

TX, d. 27 Jul 1997 in Delaware; children: Vernon Niebert m. Helen W Collier; Elton Truett m. Virginia Shepard; Ruell Wendell m. Carol Jane Collier; Kristi Lynn (died 27 Dec 1987 at Houston, Harris Co TX; Ron Nelson of Oklahoma City OK; Myrenda Delynn of Bryan TX; Carolyn Noell of Springfield MO and Austin Lee CARAWAY of Houston MO

XII. RUFUS D KEENEY IV b.19 Oct 1911 in TX; d.16 May 1993 in Albuquerque NM; m. Lucille Alverson

XI. LINCOLN KEENEY (bro of Rufus III) son: Oscar b.1887

XI. ANN KEENEY (sis of Rufus III)

X ORILLA KEENEY b.1828 in Licking Co OH, d. after 1858; m. GEORGE FESLER -

XI. GEORGE K FESLER m. Sarah Miller

XI. ALBERT FESLER m. Alina Frost

XI. CHARLES FESLER m. Pearl Taylor

XI. DONALD J FESLER

(Fesler family records located in Kosciusko Co IN, where Orilla KeeneY Fesler is buried)

## GENEALOGY IS FACT, NOT SPECULATION

I HENDRICKS CO. IN Marriage Records 1823-1920: Thirty seven KEENEY marriages listed, such as: JOHN F KEENEY m. Matilda Leach 23 Dec 1852. That's a fact, not a guess.

Marat Quinton KeeneY, an only child and a grandson of John F. and son of John Willis & Mary Waters KeeneY, loved current events and politics, ran for state representative in 1934, and died at age 90 in 1972 at an Indianapolis Nursing Home. He was proud of his family line and the HISTORY OF THE KEENEY FAMILY, which he traced largely from family memories.

THE KEENEY history included these words: interesting and very incomplete, and NOT TRUE:

Many years ago, probably in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, a man by the name of KeeneY came to America from Germany. His given name is not known to this writer. It is presumed that his children were most if not all of American birth from the fact that they talked the English with but a little of the German brogue

Jonathan (our line) married in Tennessee, a girl of Irish birth by the name of Mary McGlothlin and their first child was born in Tennessee in 1804

JONATHAN KEENEY did marry Mary McGlothlin, as is recorded in Jefferson Co TN records 4 Dec 1803. A few years later they, as well as several family members, migrated to Indiana. Later they left Indiana for Iowa, while other family members went to Missouri, joined caravans on the Oregon trail, and recorded a great deal of genealogical material. But the original KeeneY settler in Tennessee did not come from Germany, Ireland or any other European country.

Virginia/West Virginia records plainly state that JOHN KEENEY born 12 March 1714 in New England, patented 40 acres in the Greenbrier region in 1751 and added 375 acres later. Indian wars, ignited by the French against English settlers, scattered the settlers and for a while caused further settlement. The older KeeneY sons, including John Jonathan, Thomas, and James, were involved in the war precluding the Virginia frontier. The British government rewarded them with land grants in North Carolina in the section that became Jefferson, Cocke and Greene counties in Eastern Tennessee.

Serious KeeneY researchers all over the country have tried to find recorded proof of "the missing link" between New England and the Virginia/Tennessee KeeneY line. Much of their efforts has been published in KEENEY UPDATE. Meanwhile, accurate and speculative information has crowded the internet. Lots of information given in KEENEY UPDATE has been corrected later, but some of us reject changes when we already have "the facts".

That's the purpose of UPDATE - to UPDATE, based on the latest information. Theories are labeled as theories.

## ILLINOIS

## Keeney

KEENEY, Russell Watson, congressman; b. Pittsfield, Ill., Dec. 29, 1897; s. Walter P. and Kittle Watson; K.; L.E.; De Paul U., 1918; LL.M., 1921; m. Marge LaSchiavo, Nov. 15, 1959. Admitted to Ill. bar, 1919; practice law, Wheaton, Ill., 1919-53; state's atty., DuPage County, Ill., 1936-40; county judge DuPage County, 1940-53; circuit judge 10th Judicial Dist. Ill., 1953-56; mem. 85th Congress, 14th Dist. Ill. Mem. Assn., Ill.; DuPage County bar assoc. Ill. County and Probate Judges Assn. (past pres.); State's Atty.'s Assn. Ill. (past s.p.); DuPage County Farm Bldg., DuPage County Tr Assn. (past pres.); Family Service Assn. DuPage County (s.p.), Wheaton (Ill.) C. of C., Am. Legion, 40 and 8; hon. mem. DuPage Bd. Realtors, Mason (32°), Shriner, I., Moose, El. Home; 230 W. Seminary St., Wheaton, Ill. Office: House Office Bldg., Washington 25. Died Jan. 11, 1958; buried Naperville (Ill.) Cemetery.

## KENTUCKY

## PULASKI CO., KY

LOUISE KEENEY (b. 31 Dec 1931, d. 6 Sept 2002), d/o Harvey C & Rosie (Turner) Owens; wife of ARNOLD EDWARD KEENEY (d. 13 Apr 1977), married in 1957; Clay Hill Baptist Cemetery

Survivors: sons PAUL EDWARD KEENEY of Nicholasville, JAMES JEFFREY KEENEY of Branson, EUGENE CURTIS KEENEY of Somerset; daughters CAROLYN KREENEY ADKINS and CHRISTIAN KEENEY BOYER of Somerset and CHARLOTTE KEENEY COTTRINDER of Science Hill KY; step-sons DON KEENEY of Branson and CHARLES KEENEY of Nancy KY; step-daughter BARBARA MILLER of Branson.

## KANSAS

## LOMA MARY KENNEDY WOODWARD KEENEY

Mrs. Keeney, age 88, passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's Saturday afternoon, December 26, 2002, at Pleasant Manor Living Center. Born September 4, 1914, to Elzie and Mary Kennedy in Pittsburg, KS, where she was raised and lived almost her entire life, except for the past three years when she moved near her oldest son. She married Henry Clyde Woodward in 1938. After Henry's death in 1952, she married Wayne Keeney, June of 1954. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Pittsburg, KS.

Mrs. Keeney was an avid golfer, loved her church, Sunday school class and ladies circles. She had a very kind heart for her family, and cherished and adored her children and grandchildren. She will be forever missed and remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Jim and Sharon Cunningham, Jerry and Beverly Keeney, all of Overland Park, KS and Bill and Marilyn Woodward of Waxahachie, TX. Her four grandchildren, Shon and Tricia Gerber, Scott and Debbie Mason, Brian and Carly Keeney, David and Terri Woodward, five great-grandchildren, Mikayla, Tyler, Joshua, Abigail, Benjamin, and one niece, Penny Smith.

## FAMILY RECORD

## WEST VIRGINIA

## WISCONSIN

Lorveta E. Goldsworthy, 91, Dodgeville, formerly of Linden, died Sunday, November 18, 2001 at Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab Center following a long illness. The former Lorena Keeney was born in the Village of Linden September 3, 1910, the daughter of Joseph and Lillian (Fischer) Keeney. She married Harlan Weame Goldsworthy on November 18, 1939 at the Methodist Parsonage with Rev. E.E. Stacey officiating. The couple farmed in Linden Township their entire married life. Harlan preceded her in death on May 4, 1978. Lorveta was a devoted member of the Fishers Union Methodist Church and the Linden Order of the Eastern Star #207.

Survivors include two brothers, Stan (Ferne) Keeney, Dodgeville and Eldon Keeney, Edmund; five nephews, Bill (Cheryl) Keeney, Dodgeville, Edwin (Carolyn) Keeney, Milton (Doris) Keeney; and James Keeney, all of Mt. Hope and Paul (Lois) Keeney, Superior; two nieces, Ilene (Phil) Howard, Mineral Point and Lorraine (Steve) Ripp, Billingham, Washington; two sisters-in-law, Alice Keeney, Mt. Hope and Jeanette Keeney, Mineral Point; as well as several great and great-great-nieces and nephews and many friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph on October 3, 1969; her mother, Lillian on July 19, 1975; four brothers, Daniel, Norman, Cedric and Edwin Keeney; one sister, Agnes Keeney; one sister-in-law, Barbara Jean Keeney; and one niece, Kathy Keeney.

## NEW YORK

BAPTIST CHURCH OF FABIVUS - On the 24th of August, 1803, when there were no roads through this town east and west, and it was all forest where the village now stands, the Baptist Church of Fabius was recognized by a council composed of delegates sent from Hamilton, Cazenovia, Pompey, and DeRuyter. Elder Ashbel Hosmer was chosen Moderator, and Dr. James Pettit, Clerk. This council, composed of six ministers and nine lay-brethren, convened in a barn three miles south of the village, owned by Samuel Webster, and there recognized this little band of disciples, numbering less than twenty, as a "true church of Jesus Christ." Some of the original members were Thomas Keeney, Samuel Stone, Elijah Keeney, Gurden Woodruff and Samuel Webster.

The house of worship of this church was erected at Fabius Village, in the year 1818, and cost about \$5,000. This year was an eventful one to the church. They engaged Elder Eliada Blakesley for three years for one thousand dollars, and went with their teams to Connecticut to bring his family and goods; they built their meeting house, and baptized one hundred and twenty-three converts.

The church was incorporated August 24, 1819. At that time the following Board of Trustees was elected: Elijah St. John, Stephen Tripp, Jonathan Stanley, Simon Keeney, Aaron Benedict, John Phelps, Benj. Lewis, Geo. Pettit, Nathaniel Bacon.

## Lawrence H. Keeney

ESKDALE — Lawrence H. "Wink" Keeney, 77, of Eskdale died Dec. 20, 2002, at home after a long illness.

Born April 7, 1925, in Eskdale, the son of the late James T. and Edna B. Jacobs Keeney, he was retired from C&O Railway with 39 years of service, a member of Eskdale Church of Christ, and a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Stanley Keeney; sons, Dale E. Keeney and his wife, Vickie of Little Mountain, S.C., Terry L. Keeney and his wife, Carolyn of Eskdale, Kent D. Keeney and his wife, Darlene of Rock Cave, W.Va.; daughters, Gloria "Bitsy" Seagraves, and her husband, John of Vandalia, Ohio, and Lynda Kelley and her husband, Rodney of Charleston; one sister, Ilene Bass of Lebanon, Va.; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank, with the Rev. Walter Andrews officiating.

Entombment will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London with military rites by VFW Post 4768, Alum Creek.



## FAMILY REUNION IN COAL COUNTRY

By Rosalie Keeney Graham

I am the only daughter of Hazel & Cecil Keeney, grand daughter of Stella & Addison Keeney, great grand daughter of John Keeney and sister to Gene and Larry (deceased).

Do you remember? Indeed, I remember all those things. The company store, the gas station, the fountain, the barbershop theater, the post office. This was the hub of our wonderful community.

I remember our little house up "school house hollow", my birthday party with Sharon & Jerry Morrison, Dave & Shirley Jarrell, Rhoda (Noogie) Peters and others. I remember our dog "Jerry" who would walk us to school and lay outside all day waiting for us. I remember Gene and Glenn Morrison riding a bike together out from the little road at Aunt Julie's house and being struck by an automobile.

I remember moving from "school house hollow" to house #16 (we had finally made it), roller skating in the road and in the basement of Carol Morgan, our Sunday bike rides to Seth, going from house to house Christmas caroling, and the bags of fruit, nuts and candy given to us by the coal company, the Halloween parties at the school, the haunted house, the fishing well and the many walks around the school house while they judged our costumes.

House #16 is still standing but does not resemble the house of the 50's that I remember so fondly.

I remember singing in the youth choir at the Baptist church and duet with Dorothy Condra. I remember being baptized with Charlotte White in the swimming hole by the Reverends Duard Jarrell and Johnson Meadows.

I remember the quartets that Dad was in with various people, Ike & Barbara Sue McCormick, Jake Bratcher, Baxter Elkins, Sharon Morrison, Wilma Loaszak.

I remember the Keeney reunions and Senator Robert Byrd attending and playing "Boilin Cabbage Down" on his fiddle.

I remember when Uncle Kermit and Mary Ann Keeney worked in the Fountain and getting soooo mad when Kermit would not let us dance to our favorite tunes on the juke box.

Can you believe that Mom and Sadie Peters came in costume one year and NO ONE knew who they were, no even their kids. I remember being a cheerleader and majorette, our home made red and white uniforms and the many drills that Mrs.

Morris put us through. Kay Coach was our head majorette and little Alice Condra our mascot.

I remember us being one of the first families to get a TV and the folks who came to our house on Saturday night to watch wrestling.

I remember our BIG two story house in "hunkie heaven" and coming home from school and finding mom at the top of a ladder painting the outside of the 2nd. Story. I remember our bus rides to High school and the boys throwing opened face mayo sandwiches at the bald head of the bus driver to see how many would stick.

I remember Ma Maw Keeney finding a lunch bag full of reflectors from the school bus in the closet of Mamie's room. Seems some kids were thrown off the bus (I wonder why) and most of the others got off in protest. Some kids got in front of the bus, others in the back so the bus could travel only at a snails pace. I was told, at this point Aunt Mamie used her nail file to remove all the reflectors from the bus. Sounds like something Uncle Keith would do but certainly not Mamie.

Well, the memories go on and on but I will stop here. God Bless and I look forward to our Homecoming next year.



## The Reverend Albert J. ("Al") Keeney

Phrases such as "deep faith, wellness, personal spirituality, solid, mature Christian" are used in describing Father Al Keeney. He emphasizes mutual ministry, and "respects the traditions of the Church, while seeking ways to make it relevant to our times." His goal for the church includes leadership in a community that is "not afraid to speak the truth in love, and supports openness and inclusiveness as it reaches out to the wider community." Al has an aura of depth, wisdom, and trustworthiness that has led his parishioners and staff to great confidence in his abilities and equally great fondness for him as a trusted friend.

Al was born in 1945. He was brought up in a Roman Catholic family, and he was recruited for the priesthood, beginning a pre-seminary program in his late teens. He left the seminary at age nineteen in the midst of the faith crisis of the transition to young adulthood. Turning to the study of speech at Loyola University of Chicago, he received his bachelor's degree in 1968. It was in his theater work at Loyola that Al met his future wife, Linda. They were married in 1969 and have shared life's stage with one another ever since. Linda was the one who discovered the Episcopal Church and led Al to renew his church connection, though in a different communion. He went on to receive an MA in dramatic arts at St. Louis University in 1970.

For a time, Al taught sophomore and senior English and drama at Augustinian Academy in St. Louis, Missouri. His writing talent and some free-lance work led him to the advertising and marketing side of communication. After a stint with two companies in the St. Louis area and a period working in Indianapolis, he transferred to New Jersey, where he held several executive positions in the marketing field, rising to the position of vice-president of Cooper Communications, in Maplewood, NJ. Meanwhile, Linda and Al had two sons (now both grown, ages twenty-nine and twenty-two, and living in Denver). It was during their time in New Jersey that a time of personal crisis led Al to re-evaluate his interests and priorities in life and reconsider his earlier vocation to ordained ministry. As a postulant from the Diocese of Newark, Al was admitted to the Master of Divinity program at Drew University, from which he received his seminary degree in 1990.

Al's ordained ministry began in the Diocese of Newark, with the position of deacon-in-charge and then rector of St. Matthew's church in Paramus, New Jersey.

## KENTUCKY

MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY 178-6-1789  
10-26-1786 PETITION of freemen of County of Mercer that the progress of agreement and flattering prospect of a considerable crop of tobacco make it absolutely necessary public warehouses should be provided at some convenient landing on the Kentucky river for the inspection of their products. They recommend the landing at the conflux of the Kentucky and Dicks rivers and ask for establishment of an inspection on the land of John Curd.

signed by PETER KEENEY  
1784/85 PETITION OF INHABITANTS of  
KENTUCKY COUNTY against Virginia's  
rights to lands northwest of Allegheny Mts.  
signed by MOSES KEENEY