

DON A. KEENEY FAMILY

Don A. Keeney, born in Chicago, Ill. in 1845, enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War, serving two years in Company K, 17th Illinois Cavalry until the end of the war. He then returned in Illinois and in 1869 married Adeline Marvin at Woodstock, Ill. where the young couple farmed for a short time. But the West was calling and homesteads were easy for war veterans to acquire, so the Keeneys headed west. They stopped off in Iowa and farmed there for about a year. It was here that their first child, Mary Ellen Keeney, was born.

About 1871, the Keeneys left Iowa to come to Nebraska, bringing a team of horses hitched to a covered wagon. They arrived in Clay Co. and spent the first winter on the land which is now 10851 the Jack Hubbell farm. Living with them that winter was Miss Laura Bencroft, a young lady who had come west with them from Iowa, leaving their second son of name, Edgie Bencroft, becoming the first son born in the area. She stayed in the first school at that vicinity. She received \$15 per month and had 2 pupils. She later married Louis Frazier. A young attorney from Clay Center. They raised their family and resided in Clay Center the rest of their lives.

During the time, the Keeneys took a homestead—160 A. of Section 20, Fairview Township, which was located a hour's ride north of Deweese. Their first son born was a son named Ed, born 1914-19. They subsequently built a wood frame house. The vicinity where they located was very sparsely settled, there being only 5 settlers around them. Hardships were accepted as part of their lives. Losses were suffered during the grasshopper years, and in the memorable Easter

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orchards. Their children were: Inez, Gerald, Laura, Lovel, Delbert and Dorothy.

Katie married Herman Truohack. They raised six of Deweese, Margaret and Carl, two near Children

Albert married Edith Mahan, a teacher in the Deweese Schools. They lived in Idaho, Oregon, and California. They had one son, Don.

The whole Keeney family enjoyed music, dancing and laughter. The girls all played the organ and piano and all four boys played the violin or banjo, mostly without the benefit of formal lessons. They spent many hours playing together for their own enjoyment, and their friends enjoyed square dancing to their music, for that was a popular social activity of those years.

In 1920, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Keeney moved to Fairfield where they spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Keeney died in 1927 and Mr. Keeney in 1932. Both are buried at Fairfield.

Submitted by Lulu Brower Stahann, granddaughter

- LOMA: Jeannette Peller, Clinton; John Keeney, Keokuk; ORIO: Anne L. Keeney, Hampton; Naomi Samples, Hamilton; VIRGINIA: W. Robert Keeney, Aboomac; Tickle W. Fowler, Renoake; MISSOURI: C. D. Keeney, Ballwin; ILLINOIS: Susan DeRem, Libertyville; WEST VIRGINIA: Mildred Keeney, Belle; George Keeney, Hurricane



1914 D. A. KEENEY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. SITTING: MRS. AND MRS. KEENEY. FRONT: F. O. CHAS. BROWER HOLDING THOMAS, HELEN, ESTHER, LAURA, OLIVIAN, MRS. ROSE KEENEY, MISS ROSA ARAMON, HENRY STALEY, MISS ARTUR, MISS JUDITH, MISS MARY, MISS SARAHANN, LARA, JOHN, JOSEPH, ABBIE, JOHN, LOUIS, JOHN, DON. BACK: F. O. CHAS. BROWER HOLDING LULU, MISS WEL, MORRIS, TO KEENEY, MISS LO

KEENEY HOLLY KEENEY MISS DWELLY UNIDENTIFIED GUEST MISS ANDERSON MISS WARD DAVID, MISS WEL, WATTS, MISS FRANK, DAVID, MISS, JOHN, COOK, UNIDENTIFIED GUEST, BACKE, F. O. CHAS. BROWER HOLDING THOMAS THROUGH, BUNNION, MARGARET, ESTHER, KEENEY, MISS DWELLY, MISS JUSTA UNIDENTIFIED GUEST, MISS ANDERSON, ROSA ARAMON, WEL, WATTS, JOHN, COOK, MISS REVER, HENRY, KEENEY

PATRONS

- CALIFORNIA: Trudie Richie, Orange; Iris C. Friddy, Bakerfield; FLORIDA: Charles V. Keeney, Jr., Green Cove Springs; PENNSYLVANIA: Patricia R. Austin, Laceyville; OREGON: Blanche Keeney Stephens, New Britain. A total of 1195 received from these patrons complete-

ly pays for the June issue and provides the down payment for this issue, plus the enthusiasm. The editor has made trips to Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois in 1986.

storm 1873! Mr. Keeney lost 3 cows which drowned in the Blue River.

In 1872, D. A. Keeney was appointed by the government to carry mail from Harvard to Red Cloud by horseback.

Three children, Laura, Ernie, and Eddie were born here in 1872, 1875 and 1875 respectively.

In 1880, the family moved to Fairfield where D.A. worked at a lumber yard and sorghum mill. Another child, Nettie, was born here.

About 1884, the Keeneys moved into Deweese, where Mr. Keeney was manager of the lumber yard. Their home was the house at the foot of the hill north of the brick high school building. Both Adlie and Don were active in community life. They were charter members of the Methodist Church. Don was a member of the Woodmen Lodge. He also belonged to the G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic) as did many of the other men of the town, who were Civil War veterans. Three more children were born in Deweese—Arthur, Katie and Albert. Katie is believed to be the 1st girl born in Deweese.

Nettie married Chas. Tesler, a teacher at Deweese, who then became County Supt. of Clay County Schools. Later they moved to Lincoln. He taught in Lincoln and practiced law on. Their children were Rural, Pearl, and Carl.

Laura married Asah Olliman at Deweese. They farmed near Deweese. Their son was Irvin.

Ernie married Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Wewerly. They farmed north of Deweese, then bought the flour mill from C. J. Hubbell and ran it until they retired. Their son was Cecil.

Eddie married Lawrence Davison. Eddie was a baker at Hastings and also lived at Good, Colo. for many years before retiring in Denver. They had three sons and a daughter, none of whom lived at Deweese.

Nettie married Charles Brown. They lived and farmed at the northwest edge of Deweese on the Ben, Bruce, Cornelius-Liberty Farm, and their retirement in Fairfield. Their children were Ernie, Thora and Lulu. Arthur worked at flour mill at Clinton and Deweese and also farmed before moving to Nelson, Wis., where he owned apple

Nebraska



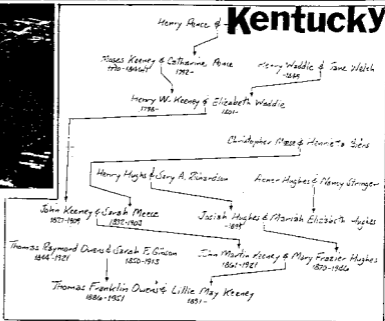
AMOS J. KEENEY 5-2-1918 son of CLARENCE 1876-1936 & Margaret Willis Keeney 1881-1936 great-great-great grandson of MICHAEL & CATHERINE LEWIS KEENEY & VIRGINIA LEE STOKES KEENEY 12-10-1919 married June 1, 1938



witcher, wv

This November 1987 shot was taken by Prudie Richie, of Orange, MA on a trip back to her old home town.

The arrow points to the site of the Keeneey reunion for the past eleven years, along the Kanawha River. '64 and I-'77 now follow the hill on the opposite side of the river.



Know all men by this Present that I, John Hengcade my heirs and assigns do promise to pay or cause to be paid unto Francis Pennell or order the sum of sixty hundred Pounds of Sault. Delivered at or near Le wisburg in quarter County for his Right to the mill, where he now lives fifteen hundred weight to be paid before the 25 of December 1811 and fifteen hundred weight by the 1st day of May in 1812 and fifteen hundred weight more by the 25 of December in 1812 and fifteen hundred by the first day of May in 1813 the said Place above mentioned is to stand as Surety for the above, ~~the~~ Parents or witnesses my hand and seal this 26 of October 1811

att: by _____

Moses Keeneey
his
John B. Keeneey

Moses, brother of the David who married Jonathan Bailes (this issue) and wife, Frances Port- is Keeneey and family settled on a farm back in about 1812 and became engaged in lumbering and river transportation, as well as farming.

An autograph of your great great grandfather? Or great great great? Where is it if you are in any of the Kanawha Co., WV Keeneey branches or Beckleys or Jaytors or Kentucky? His offspring of John D. Keeneey.



CATLIN, ILLINOIS KEENEYS REST AT QUIET GOD'S ACRE

Catlin is in Vermilion Co., Ill., a suburb of Danville, very near the Indiana border. The first settlement was made in 1820 by the James Dutler family, from Ohio. God's Acre, nestled in the midst of large corn fields, and neatly kept, is dedicated to the Dutlers and contains the last remains of the Keeney and Cataway families of West Virginia (then VA), who went via the Ohio route (from Greenbrier Co., to settle in 1831.

After visiting Catlin, God's Acre and other cemeteries, fourth generation Keeney relatives and the excellent Danville Library in July, your editor has concluded that Thomas H. Keeney (p.36) should be listed in 2,577 KEENEY RELATIVES with the David Keeney family on Page 126.

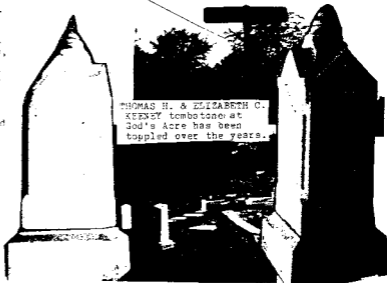
The UPDATE for those interested:

1. JOHN KEENEY, b.c. 1715; wife: Catherine; Greenbrier Co. Court record 20 June 1791 John Keeney is discharged from paying county and parish levys on account of age and infirmities
2. DAVID A. KEENEY, b. 1765; marr. Peninah Bailey 4-4-1788; Greenbrier Court record 22 June 1819; Deed of release from David Keeney and Peninah, his wife, to Thomas Frazer, admitted to record
3. THOMAS HICKLEN KEENEY, born 3-12-1803 in Greenbrier Co., VA,

died 3-7-1880 (family Bible)
 a. Elizabeth Cataway, born 3-31-1810 in Greenbrier Co., died 8-8-1878 (family Bible) (parents: Charles & Elizabeth Cataway, buried at God's Acre)

DESCENDENTS

4. HAMILTON FRANKLIN KEENEY, born 1830 in VA; d.5-24-1889; never married; Oak Ridge Cem., Catlin
4. DAVID KEENEY, b.2-14-1832 in IL, d.11-6-1858 at age 26; God's Acre
- a. Hannah Love cn 4-30-1854, born 1834; widow in 1870 census
5. LEMIA M. KEENEY, b. 1857
 a. Daniel W. Saloons 3-11-1880
4. JOHN A. KEENEY, b. 10-17-1833, d.3-26-1853 at age 19; God's Acre
4. LOCRENTIA V. KEENEY, b.3-4-1835 in IL; d.1-7-1882; never married
4. JAMES THOMAS KEENEY, b.7-12-1837
 a.9-7-1878 at age 41; farmer, buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Catlin
- a. Harriett Angeline Douglass, b.1842 in IL; m. - - - - - (John married William T. Miller 10-18-1843 - 13-1884)
5. CHARLES B. KEENEY, b. 7-1843
 a. Moyne Frazer in 1820 in Vermilion County; no children
5. WALTER SCOTT KEENEY, b.8-1844, d.1878; farmer and stockman
 m. Leuk. Discoll 6.8-1875 in IL (d.1951) in 1893 in Vermilion Co.
6. INEZ KEENEY, b.9-1844
 a. Marion B. Stone
 7. LORENZO STINE



7. FLOYD STINE
7. RAYMOND STINE - died young
7. CURTIS LEE STINE? - died young
6. HERRIAN FLETCHER KEENEY, born 1-1-1902 (see biography)
 m. Jane Squires on 6-12-1926
7. JOHN FLETCHER KEENEY, born 3-30-1928
 m. Nadine Elliott, b.6-26-1920
3. DEBORAH JANE KEENEY, born 11-22-1948
 m. Terry Shellely
 9. ERIN KAY SHELLEY 2-17-1977



Son, Joseph and names of other children on the Stone at God's Acre

FAMILY RECORD.

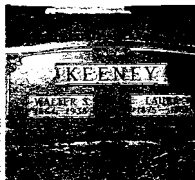
BIRTHS OF YOUR CHILDREN IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD

BIRTHS...

John Keeney
 Catharine Keeney
 Died at the age of 104
 Parents of twelve children
 Sons - - - - -
 1 David Keeney
 Parvinia Hicklen Keeney
 John Keeney
 Joseph Keeney
 David Keeney
 Moses Keeney
 Thomas D Keeney
 Michael Keeney
 Moses Keeney - Patterson
 Elizabeth Keeney - Boggs
 Lucetta Keeney
 Ruth Keeney

Caraway Family
 Thomas Caraway
 Elizabeth Hollenberry
 Joseph Caraway
 Henry Caraway
 William Caraway
 John Caraway
 Thomas Caraway
 Charles Caraway
 Joshua Caraway
 Mary Caraway - Cover
 Elizabeth Caraway - Pettus
 Lovie Caraway - McLean
 Katy Caraway - Martin

5. DALE F. KEENEY, b. 1-10-1971, 4-2-18-1933; active in WKK and buried in Klan robe
7. Fary Evalina Olshay in 1899; 10-8-17-1874, d. 2-27-1956. No children
5. THOMAS A. KEENEY, b. 1p. 5 Jo. D. 1850 Illinois Inf. Veteran's section, God's acre
5. ROSE D. KEENEY (1879-1951)
7. Robert L. Walker 1874-1968 in 1898; Oak Ridge Secretary
6. EDWARD WALKER (1899-1964)
6. GRACE WALKER 1911-1942
6. R. VAUGHN WALKER 1906-1971; wife: Doris E. b. 1917
4. WILLIAM BLECHER KEENEY, born 10-1-1843; d. 3-24-1918; listed in 1900 census with wife and two servants
- m. Mary Adeline Richards born 7-16-1850 in Floyd Co., Va.; d. 12-7-1916
4. HARRY E. KEENEY, b. 1-10-1846, d. 11-11-1846; God's acre
4. ALANDA KEENEY, b. 1849
- m. Joseph N. Jeffries b. 1853
- on 10-14-1860 by W. H. Davis
- m. George W. Carnes b. 4-1834; in 1890; lives in Catlin
5. JESSE G. JEFFRIES, b. 11-1860



WILLIAM F. KEENEY

William F. Keeney, a prominent and well known resident of Vermilion county, was long actively identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired in Catlin. His birth occurred in Catlin township, this county, on the 1st of October, 1823, his parents being Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Caraway) Keeney, both of whom were natives of Greenbrier county, West Virginia. They came to Vermilion county in 1824 and bought wooded land, erecting a log cabin thereon. Here they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives and in that passing the community lost two of its most honored and respected pioneer settlers. They became the parents of nine children but the one, survivor of the family is the subject of this review.

William F. Keeney attended the common schools in the neighborhood of an education and, lived with his parents until they were called to their final rest. He then took charge of the old homestead farm in Catlin township and the property is still in his possession. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention but about his active business career and eventually brought him the competence that now enables him to spend the evening of his life in honorable retirement. Since the 1st of January, 1904, he has made his home in the village of Catlin, having there erected a fine residence. His property holdings embrace five hundred acres of valuable land in this county and also a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Maize county, Kansas. He is likewise identified with financial interests as the vice president of the First National Bank of Catlin and is also a director of the bank at Catlin, of this county.

On the 24th of October, 1846, Mr. Keeney was joined in wedlock to Mary A. Fletcher, a native of Indiana and a daughter of James and Mary (Nephey) Hill. They were united in the Holy Matrimony. They came to Vermilion county, Illinois, after the close of the Civil war and passed away on the 24th of October, 1904. They were buried in the Clinton

FAMILY BIBLE: This family Bible, now held by Joan Morgan Heburn, of Springfield, Ill. It was first used in an Episcopal Church and was sold for \$4.50 in 1841. Owned by Hamilton Keeney, probably until his death in 1887. The Bible has been passed from generation to generation. The Caraway and Keeney families were close neighbors in Greenbrier Co., Va., according to voluminous court records.

catlin, Eighty-sixth Division.

On June 12, 1920, Mr. Keeney was united in marriage with Miss Jane Squires, the daughter of Bruce and Ada (Hudson) Squires, residents of Catlin. Mr. Squires and his wife now reside in Catlin. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney have a son, John Fletcher, born March 29, 1928.

Mr. Keeney is a member of the Methodist Church and is Sunday School superintendent. He is affiliated with Gardner Lodge No. 573, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Alpha Tau Alpha fraternity.

An outside interest of Mr. Keeney's is the breeding of fine sheep and he has taken numerous prizes at County and State fairs.

Keeneey

Mrs. and Mr. Lester Vernon Keeneey of Peytona will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary today with a dinner at the home of one of their children. He is a retired coal miner. She is the former Nancy Ann Scott. Their children are Dana of Columbia, Thems Jackson of Nitro and David of South Charleston. They have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



William Chester Milan Sr.

VICTORIA, Texas — William Chester Milan Sr., 77, of Victoria, died July 17, 1988 in Victoria Hospital after a short illness.

He was a former resident of South Charleston, W. Va., where he was a self-employed contractor for Union Carbide. He was a native of Raleigh County, W. Va. He was a member of Victoria Baptist Church, where he was a member of the board of directors.

Surviving wife Anna Paul Milan of Victoria; daughter Mrs. Phyllis Taylor of Fort Lupton, Pa.; William Jr. of Austin, Texas; Mrs. Hattie Smith of Glasgow, W. Va.; Mrs. Flora Matthews of Chatsworth, Tenn.; Mrs. Stella Jarrett of Glen, W. Va.; Walter, Virgil of Williamson, N.C.; Deltas and Paul, both of Burke, W. Va.; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Columbia Funeral Home, Victoria with the Rev. J.W. Hays officiating. Memorials may be sent to the Victoria Foundation, 1077 Medical Parkway, Austin, Texas 78747.

Thurston Morton Keeneey

CALABASH, N.C. — Thurston Morton Keeneey, 68, of Calabash, formerly of South Charleston, W. Va., died July 8, 1988, in Brunswick Hospital, Shalotte, after a long illness.

He was retired from Kanawha County, (W. Va.) Board of Education where he was a personnel coordinator. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving wife, Helen; daughter, Mary Barbara of London, Ky.; Frances Kern of Denver, Colo.; son, Phillip of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Michael of South Charleston; mother, Mary E. Keeneey of South Charleston; six grandchildren.

Funeral may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston.

CREIGHTON KEENEY FAMILY (OHIO)

Parents: Joshua and Minerva Keeneey
Grandparents: William H. C. & Mary Keeneey

5. CREIGHTON KEENEY, b. 1857, d. 1932 married Ida Parsons (b. 1880, d. 1954)
CHILDREN
 6. NAOMI KEENEY (died in 1977)
m. Charles Burns; lived at Wheelersburg, O.
 6. MARY KEENEY, b. 1896; lives in Columbus, Ohio at age 92
m. George Logan
 6. ORVILLE KEENEY - died in 1939
m. Ina Messer
 6. HENRY KEENEY, b. 1899, d. 5-17-1968; C&O Railway employee; lived at Greenup, Ky
m. Sophie Stewart (b.9-3-1901, f.12-12-1987), married in 7-1926
 7. NORMA JEAN KEENEY, b. 1927
m. Dr. Tom Kirby (died in 1969); m. Jim Lush
m. Jeff Keeneey, b. 10-1-1955
Louisville, KY; dau.: Susan, age 3
 8. JAMES CREIGHTON KEENEY, b. 1958
U.S. Air Force, Philippines
 7. NAOMI ZEVIAN KEENEY, b.3-3-1929, d.11-1986
 7. WALTER STUART KEENEY, b.2-20-1931
m. Freda Reculiffe b.2-1-1936 in Russell, KY on 1-4-1953
 8. BARBARA KEENEY, b. 3-5-1954
m. Darryl Oney - reside in Raceland, KY
 9. JASON ONFY, b.2-21-1974
 5. JERRI ONEY, b.1-6-1977
 8. WILLIAM THOMAS KEENEY, b. 10-1-1955
m. Connie Sue Daniels on 7-1-1977
 8. U. BETH KEENEY, b.6-21-1958
m. John Hall - lives in Orlando, FL
 8. LAWRENCE KEENEY, b. 7-9-1959
 8. ELLEN S. KEENEY, b.5-12-1962
m. Phillip Douglas - Winchester, KY
 7. CARROL KEENEY, b. 12-1933
m. Roy Abdon - lives in Greenup, KY
 6. DAVID ABDON, b. 1951
daughter: Marty, b. 1971
 8. TONY LEE ABDON, b. 1957 m. Pam Beeth
 9. JOE HENRY ABDON, b. 5-1986
 9. HOLLY ABDON, b. 7-1987
 6. ROBERTA KEENEY - died 1970
m. Walter Perry
 6. OLIVE KEENEY - killed in auto accident in early 1930's at age 19

Nitro man killed
in U.S. 60 wreck

A Nitro man died after an accident in St. Albans on U.S. 60, authorities said.

Robert Theodore Cline, 89, of 509 Washington Ave. was attempting to make a left turn onto U.S. 60 from Second Street about 10:30 a.m. Friday when his car was struck in the passenger side by a westbound car driven by Louis Jones, 39, of Cross Lanes, said Sgt. Bob Sparks, of the St. Albans Police.

Cline was taken to Thomas Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead, Sparks said. The cause of death still is being investigated and his body was taken to the state medical examiner's office in South Charleston. Jones was not injured in the accident.

No citations were given for the accident, which was investigated by Lt. H.E. Paul, Sparks said.

Cline was a retired Greyhound bus driver and a diesel mechanic for Mack trucks. He was a member for Twin City Bible Church, Nitro. He was a native of Nicholas County and lived most of his life in Kanawha County.

Surviving: wife, Helen Keeneey Cline; son, Robert Lee of Bloomington, Minn.; daughter, Marie Fought of Huntington; sisters, Rose Keeneey of Belle, Essie Hutson of Atlanta, Ga.; Fannie Pittman of Columbia, Md.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Fidler-Frame Funeral Home, Belle, is in charge of the arrangements.

Sophie Stewart Keeneey, wife of Henry Keeneey and sister of noted writer Jesse Stuart, lived in the large log home at W Hollow, Greenup, Kentucky, until her death in December 1987. Son Walter Stuart and a daughter still live in this lovely locality.



ALEXANDER, born 1626 in England, married Alice Colfax and came to America in 1666, seeking religious freedom. He first settled in Connecticut. Four of his children were born in England and three in Conn. He settled on the Susquehanna River at East Branch in Wyoming County.

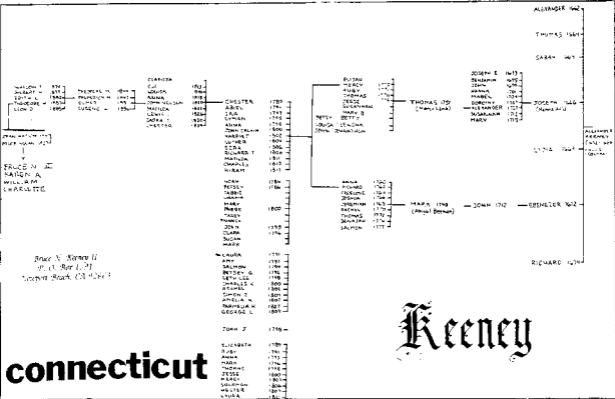
ALICE COLPAX KEENEY died in Conn. 1682-83. Alice came with her family in a crude sailing vessel from England bringing with them food and household goods. Children who came with them were: Alexander, Jr. (Alex) age 4, Sarah and Thomas, twins, age 2, and Joseph, 8 yrs. The voyage took several weeks and passenger list included many other families searching for religious liberty and better opportunities for living and education. Three more children were born after reaching Conn. Lydia, 1669, Ebenezer in 1671 and Richard in 1674. Richard is the one to whom the Simon Keeney family traces back. Alexander Sr. paid taxes in 1673. Amt. is 25.75¢. to buy land from the Indians. His son, Alex, Jr. drew Lot 36, amt. to 24½ acres. 47½ sq. rd. from land bought of the Sachems, along the Conn. River. He and others petitioned the General Court for permission to "Erect a plantation in Wabaquassait Co." in 1682. He died in 1682, leaving seven children and an estate of 86 £.

Catherine T. Pyle
120 NE 18 St.
Deeray Beach, FL 33444

In 1795 Simon Keeney Jr. & four others sold farms and went West. The 5 deeds are recorded 4-1-1795. In 1796 they returned to Pabius and took back with them Simon Keeney Sr., his wife, Margard, and her brother, Thomas Keeney Sr. & others. All 28 shared one cabin until each could build his own. They lived on unharvested potatoes, dug under the snow, and game and fish which were abundant. The first cabin was kept for years for the use of newcomers. "Joy", a slave, property of Thomas Keeney, came too. He was promised his freedom on a certain date, but before the date arrived, he died, having partaken of too much maple sugar. His was the first grave in the Valley. (This info. from Mrs. F. F. Whitmarsh of the Keeney Settlement, quoting from an account written by Rev. M. R. Webster, D. D. in 1895, the Centennial year of the opening up of the Valley.)

Richard, the youngest child of Alexander and Alice Colfax had a son, Richard II, who had a son, Simon 1st, born 1797. He died in 1809 in the Keeney Settlement, Pa. married Margard Keeney, from E. Hartford, Conn. Simon was a Revolutionary War soldier, a Captain.

Other Notes: Selah Hurlbart (Mother was a Keeney) and wife was Agnes Woodruff. Thomas Keeney, Jr. was Grandfather of the Bishop. John Keeney was first white child born in "the valley" Oct. 16, 1797 and the Wedding of Lydia Keeney and Abel



Webster was the first marriage. Their son, Lewis and his family were famous for their musical ability. Only a trail through the valley until 1800 when a road was surveyed from Cortland through Fabius to Pompey.

The Crossroad was at "Keeney Church" and continued over the hill for several miles; also a road west from the Whitmarsh Schoolhouse over the hill separating the Oliver Hayes place from the Whitmarsh Farm where John Keeney now lives.

Among the Charter members of the Church in 1800 were Thomas Keeney, Sr., Eliza Keeney, Thos. Keeney, Jr. and Mercy Keeney. The Church was built in 1818. In 1804 Thomas Keeney was the first Deacon and 1807 Simon Keeney was made Deacon. In 1804 Thomas Keeney was chosen to lead the singing along with Simon Babcock. Polly Fox and Seabury Brown, children of pioneers, were married in the valley. Their daughter, Elmira, married Thomas Keeney. Since 1837, 15 Ministers came from the Valley. Seabury Keeney and Bishop Frederick T. Keeney, among them. Preacher wives were Mary Keeney, who married John Smith; and the Keeney Settlement also produced 3 Dr.: John Harvey Keeney, MD, son of Alonzo Keeney went to Oswego, N. Y.

The Keeney Postoffice was kept in the home of Jesse Whitmarsh. Mail was brought by stage from Cuyler. There was also a Cheese Factory east of the schoolhouse. A William Keeney was a ship owner. A John Keeney held a grant of land in New London in 1663. 100 years later, John Keeney was sent by Mr. Shaw on July 22, 1776 to General George Washington as a Messenger with 2 cases of Arms and 1 Chest and Bar of Continental Arms and Cutlasses, as per invoice.

Margard or Margaret was born in E. Hartford, Conn. in 1740; died in 1817 in the Keeney Settlement. She was an invalid in bed for the last 20 years of her life, cared for in the home of her son, Simon Keeney, 2nd.

Simon Keeney 1st and Margaret Keeney's children were:

Simon II, Thankful, Jerezhiah, Margaret, Jemima, Annie and Lydia.

Simon II was born in 1776 in E. Hartford, Conn. and died in 1831 in the Keeney settlement, (Fabius). Simon II married Polly Bates.

Jeremiah Keeney was killed in the War of 1812. Yargaret married Samuel Webster. Annie married Hosea Keeney; Lydia married Abel Webster. Jemima married Mr. Wallace and Thomas Benedict. Elisha Keeney, son of Thomas Keeney, Jr. & Anna Parshall, married Polly Loomis Fox (born 1790).

Polly Fox married Seabury Brown in 1809. Their children were Elmira, born in 1810 and who married Thomas Keeney Jr. in 1828.

Other Notes: Amy Tompkins, born 5-2-1815, married Clinton Keeney. He died 8-12-1874. Children: Lavisa, John, Mary and David.

Solomon Keeney was elected a Commissioner in 1818.

Thankful Keeney married Jonathan Webster: 2 children. Thankful II and Jerry Webster. Thankful I was the daughter of Simon Keeney and Margard or Margaret.

W. H. Keeney, physician, Linden, is a native of Montgomery county, and son of Dr. Henry and Polly (Hughes) Keeney, who were married in 1832, and have six living children: John, James, Louisa D., Burdanna, Urial V. and William H. In 1829 Mr. Keeney's father came from his native state, Kentucky, at the age of eighteen, and settled in Crawfordsville, where he read medicine, and began to practice in 1848. Two years after he located in Linden, where he has since pursued his profession with success, and is the oldest practicing physician in this section. His paternal grandparents were James and Caron (Harbott) Keeney, the former being a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. His great-grandfather, Moses Keeney, came from Germany at a very early day. Mr. Keeney, in his boyhood manifested a liking for the study of medicine, which his father encouraged. For several years he spent most of his time in his favorite pursuit. In 1872 he graduated at the Old School Medical College, Indianapolis, with the honors of his class, and is now located in Linden, practicing in partnership with his father. He is a young man in his profession, of energy, earnestness and ability. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and Masonic orders.

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MARY RAMSEY BUCKHALTER

WIFE OF JOHN KEENEY, JR.

D. June 24, 1872

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