

# Keeney Update

## Keeney Reunion

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### KEENEY UPDATE HAS SECOND BIRTHDAY

This issue completes two years for THE KEENEY UPDATE. begun as an experiment and supported by voluntary donations, circulation has spread to 30 states, we total over 47,421; California 12; Ohio 11; Virginia 8; Kansas 7; Georgia 5; Florida 6; South Carolina, Arizona, Illinois, Oregon, and Texas 5 each; Washington, Iowa,

Indiana 4 each; Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Missouri 3 each; Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Michigan 2 each; and New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, Maryland and Delaware, Montana, Alabama and Minnesota, each.

Donations since June have tapered off, putting this issue in

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GEORGE E. KEENAY  
(1863-1941)

and ANDREW KEENEY  
(1854-1928)

Born to Jackson Jr., Iowa  
from Lawrence Co., Ohio, on  
10-20-1855; listed in 1870  
Iowa census.

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Gertrude (Trudy) Keeney Richin (b.1914), daughter of Nick & Isaac Keeney, came from Orange, California.



John A. Fout (b.1920, p.115), husband of Katie Keeney Fout, will be 95 in October.



Ishmael Keeney McKea, a son of Jessie & Genevieve (Biggs) Keeney, is well known as an other family genealogist.



Dorothy Jean Keeney Summers, great-great granddaughter of Foster (b.1811) and Liza Huff Keeney, is shown with her husband, Charles. Born at Logan, she now lives in Huntington, W.V.

## KEENEY

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Lester E. Keeney, whose lineage dates back to John Keeney (b.1781), of Dayton, O., & Deland, Fl., rare with his wife, Marjorie Hardy Keeney.

## Salmon Keeney's Visit to Michigan in 1827

From time to time MICHIGAN HISTORY REQUIRES visitors and others of pioneer days in order to present in the words of the writer his own feelings and thoughts and to make such information available to the students of Michigan history and to the general reader. Accordingly, Salmon Keeney has thought that one hundred and forty years ago he wrote the description of his trip from Pennsylvania to Michigan; his story would be printed for future generations to read.

Salmon Keeney was the fifth generation of his family in the United States. Early in the seventeenth century, Mark and John MacKeeney, brothers, migrated from Scotland and settled in Connecticut. Soon after arrival the prefix was dropped and the name appears as Keeney. Mark Keeney and his sons, Joshua and Richard, settled in northwestern Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna River in what is now Wyoming County. They made the trip on horseback to Michigan, Comberland, in 1757 or 1758. In 1780 Joshua returned to Connecticut to marry Phoebe Stoddard. Joshua and Phoebe had six sons and five daughters, including a set of twin girls. Salmon, the third child of the family, was born July 23, 1794. He wed Mary Curran on March 8, 1822. They had four children.

The year following his trip to Michigan Salmon Keeney brought his family to Steuben County to the eighty acres of land situated in Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 9 East, which he had purchased on July 12, 1827. In 1834 he bought forty acres in Erie Township, Town 8 South, Range 8 East of Section 72.

Salmon taught at evening school the first year out & a day when continued on next page)

"THOSE KEENEYS ARE FOUND FROM NEW ENGLAND TO MEXICO TO IOWA, THE NORTHWEST AND CALIFORNIA"



**NOW YOU KNOW**

## WHO'S WHO IN IOWA 1942-1944

### KEENEY, ARTHUR LEWIS

Worthington, Iowa, attorney.

A native of Iowa, he was

born Sept. 1, 1868, in Des

Mars Hill, N.C., son of

John and Anna (Harrington)

Keeneys. He attended local

schools, graduated from

the University of Iowa in

1891, received his law de-

gree at the State Law School

in Des Moines in 1894, and

was admitted to the bar in

1895. He practiced law in

Worthington until 1900, when

he moved to Cedar Rapids,

Iowa, where he remained

until 1912, when he moved

to Des Moines.

He is a member of the

Bar Association of Iowa,

the American Bar Asso-

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# KENTUCKY PIONEER AND COURT RECORDS

COPIED FROM OLD KEENEY BIBLE.

(By Mrs. Dorothy Lee Buckley)

OBVIOUS MISCELLANEOUS OF KEENEY  
Born in the year of Our Lord 1750, Rev. Wm. H. Keeney, Sr.Born May 14, 1747, Mary Keeney, wife of James Keeney.  
David Keeney was born in the year of Our Lord, Jan. 16, 1750.Elizabeth Keeney was born Oct. 10, 1753.  
John Keeney, son of David Keeney, died July 1, 1779.Polly Keeney was born July 6, 1779.  
James Keeney, Jr., was born July 24, 1782.Sarah Keeney was born Apr. 1, 1784.  
Sarah Keeney was born July 30, 1785.Nancy Keeney was born Aug. 4, 1788.  
Prudy Keeney, 1st wife of St. George Keeney, was born the 1790's.Marie Keeney was born July 18, 1800.  
Abbie Keeney was born Oct. 3, 1801.Moses Keeney was born June 1, 1804.  
Joseph B. Keeney was born Sept. 10, 1806.

Naphoneth Keeney was born Feb. 12, 1808.

Charlotte Corday Keeney was born Dec. 12, 1810.  
Vivian Maria Keeney was born Dec. 14, 1812.

Prudy Keeney, 2nd wife of St. George Keeney, was born Dec. 14, 1815.

Marie Keeney married Wm. Jay Bennett, July 11, 1816.

Alligall Keeney married Anna L. Houston Jan. 8, 1816.

Albert Keeney married David Johnson Sept. 16, 1828.

John Keeney married Anna L. Houston Nov. 16, 1835.

Charlotte Corday Keeney married David Johnson June 16, 1855.

Joseph R. Keeney married Margaret Lander at Phenixburg, N.Y., Sept. 10, 1857.

Mary Ann Keeney and Daniel Barnett were married Apr. 14, 1860.

Margaret Keeney departed this life May 16, 1882.

Nephew, John Keeney, died April 16, 1886.

James H. Houston departed this life Mar. 1, 1884.

Hiram Johnson departed this life Aug. 4, 1884.

Marie Russell departed this life Aug. 26, 1888.

A. F. Houston departed this life July 21, 1898.

Mrs. Keeney, 2d wife of James Keeney, died Dec. 20, 1898.

Mary Keeney, wife of James Keeney, died Dec. 22, 1900.

Peggy Keeney, 2d wife of James Keeney, died May 20, 1909.

John Keeney, Jr., died March 18, 1912.

Joseph B. Keeney died June 1, 1913.

David Lee was born Jan. 16, 1912; died May 14, 1955.

Peggy Johnson died Feb. 14, 1956.

Charlotte Corday Lee died Jan. 14, 1957; aged 87 yrs.

James C. Lee was born May 11, 1881; died Dec. 22, 1894.

Charles M. Lee died Dec. 18, 1882; aged 87 yrs.

Charlotte Corinne Lee was born Feb. 11, 1882; died June 10, 1927; aged 45.

## SALMON KEENEY VISIT (continued)

In two succeeding years and is regarded as the founder of the first English school in Erie. He was made a master of the roads in 1829 by General Cass and under the ensuing road system was one of the associate judges. He was the second postmaster of the Bay Settlement and is credited with changing the name to Erie. For nine years he was the postmaster of the township. He died in Erie on March 9, 1847, leaving his widow and two sons and two daughters.

## WORLD WAR II

CLYDE A. KEENEY, 2d Sgt.  
US Army, b. 3-22-1916, en-  
12-1-42 at Ft. Thomas, Ky.,  
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al; Barbourville HS, Method-  
ist; Father: E. B. Keeney,  
wife: Wanda.

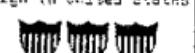
JOHN A. KEENEY, PFC Navy,  
b. 7-29-1926; entered

Great Lakes Mts June  
1, 1942; Okinawa, Iwo  
Jima, Philippines,

Japan; 3 battle stars;  
Finson HS, Huntington

Church of God; Father:  
H. B. Keeney

CARL ROY KEENEY, En-  
sign in United States



Navy, b. 2-10-1927; entered  
11-4-1942 at Norfolk; Cap-  
ley Bridge HS, Notre Dame U.  
Methodist; F-Carl W. Keeney  
BILLY W. KEENEY, 2d Lt. US  
Army, b. 8-17-1926, entered  
Camp Atterbury, Ind.; 2d Pan-  
Asia, Japan; Rainville HS,  
Prov. F-Summers F. Keeney

SALMON HISTORY  
(continued from page 1)

The red, Contributing have been  
sent by Harry Murphy, O.J., Lester  
Keeney (G), George H. Keeney, Jr.,  
Blanche Jeannine Roth (L), Iris L.  
Fridley (C), and Janet Dow.

All those who made an initial  
donation 2 years ago may want  
to make a donation now to keep  
the publication going. Better  
still, send a donation for your-  
self and for a relative who just  
might like to know more about  
the Keeney family.

Thanks for two years!

## WILLIAM HENRY KEENEY - Help!

Please respond to KEENEY UPDATE if you can assist  
other Keeney with this family:

William H. Keeney

Dr. W.H. Keeney was born at Goshen, Indiana, in 1811.  
He was the principal here in that part of the country  
until 1831, when he moved to New York City, where he  
remained for some years after their marriage. His family  
then moved to Indiana. Over 10 years ago they moved  
to California which had been their home ever since, although  
for health reasons, they have made their home elsewhere.

Dr. Keeney died at his home in Salinas, Calif., on Sept. 24, 1928,  
after an illness that began several years previously. Due  
to his death, the community lost one of its valued citizens  
and the village and all of the enterprising business men. Dr.  
Keeney and wife, Mrs. Keeney had purchased the Caliente Drug Store in  
1864. Dr. Keeney had practiced medicine in Salinas for eight years, with failing health causing him to give  
up the profession. Mrs. Keeney remained to help run the  
business after her husband's death. Six children had  
survived Mr. Keeney at death. No son served at Campbel, Md.



ANDREW JACKSON KEENEY

1. 1819, Payette Co., ID RESIDENCE OF A. J. KEENEY, 1/ MILE EAST OF GOSHEN,  
1. 1895, Goshen, Lane Co., OR

LANE COUNTY, OR.

Don McGlothlen 14 October 2013 transcription of General George E. Keeney article from page 1 of Keeney Update, Volume 2, Number 4, September 1985:

"General George E. Keeney, son of Rockwell Keeney, was born March 22, 1849, at South Manchester, Connecticut. After working his way through Cheshire Military School, he joined his father and brothers in the woolen mill business, which operated under the name of R. Keeney and Sons until 1883, when it became the Somersville Manufacturing Co. From 1845 to 1900 he was president of Hartford Life Insurance Co. Elected twice to the state senate, he married Helen Benison (DCM: Denison?) on August 12, 1873. His children were Elizabeth (Mrs. Lewis Gordon, vice president of Hartford Life), Raymond G., Yale graduate and vice president of Hartford Life, and Laure (Mrs. James Moore).

General Keeney was a 7th Generation Keeney in America and a direct descendant of Alexander Keeney, pioneer settler. Alexander's son Joseph was the father of Ashbel Keeney I, and was father of Ashel (DCM: sic) II, who was father of Ashbel III, who was father of Rockwell Keeney. Members of this family are still engaged in medicine and business in the New England states."

Don McGlothlen,  
McGlothlen Family Historian