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Is this the last issue already?

I have asked for information to be sent in and it appears to be in very short supply. Since the last issue only 4 people have sent me anything so this is going to be a very short newsletter.

Mary Winner continues with retyping Roscoe C. Keeney, Jr's [Keeney Updates](#) and is completing about one a month.

David Keeney has completed redoing Ralph R. Keeney's [Wagon Ruts West](#)

Michael Keeney sent in an update on his fathers [obituary](#).

Mary Winner sent in a book she has been working on **The New York Keeneys An Informal History**. See the table of contents below. See the book as a [docx](#) or [PDF](#)

Angela Whitney's son Luke was doing a family tree project for his class and found a page that has some useful links on it. [LINK](#)

Suzie Kolber sent an email saying this;

Hello Dan,

I looked at your website and I thought what I wrote here would be a good fit. Please let me know if you're able to use this article and the URL when it's online.

Can you either link the URL in the bio to the website (http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html) or link "family tree templates" to our website? You can link to both if you like.

Thanks so much and I hope your readers find this helpful.

Suzie Kolber

She also included a document entitled How to Begin Researching Your Family History which will be placed in this newsletter.



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The New York Keeneys An Informal History

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How to Begin Researching Your Family History

Studying one's past can be an exciting adventure. You never know what stories and facts you will learn about your family genealogy during the process. One of the ways that you can make this task easier is by creating a visual "map" that you can follow during your research phase.

Collect the Information That You Know

Begin by writing down everything you know about your family history. Start with your parents and grandparents and work your way back. See how far back into your ancestry you can go just based on the information you have. If you are lucky enough to still have great-grandparents living, you may already have basic data about four or five generations.

The most important information and often the easiest to collect are the names of your ancestors. Even if this is all you have to go on, you have a good start. Once you have listed all of the information that you have currently available, now is the time to organize it into a visual format.

Creating a Family Tree

As you delve deeper into your family history, it will be easy to get confused. This is especially true if you have people with the same names. Take the time to write your basic information down into a format that is easy to read and visually pleasing.

You may wonder why it is important to include this step. The reason is that it helps you keep the information straight in your mind. While it is easy in the beginning to remember who you are researching because you either know the person or have heard stories about him or her, as you move farther back into your past, it becomes more difficult. These people become just names on a page and it can get confusing. A family tree allows you to stay organized.

Choosing a Family Tree

Numerous templates are available to help you organize your information. Each one is designed a different way to appeal to various styles of researchers. Some are extremely simple and only include names while others provide room for more elaborate details.

The first decision is how many generations you want on your family tree. To begin your research, you may want to start with a four or five generation family tree. Many of these templates give you room to write birth and death dates, dates of marriage and even locations. Since you probably know more information about recent ancestors, this is a good option for storing that data.

As you move farther back into your family history, you may want to use an eight- or nine-generation template. This allows you to see more members at a glance without including a lot of information. These templates come in various styles to fit your needs. Some common options include circular, hourglass and bowtie shapes. The one you choose depends on what is most visually pleasing to you.

Researching your family history can be challenging and a lengthy process. Begin by organizing your information into a family tree and it will make the task much easier.

Suzie Kolber created http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html to be the complete online resource for "do it yourself" genealogy projects. The site offers the largest offering of family trees online. The site is a not for profit website dedicated to offering free resources for those that are trying to trace their family history.

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Links for researchers

<http://www.veritasprep.com/genealogy-resources-by-veritas-prep/>

<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Glen-C.-Keeney-78628265?fe=1>

http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html

<http://k-f-g-online.info/Directories/MaryWinner/docs/NewYorkKeeneyFamilyBook.docx>

<http://k-f-g-online.info/Directories/MaryWinner/docs/NewYorkKeeneyFamilyBook.pdf>



Those who served



Dwight Keeney

My Dad likes to tell a story about his ship in WW2 the [USS Jenkins, DD447](#) It goes something like this. When we entered Subic Bay in Manila we hit a landmine, at the time I was below deck in the boiler room, as the ship started to sink I swam out the hole the mine made it was as large as a three bedroom house. Think about it, was it possible? & yes the ship did sink. Well sort of see the link on destroyer history below, she departed Subic Bay 24 April to cover minesweeping and amphibious operations in the Celebes Sea off Borneo. Jenkins struck a mine off Tarakan Island 30 April and sailed into Subic Bay for repairs. On 18 June she sailed for the United States to complete repairs, arriving at San Pedro, California 8 July. She remained on the West Coast through the duration of the war. The battle-scarred destroyer decommissioned at San Diego 1 May 1946.

A better history of the sinking can be found @

<http://destroyerhistory.org/fletcherclass/ussjenkins/index.asp?r=44700&pid=44704>

Dwight was inducted into the Navy 14 July 1943 and received his separation papers and an Honorable Discharge on 10 December 1945 at the U.S.N. Personal Separation Center N.O.B. T.I. San Pedro, California, at the time of his induction he lived at 1013 S. 13th St. in Burlington, Iowa. He was married to his first wife Beatrice Mae Bowman and was employed at Murray Iron Works of Burlington, Iowa at the time he was a Boilermaker Apprentice while working for the Iron Works, he was only there for a short time from February 1943 through June 1943. He service included his training at the Naval Training Station in Farragut, Idaho Boat Repair Unit, Navy 131 and aboard the USS JENKINS (DD447). While in the service he held the following ratings: AS, F3c, F2c, F1c, his final rating was that of BM3c (Boilermaker third class).



Upon separation he received a total payment of \$104.93 including a travel/mileage allotment of \$99.75. Under remarks on the separation papers the following is listed; Victory Medal World War II, Philippine Liberation 2 stars, Asiatic Pacific 4 bronze stars American area.



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Please consider sharing information you may have. It may help someone hurdle a brick wall and they will appreciate it. And you never know they may even have something that they can share with you. Even sharing a photograph of an ancestor is a step in the right direction.



Send items to either [Dan Keeney](#) or [Mary Winner](#) using 'The Keeney Family Researcher' for the subject line.

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