

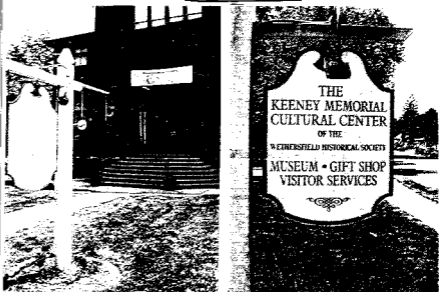
Keeney Memorial Cultural Center

Erected in 1893, this stately brick and sandstone building originally served as a Wethersfield public school. With additions and renovations, the building continued its community service through the years as school, town court, and public library.

In 1985, a major renovation began through the generosity of a longtime Wethersfield resident, Mrs. William Keeney. In appreciation, the Wethersfield Historical Society named the Center in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Keeney's only child, Robert Allan Keeney. At the age of 21, Navy Lieutenant Keeney perished with hundreds of servicemen when the U.S.S. Indianapolis was sunk in the last days of World War II.

Proudly bearing the name of a Wethersfield son, the Robert Alan Keeney Memorial Cultural Center continues to serve the community as a meeting place for organizations and celebrations, as a showplace for artisans past and present, and as home to the Wethersfield Historical Society.

How to Find Friends
I went out to find a friend,
But could not
find one there;
I went out to be a friend,
And friends
were everywhere!



Wethersfield, Connecticut, photograph by Norwood H. Keeney III, May 28, 1998

History of Sewall Mountain: Travels of Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert.
(continued from November 1988 Newsletter)



One of the more interesting and unusual men who lived in the Ravens Eye area was John B. Keeney. Keeney owned a large tract of land containing more than 800 acres. This farm was larger than Dr. Cyrus Rupert's farm on Big Clear Creek, but there was a big difference in the properties. John B. did not have any slaves or servants, and John was a little southern and didn't like anyone telling him what to do. John B. Keeney bought this 800 tract of land from his father, Joseph Keeney, in 1837.

Near the 38 mile marker on the James River and Kanawha Turnpike, John B. Keeney, or his father Joseph, built a large two story log house with a porch stretching from one end to the other. I'm sure many a tale was told on that porch as family members rested and talked about their neighbors.

The late Essie Hizer, a granddaughter of the Keeneys, said they had a stage stop here and kept boarders. They also served meals to the travelers on the highway. Essie said in the year 1917 when her son Ernie Hizer was born, the old log house caught fire in the winter and burned down. She said the old logs burned for three days.

In 1874 F.C. Vandine of Ravens Eye and his friend, John B. Keeney, were traveling by wagon from Sewall Mountain to Sewall Station on New River. Vandine was very proud of his wagon as well as the two mules pulling it. The dialogue between the two men went like this: John B. said to F.C. Vandine that he had a fine pair of mules and asked his if he knew Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert. Vandine said he had met him once or twice. John B. said it was a wonder that Dr. Rupert hadn't tried to cheat him out of the mules. Vandine told John B. that Dr. Rupert had been trying to trade for his mules, but they could not agree. John B. told Vandine to watch out for Dr. Rupert because he was the grandest rascal in Fayette

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Keeney Update

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IRIS CECIL PRIDDY

CALIFORNIA Born

February 5, 1912 in Gowen, Oklahoma

Passed Away

June 16, 1998 in Bakersfield, California

Graveside Services

Friday, June 19, 1998 at 10:00 am
Hillcrest Memorial Park
Sunrise Lawn

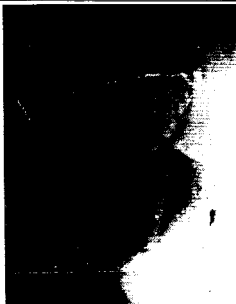
Officiant

Pastor Milt Cole
Fruitvale Community Church

IRIS CECILE KEENEY was a daughter of Oscar Douglas & Minta Maude Griffith Keeney (UPDATE p.4 Dec 1994).

She married Joseph E. PRIDDY 25 Dec 1937. They were parents of Barbara Jo Long, Wanda Gay DeTunisiq, David E. Priddy and Janice Elizabeth Tucker.

A sister, Wanda G. (Keeney) McMillan, lives at 4825 Manor #31, Bakersfield, CA 93308.



JOHN B. KEENEY

(continued)

County and if he had to wait on I.C. Vandine's family, he would have the sales any how. John B. Keeney said he had Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert make three calls on his family and he charged him ninety dollars.* He gave two notes to Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert on his property for the debt. When the notes became due, still unpaid by John, a neighbor, Eldred Douglas, Sr., settled the account with interest and became the holder of the account against John B. Keeney. Douglas, being a store owner, paid the account and interest in a quantity of salt to Rupert, owner of a store in Greenbrier County. Keeney still didn't pay Douglas for the salt and the advice that John B. Keeney gave I.C. Vandine to watch out for Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert came back home to John B. Later his 800 acre farm became a very small farm. *Rupert: he wouldn't pay it, then after an adjustment of around forty-five dollars.

The note made after adjustment by John B. Keeney to Dr. Rupert for his medical services read:

\$25.00 on or before the first day of October next I promise to pay to C.A. Rupert or bearer Forty-five Dollars with interest from this date for value received for the two payments of which I bind myself, my heirs, and witness my hand and seal this 27th day of December 1867.

John B. Keeney

KEENEY UPDATE was started to keep Keeney kin up-to-date, following the publication of "2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES" in 1978. By 1983 all 500 copies had been given to family members or sold and there was a long list of requests. The book was already out-of-date and money was not available to rewrite and republish.

UPDATE is sent to close relatives, Keeneys who have supplied information and articles for publication (as well as well as clippings and obituaries), and to those who would voluntarily make periodic contributions for printing and postage.

UPDATE is published, usually, on a quarterly basis. However, issues are skipped when material is sparse.

TO GET ON THE MAILING LIST one should send an ancestor chart of three or more generations, showing his/her connection with someone by the name of KEENEY. An initial donation should be considered.

There are KEENEYS in every state and KEENEY UPDATE goes to 45 states. States with the most Keeneys seem to be Oregon, California, Iowa, Missouri, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut. Before 1800 the only Keeneys lived in Massachusetts and Connecticut. West Virginia probably has as many Keeneys as any other state; 96 are listed in the current Charleston, WV telephone directory.

I am looking for further information on my ancestor, Peter Keeney, "the founder of the Kentucky Keeneys," b. abt. 1740. I know that he married a woman by the name of Ann Yeakum. They lived in Bedford Co., Virginia around 1767. Their children were Moses, Daniel, Michael, Abraham, Jesse, James, Elizabeth and Sally. I am also looking for someone with pictures of Peter or his son, Moses, who would be so kind as to make a photocopy for me. Please contact me.

Liss Volz
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Ontario, CA 91761



JOSEPH E. GATEWOOD (b.4-29-1859, d. 2-4-1948) & Martha Holstein Gatewood

Joe was the youngest child of William Ambrose & Nancy Bowles Gatewood and a grandson of Ransin G. Gatewood, father of Elizabeth and Amelia (Millie) Keeney.



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Rob and Rita Lancefield

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The first boy born on town site was Harry Evans who lives with his mother, Mrs. A. Anna Evans, on the Salina north of town. His father, Prof. T. R. Evans, organized and instructed the first cornet band of WaKeeney in the spring of 1879. Harry was born January 6, 1879. (The house was sold and moved away.) The oldest child of WaKeeney is a daughter; her birth occurred 21 days prior to that of Mr. Evans. The Keeney Bros. store building (now Hillman Bros.) is the place of her nativity. She is the grand niece of Mrs. N. Fuller. Perhaps you

Thanks for the June Keeney Update - I always enjoy reading them and learn something new almost every issue!

In reference to the article on the back page - "Brothers of James Franklin..." I thought you might be interested in a copy of the letter my grandmother, Viola Frank Keeney (later Gould) sent to the WaKeeney World in July of 1903, stating that she WAS the first white baby born in WaKeeney. She felt very proud about this, and was always miffed that she generally was not recognized because she was a girl, and the "second" baby was a boy.

would rather hear the young lady tell her own story. Here it is:

"Dear Sir: in answer to yours of July 15 I would say that my recollections of WaKeeney are very indistinct as we left there before I was two years old, but the date of my birth (a hard question to ask a woman) was December 16, 1878. Charles Perry Keeney

was my father and Mrs. Daniel Barclay my grandmother, and I believe the building to which I made my "bowling debut" is still standing.

"Besides having the great 'honor' of being the first native of the town I was presented with a valuable piece of town property (which the tax collector recently wrote me might be worth fifteen dollars...if I could find a purchaser."

KEENEY, Paul Alonius, physician; b. Wilkes Barre, Pa., June 8, 1903; s. John A. Taylor and Mary Ellen (Collins) K.; B.S., U. Pitts., 1930, M.D., 1931; M.P.H., John Hopkins, 1940; m. Ann F. W. Ward, Dec. 17, 1943; children—Cornac, Ann, Sean. Research asst., Johns, resident St. Francis Hosp., Pitts., 1929-33; asst. surgeon and Corps Asst., U.S. Army, 1942-50; asst. dir. Pa. Dept. Health, 1950-41; col. M.C., U.S. Army, 1941-55; chief clin. services Meml. Med. Center, Moxey Meml. Hosp. Assn., Williamson, W.Va., 1955—; Diplomate Am. Bd. Preventive Medicine, Fellow A.C.P., N.Y. Acad. Medicine, Am. Acad. Preventive Medicine, Am. Pub. Health Assn.; mem. Med. Soc. W.Va., A.M.A., Vets. Fgn. Wars., Alpha Omega Alpha, Phi Kappa, Nu Sigma Nu, Eta, K.C., Kappa Lambda. Home: P.O. Box 2417, Office: Meml. Med. Center, Williamson, W.Va.

VIRGINIA

JONATHAN EDWARD BASS
Jonathan Edward Bass, son of Dr. & Mrs. Michael L. Bass of Spotsylvania VA and the only grandson of Norman & Ilene K. Bass, of Lebanon VA, graduated with a B.A. in Economics from William & Mary College on May 17, 1998.

His great grandparents were James T. & Edna Jacobs Keeney of Eekdale WV.

**Please....keep us informed
of your current address**



JAMES FRANKLIN
KEENEY (wife =1)
"Uncle Frank"



PATRICIA FOULKE KAUFMAN
1400 SE MELMART DR.
BARTLESVILLE, OK 74006

JAMES FRANKLIN KEENEY (wife =2)
"Uncle Frank", founder of WaKeeney,
Kansas

ANCESTORS OF

JOHN KENNEY, 35 DEER RUN
HUMONT, VA. CG44-322

1. JOHN DAVID KENNEY was born on 30 Mar 1842 in AKRON, SUMMIT CO. OH. He was married to REBEKAH ANN "BECKY" VOLL on 28 Aug 1865 in St. PAUL UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST, PARMA, CUYAHOGA CO. OH.

SECOND GENERATION

2. CHARLES GARLACH KENNEY was born on 17 Jul 1910 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He died on 4 Oct 1977 in AKRON, SUMMIT CO. OH. He was married to CATHERINE EUGENIA ELLIS on 30 Oct 1941 in AKRON, SUMMIT CO. OH.

3. CATHERINE EUGENIA ELLIS was born on 16 Nov 1913 in CHESAPEAKE, UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. She died on 19 Feb 1983 in AKRON, SUMMIT CO. OH.

THIRD GENERATION

4. FREDERICK BENNETT (Benef Fair birth record) KENNEY was born on 1 May 1871 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He died on 24 Mar 1941 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to MARY CHARLOTTA "MAMIE" PRATT on 3 Mar 1901 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

5. MARY CHARLOTTA "MAMIE" PRATT was born on 8 Nov 1872 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. She died on 18 Mar 1965 in OH.

6. ELSHA ELLIS was born on 17 Mar 1878 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He died on 12 Apr 1965 in GETAWAY, UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to ANNA ELIZABETH ASHWORTH on 25 Aug 1901 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

7. ANNA ELIZABETH ASHWORTH was born on 4 Dec 1881 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. She died on 4 Dec 1956 in GETAWAY, UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

FOURTH GENERATION

8. AMOS H. "HAM" KENNEY was born on 16 Sep 1845 in OH. He died on 23 Jan 1918 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 72y 10m 7d. He was married to EVALINA FRANCES EARLES on 10 Apr 1864 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

9. EVALINA FRANCES EARLES was born on 19 Oct 1844 in OH. She died on 2 Apr 1923 in Fayette Twp. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 78y 5m 14d.

10. WILLIAM PRATT was born on 29 Jun 1845 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He died on 1 Sep 1903 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to ELIZABETH MOUNTS on 11 Apr 1869 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

11. ELIZABETH MOUNTS was born on 1 Apr 1844 in OH. She died on 8 Mar 1928 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

12. WILLIAM (P?) ELLIS was born about 3 Nov 1851 in OH. He died on 3 Nov 1930 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 79y. He was married to EUGENIA FARRIS on 5 Apr 1874 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

13. EUGENIA FARRIS was born about 4 Feb 1857 in OH. She died on 4 Feb 1925 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

14. WILLIAM HENRY ASHWORTH was born on 1 Jan 1846 in Cabell (Lincoln) Co. VA. He served in Civil War Co. K, 5th WV Inf. Military stone in cemetery. He was married to CATHERINE GERLACH on 15 Nov 1868 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

15. CATHERINE GERLACH was born on 6 Jun 1848 in OH. She died on 14 Jan 1921 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 72y 7m 8d.

FIFTH GENERATION

16. JOHN S. KENNEY was born about 10 Aug 1811 in Fleming Co. KY/VA. He died on 16 Apr 1886 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to ELIZABETH SCOTT on 10 Oct 1834 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

17. ELIZABETH SCOTT was born on 6 Dec 1816 in Montgomery Co. VA.

18. BENNETT EARLES was born on 5 Nov 1804 in Lee Co. VA. He died on 30 Mar 1895 in Willow Wood, Windsor Twp. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to NANCY A.

BOOTH on 7 Sep 1826 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

19. NANCY A. BOOTH was born on 21 Nov 1808 in Patrick Co. VA. She died on 20 May 1888 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

20. JOSHUA PRATT was born on 24 Jun 1784 in VA. He died on 2 Jun 1866 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to SARAH FORGY on 13 Oct 1831 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

21. SARAH FORGY was born in 1803 in VA. She died on 6 Aug 1865 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

22. STEPHEN MOUNTS was born on 10 Jul 1815 in PA. He died on 8 Feb 1873 in Windsor Twp. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 57y 7m 2d. Birth and death dates from records and cemetery marker do not agree. He was married to MARY MOONEY in Nov 1833 in BELMONT CO. OH.

23. MARY MOONEY was born on 25 Aug 1812 in PA. She died on 14 Oct 1903 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

24. HARRISON ELLIS was born on 14 Aug 1823 in OH. He died on 23 Jun 1901 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to ELIZABETH BLACK on 20 Apr 1845 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

25. ELIZABETH BLACK was born on 13 Feb 1826 in VA. She died on 24 May 1911 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 85y 3m 11d.

26. JOHN B. FARRIS was born on 5 Jul 1832 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He served in Co.A 173rd O.V.I. He died on 24 Nov 1914 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to LUCY THOMPSON on 17 Feb 1858 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

27. LUCY THOMPSON was born on 6 Apr 1840 in VA. She died on 20 Dec 1928 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

28. ISAAC H. ASHWORTH was born about 1795 in VA. He died in 1847 in CABELL CO. VA. He was married to ALCEY ROBERTS in 1813 in KANAHAHA CO. VA.

29. ALCEY ROBERTS was born about 1796 in VA. She probably died before in VA before 1860. 1850 US CENSUS: CABELL (I.LINCOLN) CO. VA @ 53YRS
30. PETER GERLACH was born about 1825 in GERMANY. He served in Co. E 173rd Q.V.I. He died after 1890 in OH.

31. CATHERINE/CHRISTINA LINGELBACH was born about 1825 in Germany.

SIXTH GENERATION

32. WILLIAM H. C. KENNEY was born on 10 May 1789 in Greenbrier Co. VA. He died after 1870.

33. MARY CRAWFORD was born on 1 Sep 1787 in Fleming Co. KY. She died after 1850.

34. Jehu SCOTT was born in VA.

35. Martha TIPLETON was born in VA.

36. CHARLES EARLES was born on Dec. 1773 in NC/VA. He died on 28 May 1848 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was buried in Earles Cemetery. He was married to MARY MARTIN about 1800 in VA, prob. Lee 3 Co.

37. MARY MARTIN was born in 1773 in VA. She died on 16 Aug 1847 in WINDSOR TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH.

38. DANIEL BOOTH was born on 5 Apr 1785 in NY. He died on 15 Oct 1853 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

39. MARY ALEXANDER was born in 1788 in VA. She died in 1854 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

40. Susan was born about 1772.

41. WILLIAM ELLIS was born about 1780 in VA. He died before 1830 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH. He was married to ELIZABETH ADAMS on 6 Feb 1810 in UNION TWP. GALLIA CO. OH.

42. ELIZABETH ADAMS was born about 1781 in VA. She died after 1860 in OH.

50. GEORGE BLACK was born in VA.

51. JANE STANDIFF was born in VA.
52. ANGERSON FARRIS was born about 1801 in IRE. He died on 25 Jul 1835 in LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 84y. He was married to LUCRETIA ANN HALLOCK on 17 May 1832 in LAWRENCE CO. OH.

53. LUCRETIA ANN HALLOCK was born on 31 Mar 1815 in LEWIS CO. NY. She died on 27 Nov 1871 in UNION TWP. LAWRENCE CO. OH @ 56y 7m 27d.

FAMILY RECORD



JULIA SCOTT SMITH-MOTLEY b. 4 Apr 1906 Missaw AFR. Japan; d/o Joe I. Motley & Tamara Lynn Smith, Betty Kenney Jordan, Excelsior Springs, MO, grandmother

KENNEY

Mrs. Elizabeth Kenney, wife of David Kenney, died March 25, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flora Langston, at Louisa, Va. Kenney joined the Shaker's Creek Baptist church and was baptized by Rev. Martin Hahn in 1856. Sister Kenney longs to return the city, two girls and one boy, Mrs. Rana Lupton of Louisa, Mrs. J. N. Watkins of Troutville, Va. and Mr. George Kenney of Portsmouth, Ohio. She also leaves four brothers and one sister. Her husband, two daughters and one son have preceded her. Sister Kenney was a Christian life and she leaves many friends to weep for her.

The funeral was preached by the writer at the Baptist Church at Shaker, and the body laid to rest in the Oak Valley Cemetery, d. 1917 W. H. Kenney

GEORGIA

PARKER McDONALD BARLESS
1b 10 oc b. 20 June '98
Lizzella GA s/o Mickey & Rebecca, great grandparents: McDonald & Mamie C Stanley Kenney

WEST VIRGINIA

Companions in Mine and B.F. Kenney of Cabell, W. Va. children of their lives lives April 2, 1909, at Raleigh General Hospital, E. Key, W. Va. Austin Michael weighed 4 pounds and 2 ounces, and Kyle Andrew weighed 3 pounds 8 ounces and 9 ounces. They have an older brother, Joseph of Summersville, B.F. is employed at First Community Bank in Summersville and he is with Cyrus Adams and Maena, grandsons at Jernit, and Phyllis' Faemrie of Richwood and paternal grandparents are Dill and Freda Kenney of Corbin.

A Tribute to Mary Ann Coiner Ballard



By: Joseph B. Budy, great great grandson
P.O. Box 265
Libertyville, IL 60048



Mary Coiner
Ballard (right)
with son, James.

Together, Wash & Mary Ann conceived:

- 1) William Henry Ballard, b. Sept. 28, 1882, d. Feb. 4, 1955
- 2) Elizabeth Baiton (1884-1942), N.M. Goosencamp (1893-1946)
- 3) Lillian May Ballard, b. 1885, d. Aft. 1950
m. James Hatfield, "Mr." Fisher
- 4) Bertha Ballard, b. May 4, 1889, d. Oct. 14, 1951
m. R. Scott, Irvin Topping, one other
- 5) James William Ballard, b. Jan. 22, 1890, d. 1961/2
m. Goldie Ellen Snodgrass (1902-1987)
- 6) Forest Luther Ballard, b. Jun. 14, 1893, d. Nov. 13, 1950
m. Monnie Elizabeth Lewis (-1969)
- 7) Hattie R. Ballard, b. June 7, 1895, d. Sept. 13, 1928
m. Fred Tucker
- 8) Elmer Russell Ballard, b. Feb. 14, 1897, d. Oct. 21, 1978
m. Netta Jarrell (1900-1985)
- 9) Ella Frances Ballard, b. Apr. 6, 1899, d. Nov. 1, 1982
m. Samuel Swartz (-1955)

The Ballard family lived up Cabin Creek in Kanawha County for about 40 years, living at towns like Acme and Eskdale. Wash was a typical coal miner, being a miner since about the age of 14. Mary Ann was a housewife who nursed the children and tended to the house. Around 1910, at Eskdale, Wash and Mary Ann ran a boarding house/hotel after most of their children had married and left. Around 1912, Wash purchased some land over by Seth in Boone County close to the small community of Fosterville. Their, near the house in a large barn, Wash and Mary Ann ran a general store. That store was one of the first establishments in Boone County to have a power box (generator) in their basement. About 1916, Wash died. Their son James, unmarried, lived with Mary Ann until the day she died on Christmas Day, 1938. Poletus Washington Ballard was born April 30, 1854, at Mercer County, (West) Virginia, the son of Civil War Private William Ballard and Elizabeth Jane Lavender. After his father's death in 1865, Ballard's mother moved the family consisting of her, her sons Wilson, Wash, James, and William, and her daughter, Margaret to the township of London in Kanawha County, WV, where her father and brother homesteaded. On June 22, 1876, Poletus W. Ballard was united in marriage with Lucy Johnson, the daughter of James and Sarah (?) Johnson. They produced one girl, Leola (possibly also called Eliza). After Lucy's death around 1878, Ballard married Mary Ann Coiner in 1880. He died between 1910 and 1920 probably at Boone County, WV.

OREGON RALPH AND ROBERTA KEENEY

Ralph R. Keeney was born in 1921 at Walla Walla, Wash, and my parents were William and Alice Keeney who resided in Gilliam County, Oregon.



Ralph and Roberta Keeney

I first lived in Wasco County in 1933 at the early age of four when my parents rented an apartment at the Old Flinn Apartments on East Second St. in The Dalles. That fall they returned to live as a family for the following years of my childhood. After graduation from high school in 1941 I moved to Arlington where I was employed by Union Pacific Railroad. In 1945 I was inducted into the Army and served as the Army of Occupation in Germany until discharged in 1948. After returning to Arlington in the winter of 1948 I was employed by Mid State Construction Co. of The Dalles and came to reside here in that year. I remained in their employment until 1955 when I was forced to take a disability retirement from construction work by wife Roberta and I have been residents of Wasco County for the past 33 years. We have no children, but were Foster Parents at one time. I have a sister, Ma (Keeney) Kelly and a cousin, Jane (Keeney) Rogers, and another cousin, George Finley, now living here in The Dalles.

Other Keeney's that I know that have lived in Wasco County in the distant past are, James M. Keeney, who was the first manager of the newly erected Columbia Southern Hotel in the City of Shanks. Joseph Harty purchased the hotel from his brother in 1904, but the following year sold it to J. M. Keeney. He continued to own and operate it until 1911, when he sold it to Archie Mason and left Shanks. The time there was also a large, wood-framed structure called Shanks Hotel and it was operated by James McHargue and his wife Emma (Keeney) McHargue. They had a daughter, "Ethel" who was working at the Columbia Southern Hotel as hotel waitress for her Uncle James M. Keeney. She later married William Arthur Rees and they lived in Shanks for the rest of their lives. In those early days of the 1900's another sister of James and Emma's (Eileen Keeney) also lived in Shanks and was employed there as a waitress.

James, Emma and Eileen were the children of Elias Keeney who was one of my great uncles. I was the Flinn last came to Oregon Territory from back in 1842 with the fur traders and Brown wagon train. This train was led by Elias' older brother Jonathan Keeney, who had been west of the Rocky Mts, as a hunting companion of Jim Bridger in 1844-45.

The train arrived at The Dalles in Sept. of that year. Hearing of Barlow's attempt to take war ties around the south side of Mt. Hood, but not succeeding in reaching the Willamette Valley in that season, the Multnomah Brown party chose the Southern Route in preference to the more treacherous River Route. It is not certain if they arrived at Ft. Deposit in time to help Barlow's hard core fighters bring his wagons out into the valley or not, but it is recorded in Dale Murray's voluntary "Overland in '46", that Keeney and a man named Finley, led the first wagons over the route in 1846. Editor Milton Kelley of The Idaho Statesman, interviewed Keeney at his home on the site of Old Ft. Boise in 1876, and Jonathan reported the following: "On arriving at The Dalles, we found that no wagons had yet been through in the valley, so we immediately started to cut our way through." They arrived on the Calapooia near the Indian settlement of Bronson about the 15th of Sept. 1846.

It was during this first winter of '46 that Jonathan boardered in James McHargue. It would seem that his first winter crop the following summer. They became close friends and his brother's daughter later married the son of James McHargue and then the two families lived in Wasco County. *Ralph R. Keeney*



DOROTHY
KEENEY
SUMMERS
Family

DOROTHY JEAN KEENEY (b.23 Jul 1925 at Logan) married Charles Golden Summers on 13 Dec 1946 in Portsmouth, OH. Her parents were CHARLES V. KEENEY (son of Edward Blackburn Keeneey) & Opal Eunice Carey. The family line goes back to WILLIAM R. KEENEY (b.1845) & Camilla Price and FOSTER W. KEENEY (b.1811 in Greenbrier Co. VA) & Eliza Jane Huff (1816-1864). Family members, first row, with birth dates: Lonnie Lathryn 11-13-84, Charles Golden 5-17-24, Dorothy Jean 7-23-25, Kenneth Edward 6-14-50; 2nd row: Luke Aaron 3-31-74, Charles Eugene 8-28-47, Laurel Ann 3-20-68, Kelly Elaine 9-6-73; Martha Lynn 6-20-57, Linda Ruth 2-22-51; 3rd row: Don Eric 6-22-72, Richard Allen 3-24-55. The Summers family resides in Huntington, Cabell Co., WV.

DISTANT RELATIVES

A certain old recluse lived deep in the mountains of Colorado. When he died, distant relatives came from the city to collect his valuables. Upon arriving, all they saw was an old shack with an outhouse beside it. Inside the shack, next to the rock fireplace, was an old cooking pot and his mining equipment. A cracked table with a three-legged chair stood guard by a tiny window, and a kerosene lamp served as the centerpiece for the table. In a dark corner of the little room was a dilapidated cot with a threadbare bedroll on it.

They picked up some of the old relics and started to leave. As they were driving away, an old friend of the recluse, on his mule, flagged them down. "Do you mind if I help myself to what's left in my friend's cabin?" he asked. "Go right ahead," they replied. After all, they thought, what inside that shack could be worth anything?

The old friend entered the shack and walked directly over to the table. He reached under it and lifted one of the floor boards. He then proceeded to

take out all the gold his friend had discovered over the past 53 years-enough to have built a palace. The recluse died with only his friend knowing his true worth. As the friend looked out the little window and watched the cloud of dust behind the relative's car disappear, he said, "This shoulda got to know him better."

Lesson To Ponder:

- (1) Just because the blood is the same does not mean you really know what is going on in another life.
- (2) Often we miss out on blessings because we do not take the time to really know someone.
- (3) Poverty may only be surface deep.
- (4) Often real wealth is below the surface - we must expend energy to find it.
- (5) Sometimes we leave behind blessings which will never be replaced. Therefore we need to be careful before we walk away!



PATRONS

Support since June 1998:
 Martin G. Keeneey, MT \$100
 Mary Lou Ballard, WV 40
 Ilcno C. Hess, VA 35
 Elaine S. Bristol, CA 12
 Rita Leacockfield, CA 30
 Daniell L. Keeneey, CA 30
 A. G. Nehlsman, NZ 30
 Kay M. Keeneey, CA 25
 Frederick C. Keeneey, TN 25
 F. Kay McClain, IN 20
 Dorothy K. Summers, WV 20
 Kenneth Keeneey, OR 20
 Lisa A. Volm, CA 10
 William J. Sanders, TX 10
 Rosemary Korbel, WY 8



OBITUARIES

Joan Thelma Graff Gwinn

MOUNT HOPE — Joan Thelma Graff Gwinn, 71, of Mount Hope died May 13, 1998, in a Beckley hospital after a short illness.

She was a retired auditor from the Bank of Mount Hope, a member of Mount Hope Baptist Temple, former editor of the Temple Times, a member of Mount Hope Federated League and DAR and a graduate of Marjorie Webster Business School, Washington.

Surviving: husband, John "Jake" Gwinn; daughter, Jan Caye Londerose of Mount Hope; sons, Tom Swift Gwinn of Mount Hope, John C. Gwinn Jr. of Ghent; mother, James Snyder Graff of Mount Hope; brother, Frank "Tom" Graff Jr. of Charleston; sister, Marygrace "Peggy" Samples of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Private service will be Saturday at Tyree Funeral Home, Mount Hope, with the Rev. David McCoy officiating. Burial will be in High Lawn Memorial Park, Oak Hill. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Mount Hope Baptist Temple.

Lucinda Snyder Anderson

MORGANTOWN — Lucinda Lee Snyder Anderson, 53, of Morgantown died July 21, 1998, in New York after an apparent heart attack.

She was a native of Clendenin, a graduate of Clendenin High School and West Virginia University where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing. She was the director of patient care management at the Uniontown (Pa.) Hospital and former director of nursing education at West Virginia University Hospitals in Morgantown. She was treasurer of the WVU School of Nursing Alumni Association, a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives and Sigma Theta Tau sorority and was a certified professional in health care quality from the Health Care Quality Board.

Surviving: husband, Van F. Anderson; son, Jeff David Anderson of Morgantown; mother, Virginia Graham Snyder of Clendenin.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Francis Funeral Home, Clendenin, with the Rev. Edward A. Clark and Rev. Mike Evers officiating. Burial will be in Snyder Family Cemetery, Queen Shoals. Friends may call two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Andrew V. Brawley Jr.

SEABROOK, Texas — Andrew Van Bibber Brawley Jr., 59, of Seabrook died May 10, 1998.

He was a graduate of Charleston (W.Va.) High School and Virginia Tech and was an employee of DuPont.

Surviving wife, Wanda Marlin Brawley; daughter, Tara Brawley Miller of Clayton, N.C.; son, Andrew Van Bibber Brawley III of Chicago.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bartlett-Burdette-Cox Funeral Home, Charleston. Burial will be in Floral Hills Garden of Memories, Parkersburg, W.Va. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity of choice.

Richard L. Harrison

MIMS, Fla. — Richard L. Harrison, 68, of Mims died May 13, 1998, in Parkish Medical Center.

He was a native of Cedar Grove, W.Va., a manager for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Corp., Kennedy Space Center, with 30 years' service and was a Mason.

Surviving wife, Charlotte Harrison; sons, Richard L. Harrison II of Port St. John, Gregory E. Harrison of Mims; sister, Judy Short of Georgia, four grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Titusville Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oakdown Memorial Gardens, Titusville.

Clarence E. White

Clarence E. "Turns" White, 82, of Belle, died June 21, 1998, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a long illness.

He was a retired millwright for E.I. DuPont (Chemical Co., Belle. He was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church, Belle, and the DuPont 25-year Club and a lifetime resident of Kanawha County.

Surviving: sons, Donald L. White of Belle, the Rev. David R. White of Oak Hill; sister, Wilma White of Quincy; brother, Claude White of Belle; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Fellowship Church, Belle, with the Rev. R.C. Thornbury officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle.

Hallie Palmer

Hallie Mae Palmer, 98, of Weicher died June 14, 1998, in General Division, CAMC, after a short illness.

She was a member of Weicher Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of Kanawha County.

Surviving: sons, William F. Palmer of Las Vegas, Gordon L. Palmer of Dunbar; daughter, Carol Palmer of Bryan, Texas; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

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

Frances T. Buck

Frances T. "Granny" Buck, 83, of St. Albans died May 20, 1998, at the home of her daughter, Evelyn M. Gouthe of St. Albans, after a short illness.

She was a homemaker, Christian and member of Bethany Baptist Church, St. Albans.

Also surviving: daughter, Carolyn Chesson of Williamsport, N.C.; sons, Charles E. Buck of Nitro; brother, Harold L. Thomas of Village Mills, Texas; Fred Paul Thomas of Fuquay-Varina, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Service will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Bethany Baptist Church, St. Albans, with the Rev. Burch Leadman officiating. Burial will be in Teays Hill Cemetery, St. Albans. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

MARTIN

Charles and Cricket Martin created their first wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their daughters, Julie White of Madison, Ind., and Nancy Kanabe of Elkview, at Judson Baptist Church in Zetta, Me. and Mrs. Martin were married July 11, 1948, at the same church.

Charles is retired from Teacher Dental Laboratory. Cricket is a retired nurse. They are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Martin
50 Years

Charles Martin, son of Harvey & Naomi Hunter Martin, is a grandson of Bertha Keeney (Mrs. Ernest) Hunter, who was a daughter of Rev. T. Y. Keeney

DESCENDENTS OF FRANCIS KEENEY

(1790-1879) & WILLIAM BRAWLEY

JOAN THELMA GRAFF GWINN family line: James Snyder Graff, Phillip M. Snyder, DeWitt Clinton Snyder, Ann S. Brawley, Frances Keeney Brawley
LUCINDA SNIDER ANDERSON line: Virginia Graham Snyder, Robert B. Graham, Adeline Brawley Graham, Washington M. Brawley, Frances Keeney Brawley, Moses Keeney
ANDREW V. BRAWLEY, JR. line: Andrew St., Daniel B. Brawley, Henry Thompson Brawley, Frances Keeney Brawley

DESCENDENTS OF MICHAEL & ELIZABETH GATEWOOD KEENEY:

RICHARD L. HARRISON, step-son of Emily S. and son of Kathryn Harrison Keeney, brother of Judy R. Short
CLARENCE E. WHITE line: Sylvester C. White, Elizabeth Keeney White, Robert C. (Bull Hob) Keeney

HALLIE PALMER, wife of William H., who was grandson of CALIFORNIA KEENEY PALMER, Woodford W. Keeney

MOSES WALLS KEENEY DESCENDENT:

FRANCES T. BUCK line: Fred Thomas, Clara Ann Keeney (Mrs. Montague)

Thomas, John H. Keeney, Moses Walls Keeney, Moses H. Keeney

POSTER H. KEENEY DESCENDENT: Frances R. Keeney line: James Anthony Keeney, Cassius Clinton Keeney, Robert Bay-Loose Keeney, Poster R. Keeney

A memorial service for **IDA MAE KEENEY MEHLMAN**, last surviving child of Theodore Gatewood Keeney (1878-1965) and Daisy E. Brewer, will be held at 2 P.M. September 12 at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit N.J. Mrs. Mehlman, pictured on the cover of the June 1997 UPDATE, died July 28 of cancer after 61 years of marriage. Husband Al and son Stewart Keeney Mehlman survive.

GRANDDAD LUCINDA SENIENG

KENNETH R. KEENEY, 39, 4150 Jay

Dee Road, Mims, died Sunday, April 26.

Mr. Keeney was a machinist. Born in Char-

leston, W.Va., he moved to Central Florida

in 1978. Survivors: father, James A. Tus-

viller; mother, Doraine, Tusviller; brothers,

James A., New Jersey, David L., Tusville.

North Brevard Funeral Home, Tusville.

BLUFORD KEENEY OF MISSOURI

1. Vance M. Keeney, b. August 30, 1810 in Knox County, Kentucky, d. January 09, 1896 in Licking, Missouri or Houston, Missouri
- 1 Elizabeth "Bessy" Stappell, b. March 04, 1810 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. August 18, 1902 in Licking, Texas County, Missouri
- 2 Betty Keeney, b. July 23, 1835 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. September 11, 1912 in Texas County, Missouri
- 2 Rachel Keeney, b. November 04, 1837 in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. July 11, 1915 in Texas County, Missouri
- 2 Henry A. Keeney, b. December 29, 1839 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. July 23, 1922 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri
- 2 Michael Keeney, b. 1840 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. Abt. 1889
- 2 William C. Keeney, b. April 24, 1842 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. July 25, 1934 in Van Hornes, Carter County, Missouri
- 2 Cynthia Keeney, b. 1844 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. Bef. 1876
- 2 Kate Keeney, b. October 07, 1846 in Puleask County, Kentucky, d. January 20, 1930 in Harkness, Tarrant County, Texas
- 2 Mary Ann (Polly) Keeney, b. March 23, 1848 in Pulaski County, Kentucky or Monroe County, Indiana, d. April 15, 1919 in Prescott Township, Texas County, Missouri
- 2 Bluford Abner Keeney, b. February 04, 1850 in Pulaski County, Kentucky, d. September 14, 1955 in Home of Rev. W. F. Thornton, Prescott Township, Texas County, Missouri
- Elizabeth Jane Watson, b. April 23, 1853 in Wilkes, NC (or Tennessee according to obituary), d. September 05, 1926 in between Licking and Houston, Missouri
- 3 Rora M. Keeney, b. September 03, 1872 in unk. d. October 04, 1925 in Carthage, Missouri
- 3 Eda Keeney, b. May 01, 1874 in Missouri, d. January 06, 1957 in Texas County, Missouri
- 3 Burton Bluford Keeney, b. August 07, 1875 in Missouri, d. October 27, 1964 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 3 Clara C. Keeney, b. December 15, 1876 in unk. d. March 09, 1955 in Dewey, Oklahoma
- 3 Mollie Keeney, b. August 12, 1878 in Prescott, MO, d. August 09, 1964 in Licking, Texas County, Missouri
- 1 Irene Bluford, b. November 22, 1880 in unk. d. Abt. 1962 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 3 Lou Keeney, b. July 25, 1881 in Prescott Township, Texas County, Missouri, d. September 18, 1962 in Licking, Texas County, Missouri
- 3 Bill Keeney, b. January 01, 1883 in Prescott Township, Texas County, Missouri, d. April 19, 1938 in San Bernardino, California
- 3 Eda May Keeney, b. March 28, 1884 in Prescott Township, Texas County, Missouri, at/on near Licking, MO, d. November 29, 1975 in Colonial Nursing Home, Dewey, Washington County, Oklahoma
- Thomas Gay Bridges, b. September 22, 1878 in Montgomery County, Missouri, d. December 16, 1921 in Dewey, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Hattie Pearl Bridges, b. May 23, 1903 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. Abt. 1992 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Merrie May Bridges, b. January 07, 1905 in Near Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. November 09, 1987 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- James Harvey Smith, b. September 22, 1901 in Dixon, Missouri, d. March 22, 1926 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 5 Harold Ernest Smith, b. in Dewey, Oklahoma
- Rosanna May Spalding, b. in Dewey, Oklahoma
- 6 Trudie Ann Smith, b. in Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- William Earl Wilson, b. in Littlefield, Lamb County, Texas
- 7 Lila Ann Wilson, b. in Weatherford, Oklahoma
- Keith Michael Volm
- 6 Judy May Smith, b. in Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- 6 James Ray Smith, b. in Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- 6 Sharon Louise Smith, b. in Springfield, Missouri
- 5 William Harvey Smith, b. in unk. d. July 1997 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 5 James Lester Smith, b. in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma, d. August 27, 1978 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
- *2nd Husband of Myrtle May Bridges:
- Ray O. Johnston, b. February 14, 1900 in unk. d. April 03, 1953 in unk.
- *1st Husband of Myrtle May Bridges:
- Robert N. Manley, b. Unknown in unk. d. Abt. 1971 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- 4 Virgie Gladys Bridges, b. September 14, 1907 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. March 04, 1991 in Foley, Alabama
- 4 Thomas Edward Bridges, b. March 06, 1908 in near Houston, Missouri (Texas County), d. February 06, 1992 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Molly Lavona Bridges, b. February 23, 1911 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. April 1991 in Dewey, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Ernest Earl Bridges, b. November 10, 1911 in near Houston, Missouri, d. February 07, 1999 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Lulu Fern Bridges, b. December 06, 1914 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. April 03, 1993 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 4 Lloyd Frank Bridges, b. August 26, 1916 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. Unknown in unk.
- 4 Thelma Bridges, b. October 01, 1918 in unk. d. Unknown in unk.
- 4 Velma Alice Bridges, b. October 01, 1918 in Texas County, Missouri, d. Unknown in unk.
- 4 Mildred Elizabeth Bridges, b. April 26, 1921 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, d. Unknown in unk.
- *2nd Husband of Ida Bell Keeney:
- Andy Johnson
- 4 J. C. Johnson, b. Unknown
- *1st Husband of Ida Bell Keeney:
- Samuel Lee Johnson, b. January 29, 1889 in unk. d. June 30, 1975 in Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma
- 1 Pearl Gertrude Keeney, b. December 18, 1885 in Prescott, Missouri, d. January 20, 1940 in near Licking, Texas County, Missouri
- 3 Ann Keeney, b. October 19, 1887 in unk. d. December 02, 1954 in Centralia, Washington
- 3 George W. Keeney, b. June 15, 1889 in Missouri, d. Abt. September 1962 in unk.
- 3 Alice E. Keeney, b. May 02, 1891 in unk. d. April 12, 1931 in Houston, Missouri
- 3 Emie Bluford, b. February 20, 1894 in Prescott, Missouri, d. March 07, 1986 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri
- 3 Pearl B. Keeney, b. September 11, 1896 in unk. d. July 13, 1976 in unk.
- 3 Jesse Eugene Keeney, b. August 07, 1898 in Houston, Texas County, Missouri, d. November 29, 1981 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri
- 2 Pat Keeney, b. 1892 in Monroe County, Indiana, d. Abt. 1890
- 2 George C. Keeney, b. October 12, 1854 in Monroe County, Indiana, d. May 29, 1941 in Licking, Texas County, Missouri

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 Keeney, Denise; 1502 5th Ave S; Fargo, ND 58103
 Keeney, Ira; 810 3rd St W; Wapeton, ND 58075
 Keeney, Richard F And Louise; 228 8th St SE; Minot, ND 58701
 Keeney, Sam; 203 5th St N; New Town, ND 58763
 Keeney, Sean; 228 8th St SE; Minot, ND 58701
 Keeney, Sillas M And Louise; 51 - 3rd St S; Wapeton, ND 58075

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