



# Keeney Update

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Kendall H. Keeney

## Kendall H. Keeney, Retired Lawyer And Ex-Judge Here, Dies

Friends here have been saddened by the word of the death of Attorney Kendall H. Keeney, about 78.

The well known lawyer and former City Police Judge passed away on Sunday, June 8, in East Wenhatchee, Washington.

He was originally from Ravenswood, W. Va., but spent the active years of his legal career in Clarksville.

Kendall H. Keeney received his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from West Virginia University in 1929 and immediately came to Clarksville to begin his legal law practice.

Attorney Keeney spent his entire professional life at the Harrison County Bar, commencing in the Spring of 1923 and retiring in 1953, at which time he and his wife moved to Washington State to be near their two children and grandchildren.

Kendall Keeney was well liked at the Bar. He was considered one of the leading lawyers in his field and in business law.

He served as Clarksville City Police Judge for a few years. Also, he served as president of the Harrison County Bar Association in 1961. He had many friends in Clarksville and the vicinity.

The Harrison County Bar Association President, C. David McManis, has indicated that an appropriate resolution will be prepared and presented to the Bar Association for adoption.

Attorney Keeney is survived by his wife, Beatrice Keeney, a son, Jack Keeney of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. (Joan) Raese of East Wenhatchee, Wash.; three granddaughters and four grandsons.

In death by her husband, Dr. Claude S. Keeney in 1931.

Surviving her son, Atty. Kendall H. Keeney, former city police judge, Shavado Hills, Mo. granddaughters, Jacklyn M. Keeney of Seattle, Wash., one granddaughter, Mrs. J. Thomas (Joan) Raese of Begonia, La.; and six grandchildren. One brother and three sisters are deceased.

Mrs. Keeney was a former music teacher, a member of the Presbyterian Church at Ravenswood, the DAR Chapter at Ravenswood, and the Woman's Club there.

Mrs. Evelyn Fisher Keeney 81, of Shavado Hills, a former teacher of music, died at 9:11 a.m. January 11, 1981 in a local nursing home following an extended illness. She was born February 28, 1893 in Covington, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James M. and Elizabeth Campbell. Her husband, Dr. Claude S. Keeney, passed away in 1931. Surviving her son, Attorney Kendall H. Keeney, Shavado Hills, former city police judge, her daughter, Mrs. J. Thomas (Joan) Raese, Shavado Hills, one granddaughter, Mrs. J. Thomas (Joan) Raese, Shavado Hills, and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Claude S. Keeney, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Ravenswood, and the daughter of the American Revolution and the Woman's Club of Ravenswood. Graveside services will be held at the Davis Funeral Home, 421 West 5th St., Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the evening. Burial will be at Oak Grove, January 11, at



## DR. C. E. KEENEY IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent Ravenswood Dentist Succumbs at Cammack Home to Heart Disease

Dr. Claude Everett Keeney, of Ravenswood, long prominent in the profession of dentistry, died last night at the home of his son, Mrs. C. W. Cammack, on Thurston avenue, of heart failure.

Dr. Keeney had come here from Ravenswood about two months ago for rest and treatment and was thought to have been making constant progress toward recovery until his death occurred suddenly shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. Members of his family were at his bedside when the end came.

Funeral arrangements will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Ravenswood at the Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Keeney was a member. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Newton, pastor of the M. E. church, south of Main, W. Va., a close personal friend of Dr. Keeney. Interment will be at Ravenswood. Friends and relatives will accompany the body to Ravenswood tomorrow afternoon. Members of the family requested that flowers be omitted. There will

be no funeral service in Huntington. Dr. Keeney spent nearly all of his life in Ravenswood. Throughout his life and nearby counties he was held in the highest esteem.

One Preceded Here

He was born at Ravenswood September 14, 1877. The son of Orlando T. Keeney and Alma J. (Zavatt) Keeney. He attended Ohio Wesleyan college, Delaware, O., and College university, Nashville, N. Y. His degree in dentistry was won at Ohio Dental college, Cincinnati. For a year here after graduation he engaged in the practice of dentistry in Huntington, associated with Dr. C. C. Yacht for several months, but established himself permanently in Ravenswood.

He married Miss Evelyn Fisher, of Huntington, Ky., June 1, 1909. He is survived by his father and mother, also one son, Berghal Newton Keeney, an attorney at Charleston, and the grandchildren, Jack and Joan Keeney.

## Death Claims Mrs. Keeney

Mrs. Evelyn Fisher Keeney, 81, of Shavado Hills, died at a local nursing home 11-9:15 a.m. Wednesday after an extended illness. She was born Feb. 28, 1893, in Covington, Ky., a daughter of the late James M. and Elizabeth Campbell. She was preceded

Kendall H. Keeney, 78, East Wenhatchee, died Sunday morning in Central Washington Hospital.

Born in Ravenswood, W. Va., on Nov. 13, 1903, he spent his early life and graduated from high school there. He received a degree in political science and a law degree from West Virginia University.

He married Beatrice Sena on June 1, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He practiced law in Clarksville, W. Va., from 1929 until he retired in 1972. In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Keeney came to East Wenhatchee to make their home.

He was a member of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, Harrison County and the West Virginia State Bar Association and many other organizations in that state.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice, at home; one son, Jackson H. Keener, Bellevue; a daughter, Mrs. J. Thomas (Joan) Raese, East Wenhatchee; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date by the Jones and Jones Funeral Home.

## ALONZO T. KEENEY CLAIMED BY DEATH

Aged Jackson County Resident Passes Soon After Death of Son Here

Alonzo T. Keeney, one of Jackson County's oldest residents, died at his home in Ravenswood last night after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at his old home Thursday afternoon at 2:30. The rites will be in charge of Rev. C. E. Gentry, minister of the Ravenswood Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Keeney was a church member.

Surviving relatives include his nephew, C. A. Shoats, and his niece, Mrs. J. P. Howland and Miss Ora Shoats, the latter residing at Shavado Hills, Md. Mrs. Keeney was born, was formerly Miss Alma Howland, a sister of Mrs. C. W. Cammack, of Huntington, and of the late Mr. E. H. Howland. In 1908 she married Mr. and Mrs. Keeney entered the

1934

HUNTINGTON

12:30 p.m. at the Berean-Sumner E. Class, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, all of date. Commencement at 1:30 p.m. at the Berean-Sumner Cemetery, Huntington, W. Va. The family requests that flowers be omitted. Daily funeral home

twenty-third anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. Keeney was stricken with a paralytic attack soon after his son, Dr. C. E. Keeney, had died at the home of relative Mrs. Mattie Keeney. He had been vigorous and active throughout his life, all of which was spent in Ravenswood. He was 45 years old on September 11, 1929.

Throughout his long life he was widely known and highly respected in Jackson County. Although he had retired from active business a number of years ago, he continued to maintain a keen interest in affairs of his community to the end of his life. He occasionally visited relatives in Charleston, and had a number of friends and acquaintances here.

JANUARY 28, 1942

### MRS. A. T. KEENEY DIES AT RAVENSWOOD

Mrs. Almon D. Keeney, one of the early residents of Ravenswood, W. Va., died there early this morning after a long illness. Her sister, Mrs. C. W. Galloway of Charleston, was with her at the time of her death, and other members of the family will go to Ravenswood tomorrow for funeral services at the residence at 2 P. M.

Mrs. Keeney had a large number of friends and acquaintances in Charleston. She was the former Miss Alma Haworth, daughter of Dr. Samuel M. Haworth, a pioneer physician of Jackson County, and was a member of the late Dr. C. E. Haworth of the Marshall College faculty.

Other surviving relatives include her grandson, Kendall Keeney of Clarksburg, W. Va. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Glance Keeney, lives in Ravenswood.

Mrs. Keeney was born in Ohio opposite Ravenswood, but had lived in Ravenswood almost all of her life. She was a member of the Christian Science Church.

### KENDALL HAWORTH KEENEY and FAMILY

Kendall "Ken" Haworth Keeney was born November 13, 1903 in Ravenswood, WV. He grew up there and spent his early education in public schools. The only story about his childhood mischief he ever told on himself was the story of how he was "cured" of his appetite for watermelon. He and a friend of his had been hired by a farmer to help unload watermelon from a wagon. The farmer told the two boys they could eat any watermelon that might be accidentally split open. Needless to say, there were lots of accidents. He was so sick that evening that he never wanted another taste of watermelon again, and decades later, he still wouldn't touch it.

He attended West Virginia University, was a member of a fraternity, and graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and an L.L.D. degree in 1929. It was during his student days in Morgantown that he met his future wife, Beatrice "Bea" Helen Senna of Castle Shannon, PA. They eloped and were married in secret June 1, 1929 in Pittsburgh. Years later, at their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Bea Keeney explained why they had eloped. At the time, she had a bookkeeping job at a large supply company in Pittsburgh and had worked there several years. Her boss had a policy that only unmarried women would be employed by him. Married women were expected to be supported by their husbands and to stay home to keep house. She knew of several women who were fired after their marriage was discovered. Also, at the time, her husband was just out of college and was not yet established in a law firm, so they still needed the income. Three months later, she quit the job, announced the wedding, and moved to Clarksburg, WV where her husband had successfully begun his law practice.

Beatrice Helen (Senna) Keeney was born December 9, 1905 in Castle Shannon, PA. She was the only child of Louis Henry Senna and Marie Margret (Mets) Senna. Beatrice became active in a variety of clubs and organizations in Clarksburg. Among her favorites were the Garden Club and the Bridge clubs she belonged to. Kendall and Beatrice Keeney remained active members of the Presbyterian church. Their two children are Joan Marie (Keeney) Rance and Jackson Haworth Keeney.

Attorney Keeney began his practice in a Clarksburg law firm. He was only marginally interested in politics. He did serve on several local and county committees, and was involved in local Republican politics, but had no grand political ambitions for himself. The only time he ran for a state office was sometime in the 1930's when made a single unsuccessful bid for the West Virginia House of Delegates. He was president of the Harrison County Bar Association and served as a Harrison county police court judge for many years. For more information on Judge Keeney's legal career, see the attached articles.

Judge Keeney was diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease sometime in the mid 1960's. Declining health forced him to retire from the bench early. In 1973 they moved from Clarksburg, WV to Washington State where, by then, both their adult children and seven grandchildren were living. On June 6, 1982 he died in East Wenatchee, WA and is buried in Clarksburg, WV. Beatrice Keeney still resides in East Wenatchee, WA as ever at the age of 85.

## MEXICAN WAR

### Muster Roll

Company muster roll of Lt. W. G. McAdoo's Company in the 2nd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers commanded by Col. W. T. Haskell, called in service by the President under the act of congress approved May 13, 1846, from Oct. 31, 1846, when last mustered to April 30, 1847.

W. G. McAdoo, 1st Lt. Comg. Company  
A. J. Ellis, 2nd Lt. Comg. Company  
William S. Coward, 2nd a. Lieut.  
T. R. Beadley, 1st Sergeant  
B. C. Hunt, 2nd Sergeant  
Wesley R. Moore, 3rd Serg.  
E. H. McAdoo, 4th Serg.  
B. P. Hackney, 1st Corporal  
Wm. Reynolds, 2nd Corp.  
J. D. Swan, 3rd Corp.  
Chas. Lamar, 4th Corp.

Died in Service:  
John L. Kirkpatrick, Captain, died March 10, 1847  
Churchhill Hutchinson, Private  
William H. Leinart, private  
Geo. W. Keeney, private  
Jonathan Landrum, private.

Privates:  
Charles Altum  
Wiley Bailey  
John Bennett  
Rowland Chiles  
H. M. Dobbins  
Felix Gilbert  
William Grinstead  
Joseph Haradin  
William S. Herrington  
Warren Herrill  
Michael Hostler  
Lewis L. Jones  
Elijah Kennel  
Henry Keesterson  
William M. Levi  
James McDonald  
James Morgan  
Joseph Romines  
William Baxter  
William Bennett  
James H. Black  
Samuel Davis  
Aaron Farmer  
Isaac Graham

John Jackson  
Lewis Jones  
John Keeney  
William King  
Jacob Levi  
Vincent A. Moore  
Isam Nance  
Armstead A. Wallace

Discharged:  
John S. Shaver  
James W. Hackney  
Jammal D. Leinart  
Hamilton Hays  
Elijah Jennings  
A. J. Oliver  
Jacob Harnes  
Reuben M. Ashlock  
Geo. W. Jennings  
Daniel Vann  
William Hackney  
Daniel Henderson  
W. R. Hazzell  
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### Family Tree

The old man was telling about his family. "The first one is a doctor ... the second one stays on all night too ... the third one is a lawyer, and the fourth one won't tell the

truth either. The fifth one is a school teacher ... and the sixth one is always broke too ... The seventh one is a preacher ... and the eighth one ... well, he won't work either."



Joseph B. Keeney — Seated on outside left  
Stage Owner & Driver — Walla Walla, Wash.  
1870

**JOSEPH B. KEENEY**

(B. June, 1830 - D. 1905)  
No record of parentage

Joseph B. Keeney was born in Crawfordville, Indiana in June of 1830. In 1852, he went by steamer through the Isthmus of Panama in route to California.

Mr. Keeney soon became identified with the big companies who were engaged in the Star Route Contracting. For a number of years he was a stockholder in one of the companies that had its headquarters in San Francisco. He came to Oregon in 1859, and took charge of Wells Fargo and Co., as Business Agent, and followed this business until the Union Pacific Railroad was completed.

"Joe" Keeney was connected with the now, historical Overland Stage Route that extended from The Dalles 800 miles eastward to the western terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad. During this period he had a residence in The Dalles, Oregon, Wasco County, and in 1870 he drove stage from The Dalles through Shaniko and on into the John Day gorge stage from The Dalles through Shaniko and on into the John Day Valley to terminate at the Snake River opposite Old Ft. Boise, where my great Uncle Jonathan Keeney was then operating his Riverside Inn. This route was then called The Dalles Military Road, and Terry. This route was then called The Dalles Military Road, and Terry. This route was then called The Dalles Military Road, and Terry. Later in life, Joseph Keeney was elected twice to the office of County Clerk for Walla Walla County, Oregon. After retiring, he moved to Walla Walla, Washington.

He married a Francis K. White in 1854 in California, and they had four children; Edward, who lived in Monument, Oregon; Joseph, at La Grande, Oregon; Mrs. E. W. Farrell of Barnegat Park, New Jersey; and Mrs. Ben Morgan, of Pendleton, Oregon in this year of 1905. Francis (White) Keeney passed away and is buried in a park at Pendleton, Oregon.

Joseph was married a second time in 1891 to Elizabeth Bourn, and they had one little girl, Esther. Joseph B. Keeney passed away at his home in Walla Walla, Wash. in 1905 at the age of 75.

The following is from the pages of HISTORY OF GRANT CO., page 681.\*

**EDWARD C. KEENEY:**

He was born May 6, 1858 in Salt Lake, Utah, the son of Joseph B. Keeney and Francis K. White. From Salt Lake, they moved to Kelton, Utah; to Boise, Idaho; to Walla Walla, Washington; to Weston, Oregon; to Pendleton, Oregon. In 1889, he operated the stage lines from out of Heppner to Kovanant. They moved to Long Creek where he operated a hotel; then to Drewsey. Edward C. Keeney married Mary Kay Violet Jan. 1, 1893, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Woolery, in Ione, Oregon.

\* Heppner Gazette - January 3, 1893 at the Bancroft Library:  
"Married - At Ione, at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, (J. A. Woolery, Esq.) Mr. Edward C. Keeney and Miss Mary Kay Violet, Edwin Palmer officiating. It was a very quiet wedding, but few being present. It was however, none the less enjoyable. The contracting parties were two of the most estimable and popular young people of Morrow County. We congratulate them on their passage from single blessedness to double bliss and trust that others will emulate their wise example."

\* Heppner Gazette - 25 Oct. 1889, page 3 at the Bancroft Library:  
"J. B. Keeney, Superintendent of Idaho Stage Co., passed thru Long Creek on way to Canyon City."

**KEENEY UPDATE**

**WASHINGTON**

Diane K. House, of Tacoma, WA is searching for her relatives in the John Keeney/Mary Bucklalter line. Her KEENEY line: Arnold M. Burke (b.1918.ID), father: Lula Alma Landingham (b.1899.OR), grandmother; George Madison Landingham (b.1849.MO), great grandfather; William LANDINGHAM (1810-1850) married REBECCA KEENEY. D. 4 July 1812 great-great grandparents.

**CALIFORNIA**

Aulene F. Samples, 15 Leeds Ct. E., Danville, CA 94526-4310 has started an attractive newsletter for her SAMPLES/KEENEY kin. She is a great granddaughter of HARRISON COLUMBUS KEENEY, whose family includes the Clay Co. teachers covered in this issue.

**VIRGINIA**

John D. KEENEY, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, is now plant manager for Kingston-Warren in Wytheville, Virginia.

Church records for the past century at First Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV include Keeney names: BESSIE KEENEY PETERS GRAMHAM, bap. 4-1-1917; EVERETT A. KEENEY, ltr. 12-6-1931, died 10-4-1956; Mrs. EVERETT KEENEY, ltr. 12-6-1931, d. 1-21-1938; GEORGIA MARY KEENEY, ltr. 6-28-53; MARY FRANCES KEENEY, m. George M. Mellott, ltr. 12-6-1931; PAULA SCE KEENEY m. Kenneth Coleman Shaban, bap. 4-23-1967; Mrs. ROSEELL R. KEENEY, LTR. 3-1-1964.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

MICHAEL LEROY KEENEY, Claremont, CA wants help on tracing his ancestry. His father, RICHARD SAMUEL (1914-1989) died recently. His grandparents: SINCLAIR LEROY & FANNIE E. BENTZEL KEENEY, York Co., PA.



**PATRONS**

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Lawrence Carson's family helped to form the landscape of his hometown, Montgomery.

## Family roots go deep in Montgomery

By Susan Williams  
staff writer

**MONTGOMERY** — The farm that James C. Montgomery plowed more than a 100 years ago has yielded churches, a college and a town.

One of Montgomery's descendants, Lawrence Carson, shared family history as residents in the town that bears the Montgomery family name prepare to celebrate its centennial May 17.

James C. Montgomery was born in 1811. Like many of his beta, he was active in politics, serving in the Virginia Legislature before the Civil War.

He married twice and fathered 14 children. He first married Amanda Branson, granddaughter of William Herrin who came from Virginia to Cedar Grove, Virginia, founded the first permanent settlement in the valley in 1774.

Montgomery's farm, on land acquired through his marriage, covered most of what is now the town.

During the 1820s and 1830s, towns on the Kanawha River made frequent stops at Montgomery, which then became community known as Montgomery's Landing.

Much of the town's early character was determined by two of Montgomery's sons, Carson said. James N., from Montgomery's first marriage, started the first water company. Seth, his half brother, founded the town's first telephone company.

The brothers also were in a group that founded the Montgomery National Bank, which Carson believes is also the site of his grandfather's home.

The town built a steel rail bridge in the early 1920s. According to Carson, the bridge was sited in the area of what is now Lee Street. Carson said the lanes were sited on the size of vehicles of the day. In time, buses began to have difficulty passing each other on the bridge.

Carson said the family donated land for the original sites for all the early churches

in town. Like his grandfather, Carson is trustee of Calvary Episcopal.

The Montgomery heirs donated two acres of land for the college that became West Virginia Institute of Technology, Old Main, at the center of the school, site on part of their original two-acre tract.

In 1924, Carson's mother and father built the house where Carson and his wife Geraldine live today. The site was once home to J.W. Montgomery's sawmill.

Carson's mother, Alice Montgomery Carson, lived there most of her life and died at age 95.

**Montgomery's centennial celebration will be May 17 and will include a parade, film about settlers and a live broadcast of "Mountain Stage."**

The huge brick house has an almost identical twin next door. That house was built by Helen Montgomery Vickers and her husband, Helen and Alice were sisters.

Both sisters had politician sons. Lawrence Carson's brother Howard was president of the state Senate. Howard was 80, living in Charlottesville, Va. Their late brother Bill was mayor of Montgomery.

All of Helen Montgomery Vickers' sons also lived in adulthood became lawyers.

Carl Vickers, now deceased, was Fayette County's prosecutor. His son Charles is the present prosecutor. Charles' sister Vicki Douglas is a member of the House of Delegates from Berkeley County.

The late Arnold Vickers was also president of the Senate.

Carl Vickers heads Legislative Services, and his brother George is Montgomery city attorney.

Lawrence Carson said he was never interested in politics. Now 77, he retired after 45 years with Union Carbide in New York.

His family story and other interesting stories from the town's history will be part of a centennial celebration publication.

Helen Lodge, a former Montgomery resident, is compiling the history to be sold at town hall and other places during the celebration. Proceedings will be part of the Centennial Committee which is planning the festivities.

By reading old newspaper clippings, Lodge learned that Montgomery's first football team was formed in 1901. The members of the Montgomery Preparatory School team had an average weight of 135 pounds but insisted on playing much larger opponents.

That gave rise to a saying about the team. "They never wore a game and never lost a fight." Apparently the players carried their football battles off the field.

Centennial celebration activities begin at 8 p.m. May 17 when town, state and American flags are raised along U.S. 60.

A parade is scheduled at 11 a.m. the following day. That night, at O'Leary Hall Little Theater at West Virginia Tech, there will be a showing of "Goodbye, Miss 4th of July."

Melba Carter, head of the Centennial Committee, said the film's author, Christopher James, will also be there. James wrote the film about Italian immigrants who settled in Smithson and Montgomery to work in the mines.

From 8 to 9 p.m. May 19, "Mountain Stage" will have a live broadcast of its show in O'Leary Hall.

## INDIANA

MARRIAGES IN MONTGOMERY CO.  
Elizabeth KEENEY to Alanson Harrison 13 Sept 1829  
Jane KEENEY to Jacob Remington 19 Apr 1836  
Joseph KENEY to Lucinda Stever 16 Nov 1836  
Mary H. Keeney to Abraham Harrison 9 Sept 1840  
Samuel T. KEENEY to Elizabeth Kensler 1 Feb 1843  
Michael KENNY to Eliza Jones 29 June 1849  
Hiram KEENEY (b.KY) to Bridget Ryan (b.Ire) 2 Feb 50  
Stephen D. KEENEY to Hannah Hoffminger 6 June 1852  
William KEENEY to Mary Penrod 27 Sept 1852  
Thomas KEENEY to Elizabeth Bell 23 Dec 1853  
John KEENEY to Lucinda Montgomery 17 Nov 1854  
William B. KEENEY to Harriet G. Corson 6 Nov 1855  
Thomas KEENEY to Letitia Campbell 14 Nov 1855  
William H. KEENEY to Catherine E. Anthony 1 Sep 1862  
John H. KEENEY to Catharine M. Willay 28 Sept 1865  
James KEENEY to Nancy A. Dickey 21 March 1866  
Youell P. KEENEY to Eva E. Anthony 6 May 1871  
William H. KEENEY to Mary S. Stoddard 12 Jan 1877  
James B. KEENEY to Martha L. Custer 11 Feb 1880  
Albert KEENEY to Annie Ellis 24 Dec 1893  
William KEENEY to Susan Bey 15 Nov 1887  
Henry KEENEY to Amelia S. Nicholson 15 Mar 1890  
William H. KEENEY to Eva P. Thomas 15 June 1894  
Clyde KEENEY to Pearl Jackson 1 Dec 1900

LAWRENCE CARSON'S great-great grandparents were Henry Montgomery & NANCY KEENEY MONTGOMERY, second daughter of Michael and Catherine Lewis KEENEY, whose offspring scattered into Kentucky and Ohio, then to Iowa and westward. Many of the Montgomery clan stayed in west Virginia.

## Pulaski Co., Ky

### DIED FOR ROCKLICK BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Keeney and Robert McArthur, trustees of the Baptist Church at Rocklick in the County of Pulaski constituted and agreed to an Act of the General Assembly and the rules (?) of the said church, etc.—that the said Jose Richardson convey to the said trustees, a

certain tract of land lying in the county on which a meeting house now stands, known by the name of Rocklick Meeting house containing four acres, for the use of a Baptist Church, provided however, that if the said church should ever be dissolved and be no more—then the tract of ground shall revert to the children of Polly Wood: [Dated December 14, 1822

[Dec'd Book 5, page 199 or 189. This is an excerpt from the dec'd.]

## DEATHS

THE YORK DISPATCH,  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989

Richard S. Keeney  
York

Richard S. Keeney of York died at 9:45 p.m. Friday at his home after a lengthy illness. He was 71.

Mr. Keeney retired in 1978 as relay technician for Metropolitan Edison where he had been employed for 45 years. He was a member of Men-Ed's 55 Year Club and its Retirees' Group. He was a former vice-president of the York Local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, the American Association of Retired Persons, the York Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Victory Athletic Association.

Born in York, a son of the late LeRoy and Fannie Beutzel Keeney, he leaves his wife, Sara N. Weber Keeney, two sons, Michael L. Keeney, Clearmont, Calif., and Mark E. Keeney, Perth, Australia, two daughters, Gretchen K. Zimmerman, Spring Grove, and Jane E. Beuffla, Reading, three grandchildren: a brother, Kenneth L. Keeney, York, and a sister, Virginia Beuter, York.

There will be no viewing. The service will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the John W. Reifer Funeral Home, Loc. 302 Mount Rose Ave., with burial in Mount Rose Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Services, 218 E. Market St., York 17403.

DEATHS: The sons of RICHARD S. KEENEY want to check out their Keeney genealogy; relatives of the YORK, PA Keeneys are asked to send information to KEENEY UPDATE; HUBERT B. FOUT and WALTER H. KEENEY, JR. were grandsons of John S. & Hannah C. Keeney, great-grandsons of Stires & Mildred Gatewood Keeney; HAROLD E. KEENEY's father was John Wilson Keeney, son of McDonald & Catherine Wilson Keeney (pp86-87, KEENEY RELATIVES); BESSIE KEENEY MEADOWS was a daughter of J. P. (Bud) & Violet Short Keeney and a granddaughter of Utica & Margaret Smithers Keeney; CLARENCE EDWARD KEENEY, son of William (Mote) & Grace O'Dell Keeney, was a grandson of John GATWOOD & Amanda Stanley Keeney; EDITH S. KEENEY was the wife of Frank James Keeney (1905-1983), who was a son of Daniel & Frances Brinkley Keeney and a grandson of John Patrick Keeney, of Boone Co., WV.

## Hubert B. Fout

Hubert B. "Hot" Fout, 61 of 138 W. Reynolds Ave., Selin, died March 15, 1991, at 11:50 a.m. after a short illness. He was a farmer.

He was retired from Union Carbide. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a Mason, and a Shriner. He was a member of Selin Fire Department. He was a farmer, accountant.

Surviving: wife, Helen Grou Fout, sons, James Edward, Richard Lee, Keith D. Belle; daughter, Joyce Hoffman of Segar Grove, Texas, Anna Frances Milam of Victoria, Texas, Mary Elizabeth Steens of Parkersburg, WV grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fitter-Purme Funeral Home, Selin, with the Rev. John Terrence and the Rev. Leroy Keeney officiating. Burial with Masonic rites will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, Loudon. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

## Harold E. Keeney

97, PETERSBURG, Fla. - Harold E. Keeney, 89, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of York, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 13, 1991, at Day Pines Veterans Hospital, St. Petersburg, after a long illness.

He was a World War I Navy veteran, a lineman for Appalachian Power Co. and a retired United Dairy farmer. He was a member of the (Gallop) A.M. Church of God.

Surviving: wife, Nellie Hamilton Keeney, 88, of York, Ohio, died Wednesday, Wash., state; Mildred Goodman of Mt. Hope, W.Va.; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Monday in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston, with the Rev. Bealy Mordock officiating.

## Mrs. Bessie Lee Meadows

Mrs. Bessie Lee Meadows, 61, of 4102 S. Union Drive, Halden, died March 11, 1991, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a long illness.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Madison and a member of Madison United Methodist Church. She was a long time clerk typist for Da Post, Selin, with 32 years' service.

Surviving: husband, William C. Meadows; daughter, Brenda Joseph at Hinton, mother, Violet Keeney of Selin; brother, Benjamin "Buddy" Keeney at Selin; two grand-children.

## Clarence Edward Keeney

BECKLEY - Clarence Edward Keeney, 74, of Beckley, died Tuesday, April 22, 1991, in Beckley Hospital, after a short illness.

He was a retired supervisor at West-montreal Cement Co. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving: wife, Lillian Scargg Keeney; daughter, Jean Lynn Keeney of Beckley.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Parsons, with the Rev. Ernest Darby officiating.

## Walter H. Keeney Jr.

Walter Henson Keeney Jr., 78, of Selin, died April 10, 1991, in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

He was retired from Du Pont and was a lifelong resident of Kanawha County. He was a member of Mount Zion Methodist Church, Selin; Selin Lodge 27 AFAM; Southside Hill Lodge and West-Kenese Shrine Temple.

Surviving: daughters, Adrienne Adams of Elk Grove, Ill.; Jeanne Davis of Naples, Fla.; Joan Jones of Corvallis, Ore.; Joanne Bell of Williamsville, N.Y.; brothers, David W. of Mason, Ohio, W. Paul of Selin; sister, Grace Pritch of Middletown, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Fitter-Purme Funeral Home, Selin, with the Rev. Warren Patten officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, Parsons, may call after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

## Mrs. Edith Shabden Keeney

CHARLTON HEIGHTS - Mrs. Edith Shabden Keeney, 74, of Charlton Heights, died May 7, 1991, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

She was a housewife and a member of Charlton Heights United Methodist Church. Surviving: daughters, Patricia Kawa of Oak Forest, Ill.; Beverly Olfen of Oklawaha, Fla.; son, J. James of Oklawaha, Oklawaha, Fla.; daughter, Judith of Fossilville, Ruby Beckertown of Gallipolis, Ohio; brother, Robert K. Shabden of South Charleston; six grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at B.C. Hooper Funeral Home, Montgomery, with the Rev. Virginia Brumler and the Rev. Frank Beckley officiating. Burial will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, Loudon. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

## 1839 DEED

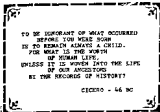
(An 1839 deed of STIRES KEENEY, on file in Kanawha Co. court records, confirms and expands information on the MOSES KEENEY family, which moved from Greenbrier to Kanawha c.1820. Milton Snyder was nephew, oldest son of Stires Keeney's niece, Catherine Brawley Snyder.)

This indenture made this 14th day of Sept 1839 between Stiers J. Keeney of the county of Kanawha on one part and Milton Snyder of the said county of Kanawha on the other part. Witnesseth that the said Stiers J. Keeney for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars of lawful money to him in hand paid by the said Milton Snyder at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold, and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto the said Milton Snyder, his heirs and assigns, all his undivided interest in the estate of his father MOSES KEENEY deceased both real and personal which interest is one eleventh thereof, also his undivided interest being a life estate in the real estate of Ransome Gatewood deceased, in the right of his wife Milly, who was Milly Gatewood, the daughter of the said Ransome Gatewood deceased which interest is the life estate of one-sixth part thereof all of which are situated in the county of Kanawha together with the following personal property: one brown horse with a blaze face, saddle and bridle and two yoke of oxen, two milk cows with calves, one two year old heifer three beds bedsteads and covers one table, one cupboard seven Windsor chairs, plates, cups and saucers, knives and forks, cooking utensils all of his the said Stiers J. Keeney's interest being one third, in a wagon all of his interest being one half in a set of blacksmith tools likewise all the interest, rights and privileges of the said Stiers J. Keeney in the unexpired term of a lease from MOSES KEENEY to Michael R. Keeney, Stiers J. Keeney and Fontner W. Keeney, terminating on the first day of March eighteen hundred and forty one and which appears more fully from a DEED of lease in the possession of the said Keeney bearing date on the 10th day of September 1836.

## KEENEY REUNIONS

MICHIGAN - Saturday, July 6  
KEENEY Homestead in Erie,  
present home of Lynette &  
Pat Frost, 10347 S. Dixie  
Highway  
Info: 313-848-4377  
313-848-4644

WEST VIRGINIA - Saturday,  
August 3, 2000 Orchard Ave. J.  
Beile (river side, US Rt. 60)  
Pres.: George Kent Keeney  
Info: 304-949-4579



## Keeney Teachers From Clay County

### Cora Keeney Samples

In the fall of 1899, it was decided that Cora, the oldest Keeney daughter, was to attend school at Pleasant Retreat since named Belmont. The strange thing about that was that Cora was already eighteen years of age, and her instruction in public schools had been limited. Some help in learning the 3 R's, however, had been given at home.

It was necessary that she enroll in this term so that she could pass the examination next summer to get her own teacher's certificate. Once she had that, she could help Maggie, Vesta, Nettie, Mattie, Nona, and Carl to get an education. But until then they could not attend regularly because there were not enough shoes, dresses, and coats to go around.

Herzen Columbus Keeney, the father, was an unskilled farm laborer. Money was always hard to find, and the entire family worked in the fields to make the living.

Lena was nearly sixty years old when Cora was starting this term of school. Jennetta, the mother, was ill most of the time. This made it necessary for one of the girls to remain at the house to help her and care for the baby.

As Cora went to school that fall, she found very crude physical conditions. The schoolhouse was made of hewn logs, and so were the seats. Slates and slate pencils were substitutes for blackboards and chalk. There were very few books and perhaps no two slates.

Within the next seven years she taught nine terms of school. None exceeded three or four months. Methods of discipline differed little from those used in her home and community. She taught in the Limestone-Adonish area of Clay County. During that time she lived in the homes of the Mertons, Prices, Pritts, and Bekers. Boys in the area who did not attend school always made trouble for the teachers. More than once a gang meant to "run the teacher off," but she always said that she didn't go there in a run and therefore would not run away. She used these experiences in later years to encourage her own children to have stamina. She always insisted that no occasion was worthy of a quitter. She admitted in

later years, however, that without the support of the parents she could not have remained sometimes.

Cora often told interesting stories of inter-community contests. The schools were the community centers and Friday afternoons were lively times. Spelling bees and Arithmetic contests were frequent affairs. One time a humorous incident happened to her. She would always declare that she would not spell bees, and to prove it would say "b-double e-n-k." One time another teacher planned to "spell her down" so he pronounced beans to her. Habets had become so foolish that she involuntarily started to smile. After she said "b-double e" a pupil shook his head at her, and she was able to rescue herself from embarrassment. But not before there was much laughter.

In September 1907, Cora married Ray Samples and quit teaching school. To this union were born five girls and four boys. It took more than a little management, but they believed in the value of an education for their children were so strong that each child had an opportunity to attend high school. Seven of the children are graduates of Clay County High School. Three received Bachelor of Science Degrees from Morris Harvey College, and one from Graceland work at Marshall University in the summer-time. This will lead to a Masters Degree with a Principal's certificate. A little more education than even mother had to have to teach school? Three of the girls are teachers. One is a principal in Clay County Schools, one teaches in Kanawha County, and one teaches in Michigan. A daughter-in-law also teaches in Kanawha County. The one in Michigan doubles as a minister's wife. One is a practical nurse in Ohio, and one is a supervisor for a telephone company in Arizona. These careers have been pursued even though each girl is a housewife with children of her own. They are grateful for a mother whose ambitions knew no bounds.

The boys are likewise successful business men. Three served in the Armed Forces during the war and the other one held a strategic job.

Grandchildren have been influenced by her exemplary life. Nearly everyone who is old enough has attended colleges and/or universities. One grandson is a dentist. One plans to become a teacher. One granddaughter is a minister's wife. Secretaries, sales-ladies, youth and choir leaders are these young people with a purpose. Not one has run afoul of the law. Through her descendants, her noble Christian life goes on, even though she departed this life February 21, 1966. There are great tributes to a pioneer teacher who succeeded in spite of poverty and unbelievable hardships. Wealth was never her, but no price tag can be placed on the high ideals that she held.

She is written by a daughter, Grace S. Hart, in April 1986.

### Nettie Keeney White

At the turn of the century living was somewhat different. It has often been referred to as the good old days. I'll let you be the judge.

We were a family of nine: Mama, Dad and seven children. Four of us became teachers: Cora, Maggie, Vesta and I.

My first teaching position was at Maysel. The year was 1907. I was sixteen and never having been away from home for any length of time made my first winter one to remember. Each day I became more homesick despite the fact that we were busy. Though we were no more than twenty miles from home, it could have been two thousand. The amount of traveling out did was controlled by his walking on crutches, unless he was fortunate enough to have a horse. Few young teachers could afford such luxuries.

My first school had two rooms and a path. There was no central heat, but we had a big stove around which we huddled to keep warm. The building was well ventilated through the cracks and crevices which had not been sealed. Mr. Fast, also a young teacher, was the principal. Our students ranged in age from ten to twenty-one. Discipline was administered with a hickory switch, and when the young men became too much for me, I promptly referred them to Mr. Fast.

Our coal fires and general janitorial duties were maintained by one of the older boys in school. We had no transportation and each child had to walk to

school through all the elements. It sometimes took the snow all day to thaw out, and we wore our clothes for the hot-weather trek. When the weather permitted, we had our recess out of doors, and it would not have been unusual to come upon the dignified Miss Keeney indulging in a snowball fight or building snow men.

My salary was sixty dollars a month. In order to qualify for teaching, it was necessary to take exams each summer. A teaching certificate was issued for one year. The term began the last of September and lasted until April to enable the children to help out during the farming season.

My teaching career ended when I married DeLoes W. White of Marne, West Virginia. Within a few years we moved to Michigan where he found employment with the Ford Motor Company. We have five children but none is a teacher.

I am the only surviving member of my family. My five sisters all died of cancer. Father 1952. Nettie was born in 1890, died 1986.

### Vesta Keeney Young

Vesta Keeney was born September 6, 1886, at Odessa on Posters Creek. Her father was Harrison Columbus Keeney and her mother was Jennetta Betsy Keeney.

When Vesta finished grade school, she took the State Normal Teachers' Examination in order to get a teaching certificate. Her first teaching certificate is dated July 2, 1902 and is owned by a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Mullins.

Vesta's first year of teaching was at Little Sycamore in a one-room school. Her future husband was one of her pupils. They were both sixteen. She also taught at Odessa, Valley View, White Pilgrim, and Camp Creek, a total of twelve years, 1902 to 1914. Vesta had three sisters who were teachers: Mrs. Cora Samples, Mrs. Nettie White, and Mrs. Maggie Rogers.

Vesta married Preston B. Young in 1914. They had six children: Mabel Anna Young Mullins, Lela Young, Harold Preston Young, Herbert M. Young, Lois Young Lena, and Howard W. Young.

Vesta's husband, Preston B. Young, died in 1936, and she died in 1963. Interment given to daughter Mabel Young Mullins 1980.

## Kentucky

1790 The First Three Counties



In 1776 the entire area was known as Kentucky County formed from Virginia's Fincastle County. In 1790 it split into three counties.

The nine counties formed by Virginia before Kentucky was admitted to the Union June 1, 1792.

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned.

MARK TWAIN