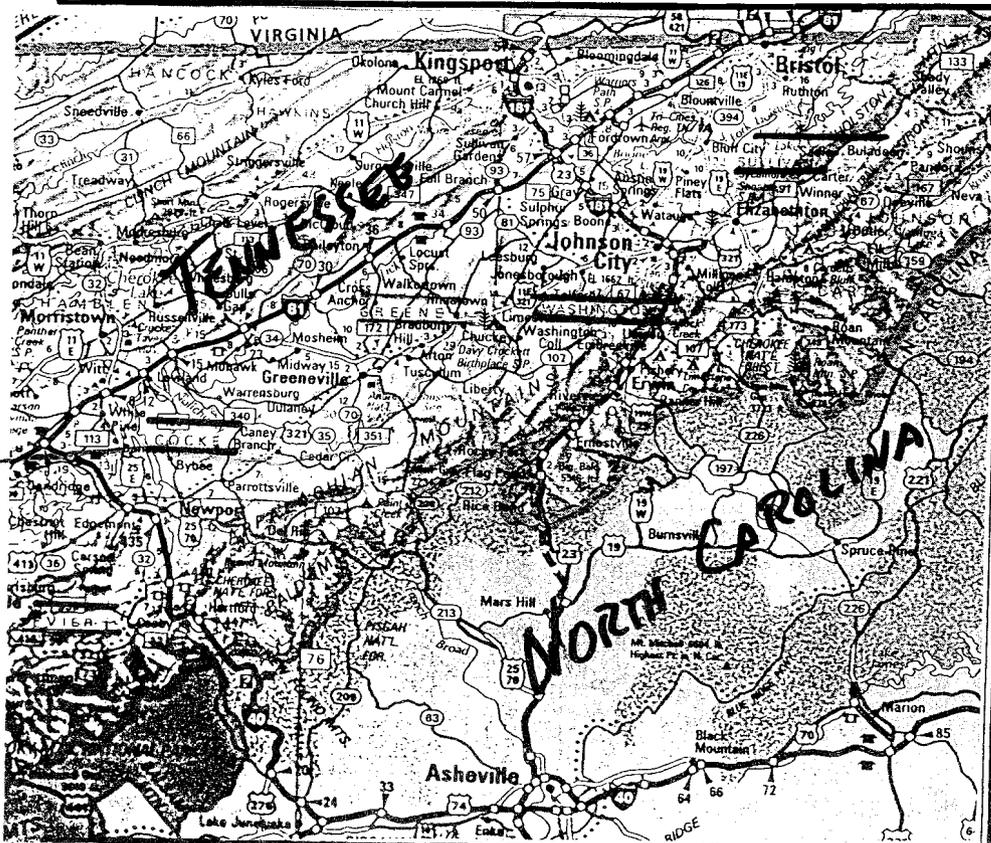


# TENNESSEE KEENEYS CAME FROM GREENBRIER VA/WV FOLLOWING SERVICE ON THE REVOLUTIONARY FRONTIER



## Grandmother's Day

*Grandmother on a winter's day  
Milked the cows and fed them hay  
Slipped the hogs, saddled the mule  
Got the children off to school.*

*Did the washing, mopped the floor  
Washed the windows and did the chores  
Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit  
And pressed her husband's Sunday suit.*

*Swept the parlor, made the bed  
Baked a dozen loaves of bread  
Split some firewood and lugged it in  
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.*

*Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,  
Stewed some apples she thought would spoil.  
Churned the butter, baked a cake  
Then exclaimed, "For mercy's sake!  
The cows got out of their pen!"  
Went out and chased them in again.*

*Gathered the eggs, locked the stable  
Back to the house and set the table  
Cooked a supper that was delicious  
And afterwards washed all the dishes.*

*Fed the cat, sprinkled the clothes  
Mended a basket full of hose  
Then opened the organ and began to play,  
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."*

## KEENEY UPDATE 1983-20??



# Keeney Update

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KEENEY UPDATE began in 1983 after a family genealogy book about 2,597 Keeney relatives sold out and many who had been left out responded with all sorts of family records. UPDATE will soon be 21 years old.

Meanwhile, over the years information has been plentiful on the internet and in e-mail messages, as well as faithful Keeney family historians. But now the Keeney family forum is seldom used, Keeney families no longer volunteer family listings or biographies and very few obituaries, and the genealogical craze to desire to know has tapered off.

Should we fold our tent?

There will be a December 2004 issue of UPDATE if there is interesting material available. *If not, it will be assumed that interest isn't there.*

Meanwhile, thanks again to the dozen or more faithful supporters who have continued to help us pay our bills. And belated thanks to those who shared so much in our first years, but have now gone on to their reward.

These angels have contributed to the cost of this issue: (Total \$100)

Carl R Keeney - Rainelle WV  
Frederick C Keeney - Hixson TN  
Thelma Keeney Ternahan - Sparks NV  
Margie Keeney - San Saba TX

Inasmuch as so many Keeney descendents in Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Idaho, Oregon and other states trace their genealogy to JONATHAN & CATHERINE KEENEY, here is another attempt to trace them back to 1750.

JOHN KEENEY, first among Keeneys in the Greenbrier area, received a land grant in 1750 on the Greenbrier River, along with members of the Yocum family and See family, who came from the Grant/Hardy region of eastern West Virginia. One Greenbrier record indicates that Jonathan Keeney accompanied them from the South Branch of the Potomac to the Greenbrier (then Augusta) region.

Wayne C Keeney (b.1906 in Barry Co MO, d.c.1990 in California) whose family line goes back to Albert D & Jimmie Johnson Keeney in Arkansas (his parents), to John Coleman Keeney, Mexican War vet, to JOSEPH KEENEY JR (b.1790) has done extensive research trying to piece together Keeney family histories, concluded that the Keeneys came from Ireland and Scotland as young people, moved to Virginia along the

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Shenandoah River, with John taking advantage of land grants in the Greenbrier area. The Shenandoah River joins the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, making the South Branch accounts plausible. This would not negate the belief that earlier Keeney family members came from the Salem MA and New London CT branches.

Wayne Keeney cites the fact that Matthew Keeney and Robert Keeney lived on the Shenandoah at the same time John came to Greenbrier.

### WAR SERVICE AND LAND GRANTS

From KEGLEY'S "Virginia Frontiers" we learn that JOHN KEENEY is listed on the roll of service records for those who fought in the French & Indian War in 1756-57 as a member of Dickinson's Militia. Since danger from the Shawnees made permanent settlement much too hazardous, families didn't come to the Muddy Creek area promptly. The sons of John Keeney were engaged on the frontier against the incursions of the Indians and the JOHN KEENEY FORT, hastily built on Muddy Creek, provided a degree of security.

According to Ruth Woodson's PIONEERS & THEIR HOMES, while the Greenbrier area was still a part of Botetourt Co, the US issued land grants in WASHINGTON & HAWKINS CO, North Carolina, to veterans of the war on the frontier. JONATHAN KEENEY, born c1750 and his brother JOSEPH KEENEY, born on the frontier in 1765 received 1320 acres in what became Cocke Co. At that time Washington Co NC was the large county that became Tennessee, later being carved into Greene, Sullivan, Jefferson, Hawkins, Cocke, Knox and other counties.

A listing of NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS in Greene Co TN lists: 20 September 1787 95 acres to Joseph Keeney on Pigeon Creek adjoining grants to Henry Dunham, John Reese and Andrew Boyle for 10 pounds per 100 acres. Another grant at the same rate to JOHN KEENEY (Jonathan) for a grant along the Nolichucky River, adjoining Harmon King. For 10 pounds per hundred acres John Keeney received 671 acres in Greene County on French Broad River, including a large island opposite Robert Lamb's plantation (within a few years this land was listed in Jefferson and/or Cocke County. John Keeney, husband of Annie Poets, whom he married in Virginia, was appointed one of the selectees to choose a site for a Cocke Co court house in 1792.

Listed as a farmer, blacksmith and ferryman, Jonathan Keeney, as brothers Joseph and Thomas (who migrated later to western Missouri) became active members of the Big Pigeon Baptist Church joined later by their wives. Joseph was dismissed by letter in 1799, taking members of his family to the newly organized Anderson County, where many of them still live. Jonathan and his family settled in Hendricks Co Indiana about the same time and his descendants populated much of Iowa and states as far West as Oregon.

KEENEY, JOHN, will dated 26 Nov 1845.

Wife, Mary, exrx. Bequests to Mary McLaughlin, Jane McLaughlin, & daughter, Rebecca Laningham. Wife to give Sarah Keeney one good horse, saddle, bridle, etc., and Bible, when she is 16. Two sons, Eli and Elias Keeney. Wit: John Kelly & Andrew L. Jackson. Rec. 5 May 1846. (W:7)

## KANSAS

STATE OF KANSAS

1930 CENSUS

ELMER F KEENEY 37 (Crawford)  
b.IL; wife: Myrtle G 28, Elmer 1+

EVERETT KEENEY 33 (Johnson)  
b.KS; Clara 0, Martin 8, Lone 6

F.H.KEENEY 36 (Bourbon) b.MO  
Ethelyn 33, Leonard 11, Harold  
10, Donald 8, Lee Walter 5, Mary  
Rosalind 2, Mary E Johnson 59

FIELDING KEENEY 16 (Cowley)  
Flossie A (mother)

FRANK KEENEY 46 (Montgomery)  
b.MO; Minnie 40, William 16

FRED M KEENEY 27 (Reno) b.IA  
Bessie M 25, Martha D 2+

GEORGE T KEENEY 57 (Onaga)  
b.WV, Callie 57, Ethel 15

STIRES JADE KEENEY 50 (Nemaha)  
b.WV; Rosa 48 (b.Switzerland), Earl  
14, Claude H 12

JAMES W KEENEY 45 (Keowa) b.MO  
Malissa 40, Da(s) 15, Dona 15, Nina 10

JOHN D KEENEY 30 (Shawnee) b.MO  
Gustie S 34

LeROY C KEENEY 23 (Nemaha) B.KS  
Gertrude C 23

LOUISE V KEENEY 45 (Meade) b.US  
Ella 51 (b.IL)

MAMIE KEENEY 46 (Johnson) alone

MARTHA KEENEY 58 (Shawnee)b.IN  
Bonnie 21 (b.KS)

MINNIE KEENEY 36 (Chataqua) 36  
b.KS; Eugene 17, Ralph 15, Paul 10,  
Maurice 8

ROSE KEENEY - Neosha Co, Chanute

WILLIAM E KEENEY 43 (Russell)  
b.MO; Prudence 36, Enola 26, Eloise  
C 14, Donald D 5

WILLIAM J KEENEY 41 (Crawford)  
Martha J 38, Nola G 15, Bertie 13

## IOWA

KEENEYS IN IOWA

1870 Census

Name	Age	County
ALBERT (OH)	32	Bremer
CHARLES (NH)	18	Warren
CHARLES C (OH)	55	Bremer
D. F. (IN)	33	Polk
George (PA)	34	Warren
Halsey (CT)	40	Buena Vista
Isaac (ME)	47	Bremer
James (IA)	18	Madison
Lydia (NY)	20	Buchanan
Samuel (IN)	52	Warren
Simon (PA)	35	
Simon W (OH)	30	Bremer
Thomas (IN)	38	Warren
Thomas S (PA)	33	Polk
Thomas B (PA)	34	Story
William (KY)	55	Jackson
William (Ire)	50	Bremer
Alva (KY)	45	Warren
Charles (IN)	62	Warren
Jonathan (TN)	61	Warren
Kimber (OH)	30	Jackson
Lavina (CT)	72	Grundy
Louden (OH)	25	Jackson
M. M. (PA)	45	Power.
Mary (PA)	57	Warren
William (IN)	43	Warren

## MISSOURI

# Va. teen dies as raft flips on New River

By Dave Gustafson  
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A Virginia teen died Tuesday after her raft flipped during a commercial rafting outing on a New River rapid nicknamed "The Meat Grinder," after rescuers tried a perilous technique to pull her from the river.

Morgan Funk, 15, of Staunton, Va., drowned in the accident, WSAZ-TV reported. She had been on her first whitewater trip with her father when the accident occurred, the station reported.

The young woman was in a raft with at least six other people in the section known as Keeney's Rapids on the lower New River near Winona when it overturned about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, spilling everyone out, said Lizzie Watts, a park ranger for the New River Gorge National River.

With the teen trapped downstream between rocks, rescue workers attempted to lift her out of the water by her lifejacket with a rope tied to both sides of the river, Watts said.

"It's a very difficult technique, and it didn't work in this case," Watts said. "She didn't seem to hear when the emergency workers were giving their commands."

The first raft on the trip, which was organized by Lansing-based outfitter The Rivermen, went through the rapids without incident, but another raft overturned while entering the second set of rapids, known as the Middle Keeney's, Watts said.

Keeney's Rapids are Class Five, the second most powerful on the river, she said. Raft guides generally refer to the Middle Keeney's as "The Meat Grinder," a guide with another rafting firm said.

Some of those in the water were pulled into boats. The victim was trapped against a rock downriver from the accident, Watts said. The other guide said the rocks above the Lower Keeney's Rapids, where the teen was trapped, are one of the most

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difficult places on the river where a rescue could be set up.

Rivermen staff, other commercial boaters, as well as private boaters and video boaters, who document trips and provide safety support, began the rescue effort immediately following the spill.

KEENEY RAPIDS were named for David & Moses Keeney, sons John Keeney who received a land grant in Greenbrier Co VA/WV in 1750; David remained in the Alderson/Muddy Creek area and Moses brought his family down the New & Kanawha rivers to Cabin Creek.

KEENEY FALLS flow into the New River at Winona, Fayette County, on Keeney's Creek.

Keeney line: Luther S Weaver (father 1900-1989), William J Weaver (b.1854), Betty Frances Keeney (1833) & George Weaver Sr, Michael Keeney (1804) & Elizabeth Gatewood



"In all of us there is a hunger marrow deep to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainment in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness."

-Alex Haley

## Ada Catherine Meadows

Ada Catherine Meadows, 76, of Witcher, W.Va., died July 12, 2004, at Heartland of Charleston after an extended illness.

Mrs. Meadows was a retired sales clerk for Frankenbergers Clothing Store in Charleston. She was a member of the Witcher Baptist Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Belle, and a lifelong resident of the Witcher/Belle area.

Surviving are her husband, Wilbur H. Meadows; a son and his wife, William "Bill" and

Rebecca Meadows of Huntington, W.Va.; a daughter and her husband, Barbara Ann and Jim Ellis of Barboursville, W.Va.; a sister, Louise Priddy of Belle; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Scott, and Bill Meadows and Leigh Ann and Julie Ellis; great-grandchild, Tember Wilfong.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Jim Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Witcher Cemetery, Belle.

## TRUSTWORTHY

A church secretary was spending her summer vacation at the beach. She was sunning herself on the sand when a little boy, also in a swimming suit, came up to her and asked: "Say, Miss, do you believe in God?" She answered: "I certainly do. I believe in God with all my heart." Then he asked: "Well, do you go to church every Sunday?" She said: "I certainly do." Then he asked: "Do you read your Bible every day?" To which she replied: "Yes!" "Good," he said, "Will you hold my quarter? I'm going to take a swim."

## IDAHO/WASHINGTON/TEXAS

## LEE KEENEY, WORLD WAR II VETERAN, IS FAMILY HERO

The opening of the World War II Memorial in Washington will be an 80th birthday present for one of Killeen's long time citizens, Lee Keeney. Lee will attend the May 29th ceremony with two of his four children and their spouses; Tim and Kathy McPherson of Killeen and Bob and Barb Keeney of Grapevine.

Like many of our WWII veterans - who are leaving us at the rate of 1056 per day - Lee had a colorful tour of duty in Europe, starting with the D-Day invasion and ending with a very humanitarian undertaking.

Lee was raised on a large wheat farm in Northern Idaho during the Great Depression, worked at various jobs, and in High School took evening welding classes at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Along with his natural can-do attitude towards everything, these life experiences created an unusual combination of ingenuity, ability, and drive. For example, without having money to buy a car, he simply built one.

After Pearl Harbor, Lee left his welding job in the Tacoma shipyards and at the age of 18, joined the Army. Lee volunteered to be a paratrooper, but was accidentally (or perhaps providentially) sent to Camp Swift in Bastrop Texas where he completed the basic training course for engineers. In January 1943, he and thousands of others packed into the Queen Mary and sailed for England. As Lee trained for the invasion of Europe, he contributed his mechanical skills toward solving problems in bridge-building, the construction of "Tankdozers" and other battlefield inventions. The Eisenhower Days documentary credited his innovations to "speeding the war and saving countless lives."

Late on D-Day, Lee's Combat Engineer unit landed with the 4th Infantry Division on Utah Beach, then proceeded inland, working all night to pull vehicles through the flooded Normandy beachhead under a constant German bombardment. Dawn broke as they entered the town of St. Mere Eglise, where Lee's unit saw the bodies of American paratroopers hanging in the trees.

As the Army pushed inland in the Battle of Normandy, Lee saw his tankdozers put to good use. Ten-foot high hedgerows around every farmer's field made thousands of walled fortresses, and German 88 mm artillery were "zeroed-in" on the road intersections. The tankdozers, tanks with blades welded on front, plowed their way through the hedgerows and made passage safer. (Sixty years later, the Army is still using tank dozers.)

In August 1944, the 4th ID was sent to liberate Paris, which was in danger of German destruction. As they entered the city, Lee and the others were treated to the cheers of Parisians, and Lee was later treated to some things he'd almost forgotten; a hot meal and a full night's sleep. They were hosted by the American wife of a local Frenchman -- she made a feast out of hidden food and fashioned swimming suits out of her curtains so the men could swim in her pool.

For the next few months, Lee's unit built countless bridges over small streams and large rivers in France and Belgium, some destroyed by the Germans as soon as they were built. Once when cutting a bridge I-beam mid-way and hundreds of feet over a deep gorge, the cutting tank line grabbed Lee's foot and jerked him off the I-beam. Falling, Lee desperately grabbed to get hold of the I-beam. A special watch his Mom had given him caught on the beam and saved his life.

They were in Aachen, Germany in mid-December 1944, staging for the Spring crossing of the Rhine and into heartland Germany. Things were quiet enough for Lee to draw a three-day pass to Eupen, Belgium, where a Rest and Recuperation (R&R) center of sorts had been set up. He and many other soldiers were in a theater watching Marlene Dietrich perform when, strangely, German artillery started falling on the town. Lee's holiday pass had taken him into the path of the German push through Belgium and he was injured and hospitalized, as soon as he was able he "departed" the hospital and returned to his unit to continue the mission. Field hospitals had a practice of losing medical documentation on this category of AWOL to prevent diligent soldiers from getting into trouble. Though he had permanent damage to his knee and hearing, Lee is a humble man who never pursued getting the Purple Heart.

By now the German war machine was in complete disarray, entire units were laying down their arms and surrendering to the Allies. At Nordhausen Lee's unit liberated a slave labor camp, finding thousands of bodies and saving the lives of prisoners who were about to be buried alive in a trench. After the war and back in Idaho, when Lee showed some pictures he had taken of this scene, some said the pictures must have been doctored, because it was just unbelievable that anyone would treat humans that terribly.



## Donna Sue Cline

TRENTON, Mich. — Donna Sue Cline, 52, of Trenton, Mich., died July 22, 2004.

She was the beloved daughter of Stanley and the late Margaret Kapanowski; the beloved sister of Lee, Margie, and Ken; and the dear niece of Bill and Roscoe Keeney.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Martenson Funeral Home, 3200 West Road, Trenton, Mich.

Keeney line: Margaret Keeney Cline Kapanowski (mother), Roscoe Sr & Maggie Paxton Keeney, John S. & Hannah Frazee Keeney (of WV).

## Robert Lee Baughan

Robert Lee Baughan, age 83, of Pratt, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, in Heartland of Charleston.

He was born Nov. 1, 1921, at Pratt, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and was the son of the late William and Hannah Keeney Baughan. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, William, Ralph, Thomas and Leonard Baughan; and sister, Helen Huddleston.

He was a retired attorney and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving: brother and his wife, John and Mary Baughan of Cabin Creek; sister-in-law, Dolly Baughan of Pratt.

Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at O'Dell Funeral Home, Montgomery, with Rev. David Baughan officiating. Burial will follow in Montgomery Memorial Park at Lon-

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Through all this, Lee was offered two battlefield commissions. He respectfully turned them down so that he could work more closely with the enlisted soldiers. Lee eventually met up with the Russians at the Elbe, and also met a cousin whose Tank-destroyer unit had been moving parallel with him all along.

After the German surrender, Lee was given the job of moving American engineering equipment from the British occupation zone to the American zone. This put him in charge of a small American unit in Willich, Germany, near Dusseldorf. The town had been demoralized as well as destroyed, the populace beginning to starve even though the early Fall crops were still in the fields. The British occupiers, whose country had suffered mightily from German bombing, were fairly indifferent to the suffering of these people, and the townspeople appealed to Sergeant Keeney. Lee organized work crews to get the crops in and set up a bartering system to get the townsfolk back to work, using GI scrip and cigarettes since German currency was now worthless. A 21-year old Idaho farmer and welder who spoke no German was made the honorary Burgermeister (mayor) of Willich. Lee was surprised and overwhelmed when the night before he left, the Willichers put on a town party and produced a play in his honor. In 1994 the Mayor of Willich sent Lee a letter of thanks on the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Without the "points" a Purple Heart would have given him, Lee was being processed for the Pacific when the Atomic Bombs ended the war with Japan.

Lee moved back to Idaho, met and married Roberta "Bobbie" Day while working on the Grand Coulee Dam project in Washington. When the Korean War started, Lee, an Inactive Reservist, was the very first reservist (of both active and inactive) to be called back to active duty. The general in charge of the recall remembered Lee's contributions in WWII and said the Army needed him again. Lee closed his business, fought in Korea, stayed in the Army, and was stationed all over the world, with tours in Greenland, Germany and Vietnam. He retired from the Army as a Sergeant Major in 1969, got a degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor, with a teaching certificate and retired from another career with the Killeen Independent School District, teaching and re-building the bus-transportation system.

Lee and his fellow soldiers saved Europe and made the world a better place. And he has seen much of the world since his first trip to Europe. He's an adventurous traveler he has traveled to every continent, recently visiting Antarctica and Egypt and is planning a trip to China and other southeast Asia locales this summer. He's been very active at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Killeen, the Bob Gilmore Center, and various Square and Round Dance organizations from the local to state level, including Killeen Kickers, Silver Belles, Golden Steppers, and Camping Squares. Lee is a Square and Round Dance caller, who has taught Special Olympians and people of all ages to square dance. He has taken several groups to competitions such as Senior Games where they have won numerous awards. Lee also serves as a local Election Judge.

Lee has four proud children, 13 proud grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren will also be taught about the history and sacrifices of war. Lee's family will all get together to celebrate his 80th birthday, a little late, after he returns from the opening the WWII Memorial Washington. His family is proud of Lee for who he is and what he has done—in this case for his contributions to World War II. Through it all Lee insists he was not a hero, but says those who gave the ultimate sacrifice were the real heroes.

don with military honors provided by Post 8366 Veteran of Foreign Wars of Gauley Bridge.

Keeney line: Hannah Keeney Baughan (mother), Rev. T Y & Eliza White Keeney, Michael & Elizabeth Gatewood Keeney

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REV LeROY KEENEY (son of Flem 1879-1965 & Ida Meadows Keeney 1884-1931), grandson of John S. 1849-1932 & Hannah Keeney 1853-1945

Mary Beth Keeney and her fiancé Chad Gunerra, and Brian Keeney of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; and great grandchildren Amanda Jane and Michael Griffith, and Jack Palmer. His last surviving sister is Mrs. Wirt (Frankie) Harmon of Paris, Tenn.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, June 12, at Highlawn Baptist Church, St. Albans, with the Rev. Joe Hyde and the Rev. Cyril Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

Rev. LeRoy M. Keeney

The Rev. Dr. LeRoy M. Keeney, 83, of St. Albans, died at home June 9, 2004, after a long illness.



He was retired as pastor from the Highlawn Baptist Church, having served from 1949 until 1986. Following his retirement, the Rev. Keeney served as interim minister for the First Baptist Church of Dunbar, the Main Street Baptist Church of Point Pleasant and Calvary Baptist Church in Charleston.

He graduated from Charleston High School, attended Alderson Broaddus College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morris Harvey College in 1943. In 1946 he graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Alderson Broaddus College in 1973 and served as a member of its board of trustees for over 10 years.

The Rev. Keeney served as president of the West Virginia Baptist Convention in 1965, its centennial year. For over 30 years he was a member of the West Virginia Baptist Executive Board. He served over 25 years as president of the West Virginia Baptist Education Society, which grants 50 scholarships annually to students preparing to enter the ministry. The Rev. Keeney was a founder of the St. Albans Ministerial Association and served as its president.

The Rev. Keeney is survived by his wife of 62 years, Theresa Knapp Keeney; daughter, Rebecca Palmer and her husband, John, of Charleston; son, Stanley Keeney and his wife, Martha, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; beloved grandchildren Morgan Griffith and her husband, Dave, of Charleston, Campbell Palmer and his wife, Suzanne, of Falls Church, Va.,

## Moses Walls Keeney &amp; Family

Moses Walls Keeney, born July 15, 1797 in Greenbrier Co., (WV); died August 1, 1888/90 in Cabin Creek, Kanawha, WV. He was the son of Moses Keeney and Frances Harris. He married Mary D. or Pauline Huff Abt. 1825 in Greenbrier Co., (WV). Mary D. or Pauline Huff, born 1803; died Aft. 1880 in Kanawha Co., WV. The children of Moses W. Keeney and Mary D. or Pauline Huff are: (1) William S. Keeney, born May 5, 1827 in Greenbrier Co., (WV); died Bef. 1900 in Kanawha Co., WV. He married Mary Elizabeth Basham October 25, 1853. (2) John H. Keeney, born March 15, 1829 in Greenbrier Co., (WV); died Bef. 1880. He married Hannah H. Jarrett. (3) Joseph R. Keeney, born 1832 in Eskdale, Kanawha, (WV); died May 8, 1918. (4) Moses Walls Keeney, Jr., born 1835 in Eskdale, Kanawha, (WV); died February 1, 1902. (5) Thomas C. Keeney, born September 17, 1837 in Cabin Creek, Kanawha, (WV). He married Susan Ellen Creasey. (6) Washington Keeney, born 1838. (7) Harrison Keeney, born April 6, 1840 in Cabin Creek, Kanawha, (WV). He married Jenetta Estep August 2, 1880 (8) Francis A. Keeney, born 1842 in Cabin Creek, Kanawha, (WV). (9) Caroline V. Keeney, born 1845 in Cabin Creek, Kanawha, (WV); died October 10, 1886 in Kanawha Co., WV. She married James Overton Batton May 24, 1867 in Kanawha Co., WV.

## OREGON

ELIJAH N. KEENEY is one of the principal owners of the town site of Eugene, which postoffice is known as Gifford. He has always been public spirited and generous for the upbuilding of the town and surrounding country. He has donated lots to several worthy purposes and is always on the progressive side of things.

Elijah N. Keeney was born in Eugene, Oregon, on November 12, 1866, being the son of Jonathan and Margaret S. (Mitchell) Keeney. When our subject was ten, the father went to Colfax, Washington, and his sons joined him three years later. The mother died April 14, 1899. Elijah worked in the planing mill business in Colfax for eight years and in 1892, went to Valejo, California, where he labored for three years as an undertaker for Henry Connolly. In August 1895, he returned to Colfax, and later came to the reservation, securing the claim where he now lives. He built a primitive log cabin and for a long time it was used for the meeting place of the settlers. He has improved his place in excellent shape and raises the cereals, handles stock and has some registered specimens. A portion of his land has been used for the town site of Eugene and many have purchased lots from him. Mr. Keeney has three brothers, Oliver M., George F., and John J., the last two living in the vicinity of Rosedale, Washington, and the former in Whitman county. He has one sister, Martha J., wife of Joseph Cherry of Rosedale, Washington.

On May 23, 1900, Mr. Keeney married Miss Eugenia, daughter of John and Catherine M. (Thiele) Allen, natives respectively of Arkansas and Missouri. They reside near Drain, Oregon, having crossed the plains in 1852. Mrs. Keeney's ancestors on her mother's side came from Germany and her paternal ancestors from Tennessee. She has four brothers and one sister, Robert L., Frederick A., Murry M., Creed H., all in Oregon. The sister, Mrs. Susie E. Hanson, lives near our subject. Mr. Keeney has a membership in the M. W. A., Melrose Camp, 6216. He was clerk of Beeman Camp, M. W. A., 6885, at Eugene until it disbanded. In politics he is independent. To Mr. and Mrs. Keeney there has been born one child, Hester W. Mr. Keeney's grandparents crossed the plains with ox carts in 1852, the maternal grandfather being from Maine and the maternal grandmother from Connecticut. Mr. Keeney has served as school director and has always labored for the advancement of the cause of education as well as for the general progress and he has universally shown himself a man of mature judgment and keen wisdom, while his integrity and intrinsic worth is never questioned.

## KEENEY INDIANA

McDOWELLS migrated 1825-1828 from Scioto Co, Ohio, originally to Randolph Twp, Tippecanoe Co Indiana and by February 1831, land was purchased in Madison Twp, Montgomery Co, northeast of Linden. The family consisted of adult married children of James & Sarah GORRELL McDOWELL. The following are the families names: William and Sarah DEVER McDowell; John and Elizabeth PRICE McDowell; James and Sophia HALL McDowell; John and Martha (McDOWELL) CRULL; Woodford and Catherine BENNETT McDowell; Thomas G. and Elizabeth KEENEY McDowell; Hiram and Elizabeth CHALMERS McDowell. Hiram's second marriage was to Sarah MATTHEWS 1837 Montgomery Co. Another sister, Mary McDOWELL PHILLIPS (Mrs. Thomas) may have lived in adjoining Boone Co. There is a McDowell Cemetery NE of Linden, consisting of ONE tombstone with four names engraved; it is likely that the cemetery contains more graves, probably other family members. There are CRULLS buried in Linden Cemetery (cannot connect yet); Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville and Faibury, IL Cemetery. Would be happy to share what information I have collected on the McDowell family; always ready for updates. Susan Ulfers Campbell in Georgia.

## KANSAS

LOUIS V KEENEY 1874-1930  
Born in WV, enlisted in Co F, 32<sup>nd</sup> Inf in Spanish-American War in 1899; spent 3 years, including 18 mos in Philippines, honorably disc in 1903; m. Ella Taylor of Junction City KS in 1918, she d. 1928 in Soldier's Home; Louis served as game warden 9 yrs and as deputy sheriff (where he was disabled) in Meade Co; lost an eye in Philippines; admitted to Ft Dodge Soldiers Home in 1925 where he died 6 Feb 1930; youngest son of Robert H 1834-1912) & Julia A Kelley of WV b.1839, d. 15 Jan 1876 at Lewiston WV.

## ARKANSAS

Bell Keeney m. Richasrd Hankins  
25 Oct 1879  
Dessie Adell Keeney b.25 Oct 1905,  
dau of Arthur & Bertha Octavia  
Emmett Keeney  
Ella Keeney m. T N Julstead 13 Dec  
L894 in Baxter Co.  
CONNECTICUT 16th Rgt Volunteer  
Infantry, Civil War  
Charles W Keeney, Pvt Co H, of  
Manchester, enl 11 Aug 1862, dis  
26 June 1865  
Maranthon H Keeney , Manchester,  
Pvt Co H; enl 12 Aug 1862, wounded  
At Antietam MD 17 Sept 1862; disc  
2 Apr 1863 with disability

KEENEYS IN COLORADO  
1910 CENSUS

Ada (VA)	38	Conjos
Albert H (NE)	33	Denver
Alex (Russia)	38	
Charles (PA)	42	
Fred D (IA)	27	Carter
Hattie H (IA)	21	Denver
Katie (Ire)	20	
Madison J (IN)	35	Pueblo
Mark (PA)	47	Teller
McDonald (WV)	47	Prowers
Raymond F (IN)	39	San Miguel
Will E (IL)	44	Denver
William S (CT)	45	Las Ammas

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# Obituaries

TEXAS

## Toney Monroe Keeney

Toney Monroe Keeney's physical journey of life began on October 14, 1942 in San Saba, Texas and ended on July 13, 2003 at the age of 60 in Bend, Texas. After a long fight against a neurological disease (probably multiple sclerosis), he lost the battle, but won the war for his eternal salvation. He now rests in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Toney lived the "Golden Rule" and lived his life with integrity, generosity, humility, compassion and love for God, his family and his neighbors. He greeted others with a friendly smile and true acceptance. His positive attitude, finding goodness in people, having love and compassion for his fellow man, and helping whenever and wherever there was a need were traits that made him the super, special person he was. Along with these attributes, he began learning some of life's most valuable lessons in work habits, responsibilities, patience, trust, and faith at the tender age of ten when his dad, Woodson Keeney, died leaving Toney's young mother, Inez Krause Keeney, older brother, Tommy Frank, and himself to help raise his newborn brother, Kevin. It's no surprise that his favorite scriptures were "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," and "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord."

After graduating from San Saba High School in 1961, he attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in 1965 majoring in biology, and then receiving his master's degree in Botany and Chemistry in 1967. He married his high school sweetheart, Carrie Clark, in Bend, Texas in 1966. They resided in Knippa, Texas, Uvalde County from 1967, when he was hired to teach at Southwest Texas Junior College, until he was forced to retire on total disability in 1999.

As a husband and father, he was kind, loving, forgiving, patient, and "always there." He left his children and grandchildren a legacy of how to live the Christian life - the greatest gift possible. Next to his love for God and his family, he loved teaching botany and tried to instill in his students the same passion and respect for plants that he had. He was a truly loved and respected botanist, ready and willing to give of his time and plant expertise anytime it was needed, whether it be doctors asking about a specific poisonous plant or a child asking him to give a talk about plants to their class.

His proudest career accomplishment was his development of the plant herbarium at Southwest Texas Junior College. His plant collection numbered in the thousands and he developed plant exchange programs with such universities as the University of Texas, SMU, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, University of North Carolina, and the Smithsonian Institute. He searched many years to fulfill his career dream of finding the elusive Sabinal Prairie Clover, a plant that has not been seen since 1930. Toney could have easily have been called the "Southwest Texas walking plant encyclopedia." Over the years, Toney has been a member of the Knippa Fire Department, Lions Club, and Knippa Water Board. He has been a Little League coach and Cub Scout leader and served many years on the Knippa School Board. He served as head of the Science & Math Department at the Junior College and served as a deacon at the South Getty Street Church of Christ, where he and his family were members.

Toney was preceded in death by his father, mother and older brother. Family members left behind, who cherish his memory, include: Carrie, his wife for 37 years; son Tracey and his wife Leah of Rockdale, Texas; son Stacey and his wife Jennifer of Baytown, Texas, son Bracey and his wife Sandy of Knippa, Texas; daughter Kayci and husband Seth Rountree of Austin, Texas; and daughter Layci Megan of Tampa, Florida. "Paw Paw" had 10 adoring grandchildren: Hayden Keeney of Rockdale; Kody, Kaleb, Kaleigh, Kelsea and Kyler Keeney of Baytown; Brittany and Bethany Keeney of Knippa; Elias Rountree of Austin; and Kanton Keeney of Tampa, Florida. He is also survived by a brother, Kevin Keeney and family of San Saba, Texas; niece, Wendy Bradshaw and family of Lockesburg, Arkansas; numerous cousins, in-laws and a long time friend and co-worker from the Junior College, Jeff Sanders of Uvalde.

NANCY LEWIS KEENEY  
FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY

(Descendent of Lawrence Co OH  
Keeneys)

NANCY LEWIS KEENEY, b.1814 in  
Fleming Co KY; d.1908 Benton Co MO

d/o John L & Margaret Crawford Keeney of Ohio,  
gd/o Michael Keeney 1761-1790 & Catherine Lewis  
sister of Sarah Keeney Newman & Michael C Keeney  
1819-1908 of Warwick Co IN

married (1) Faunterloy Day - Fleming Co KY-died  
When kicked by horse; (2) Milton Day, cousin of  
Faunterloy - died of typhoid; (3) Philip Weaver  
Christy on 8 Apr 1848; family legend says that  
Nancy was chosen by Philip's first wife when she  
was dying of tuberculosis; Christy became known  
as a wealthy farmer in Missouri

Catherine Lewis Keeney m. William Hilliard in 1793

*West Virginia University*

*announces that*

*Carolyn Beth Keeney*

*is a candidate for the degree of*

*Doctor of Pharmacy*

*in Pharmacy*

*with Honors*

*Sunday, May 16, 2004*

*1:30 p.m.*

*West Virginia University Coliseum*

*Mr. and Mrs. William Keeney*

*Ms. Sharon Toney*

*and*

*Mr. David Toney*

*invite you to share in the joy  
of the marriage uniting their children*

*Carolyn Beth Keeney*

*and*

*Michael David Toney*

*Saturday, the twenty-ninth of May*

*Two thousand and four*

*at four-thirty in the afternoon at the  
Church of God, Family Worship Center*

*224 Pinewood Drive*

*Beckley, West Virginia*

JOSEPH KEENEY DESCENDENTS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTH CAROLINA

Although three sons of Joseph Keeney, along with their families, have been previously listed in KEENEY UPDATE, Joseph was the father at least seven other children, born in Washington Co NC, which became Greene Co TN. One of these was named JOHN KEENEY. He and his wife Elizabeth are listed in the 1830 North Carolina census. Their offsprings include: (numbering consistent with previous Joseph Keeney family listings):

3. JOHN KEENEY b.1797; wife: Elizabeth
4. SARAH KEENEY b. 28 Feb 1819, d. 16 Oct 1897
  - m. Francis C Lowe (b.26 Nov 1820 in Greene Co., d.2 Feb 1897 in Kentland Indiana, Newton Co (s/o John M & Mary Hutson Lowe; Children:
  5. JAMES HENDERSON b.6 May 1837 in TN m. Mary E Jones
  5. JOHN C Lowe b.4 Feb 1844 in TN m.Keziah Jones , sister of Mary
  5. DAVID E LOWE b.1847 Greene Co TN; m.Ellen Smith
  5. BETTY Y LOWE b.1849 TN, d.1850/51
  5. JOSEPH W Lowe b.25 Jan 1851 TN, d.8 Oct 1858 in Indiana
  5. THOMAS H LOWE b.22 Jun 1853 Jasper Co In, d.9 Aug 1948
  5. HULDA KEZIAH LOWE 1855-1945 m. Jackson F Clark
  5. WILLIAM H LOWE 1858-1943 m. Ida Meggs
4. REBECCA M KEENEY m. John Maloney 7 Aug 1828
4. SALLY KEENEY m. Philip Cooter 7 Dec 1837 in Greene Co TN
4. PEGGY KEENEY m. Thomas Justice in Greene Co TN
4. NANCY M KEENEY m. Robert Jeffers 22 Jul 1830
4. JOHN W KEENEY m. Martha Rowan 13 Nov 1838
4. JOHN KEENEY m. Cathy Weems in Greene Co TN
- JAMES D KEENEY m. Nancy Catherine Gooden 22 Sept 1854
4. ALISON KEENEY m. Keziah R Ham 19 Jun 1842
  - Children: Joel Carson 1845, Page S 1840, Servia (F) 1853, Nannie 1851, Andrew 1-1845 all b.IN
4. HARMON KEENEY b.1810 in Greene Co TN, age 60 in 1870 McDonald Co MO census; m. Nancy Price (b.1811 in NC) on 17 Oct 1833
  5. JAMES P KEENEY b.12-20-1838 in Greene Co; Prosperous farmer in McDonald Co MO; Co B, 10th 8<sup>th</sup> TN Vol Inf; participated in Sherman's March & Battles of Cerace, Pt Harmony, Kenesaw Mt; m. Elizabeth W Brotherton b.1821 on 18 Dec 1857
    - Children: Sarah J Prater - Pineville MO, John C, James H, George F, William M 1873, Cynthia C 1876, Mary B 1853, Martha 1881, Vina E 1885
4. WILLIAM KEENEY m. Jane Lauderdale 17 Sep 1837

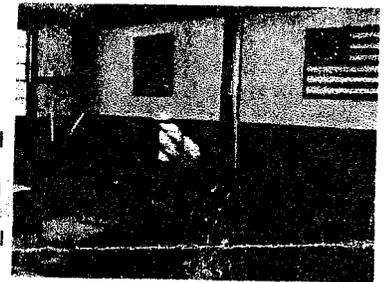


**TENNESSEE**

- TENNESSEE 1830 CENSUS:  
Michael Keeney - Cocke Co  
Joseph Keeney - Anderson Co
- TENNESSEE 1840 CENSUS:  
William Keeney - Anderson
- TENNESSEE 1850 CENSUS:  
Joseph Keeney 60, Elizabeth 60, David 24, William Wilson (son in law), Robert 7, James elwood, Francis Lo (Son in law), Eliza J 9
- JEFFERSON CO TN:  
JAMES & SALLY KEENEY  
Sarah Cooter b.1804  
Margaret (Peggy) m. George W Pulse; went to MO  
Alfred b.1810 m. Matilda Sladen
- Matilda (Permelia) m. Alesander P Patterson: Chikldren: Alex P 1836, Hershel 1839, John 1841, Polly Ann 1843, Robert H 1845, Permelis age 39 in 1850 cen. (James Keeney was killed during The War of 1812)
- GEORGE KEENEY son of John & Elizabeth Keeney of Greene Co TN, represented the counties of Greene, Hancock, Hawkins & Jefferson in the 1849-51, 1855-57, and 1869-71 Tennessee Assembly; Unionist, b. 29 Seopt 1804 in Greene Co; farmer in Romeo, Greene Co; married Melissa Pogue 10 Jan 1832; died in 1884.

The Keeney Schoolhouse CONNECTICUT

Public schools in colonial Connecticut were operated by the Colony's official, established church, which we now call "Congregational." The legal institution which managed them was the ecclesiastical society. Qualified voters who belonged to the official church were members of this society.



In 1694, the General Court of the Connecticut Colony chartered an ecclesiastical society in the part of Hartford lying east of the "Great River," consisting of East Hartford and the area called the Five Miles, which later became Orford Parish and still later the Town of Manchester.

In 1745, that Society gave the people in the Hop Brook section, Manchester's first settlement, the right to conduct a school. In 1751, the Society authorized the erection of five schools in the Five Miles, all to be built without cost to the Society. The Society, however, would provide money for operating them.

There is little documentation about the schools erected under this grant. The story is that residents of the Hop Brook area built theirs in one day, using lumber measured and cut in anticipation of the grant. Probably the other four were built shortly after 1751.

The school in the Keeney Street section, of which The Keeney Schoolhouse is a replica, cannot be definitely dated. Nor are we certain when it ceased to be used as a school, was sold, and converted to a farm building.

In March 1975, the Town's Bicentennial Committee voted to restore the building and to use a site on Cheney Homestead grounds. The Manchester Historical Society agreed to furnish and equip the building.

The old building's framing showed that a fireplace was originally used for heat. Woodburning stoves had replaced fireplaces in many old schools and it was decided to use such a stove in this replica. The furnishings are antiques and reproductions of the types which might have been found in the old schoolhouse.

The very small size of the classroom will surprise many visitors. The small size is accounted for by the fact that travel was very difficult in early Connecticut. Roads were incredibly bad. Bridges were rarities. It was impossible for small children to walk any great distances, particularly in the snow of winter and the mud of spring. With the large families of the old days, a village of only a few houses or a small area of scattered farms required its own school.

All labor on this replica was done by unpaid volunteers, whose service is here gratefully acknowledged. Many gifts of materials, furniture, books and equipment have assisted in the work. One special donation must be mentioned. The pupils of the Keeney Street School raised \$1,821 for furnishing and equipping this replica of the first school in their area. A truly remarkable achievement.

The Keeney Schoolhouse, at 106 Hartford Road, Manchester, Connecticut, is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April through October, except major holidays. Price of admission is included with admission to the Cheney Homestead.

**HE DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED WHO TREASURES UP  
AND PRESERVES THE HISTORY OF HIS ANCESTORS>**

- Edmund Burke