

This is a collection for enlightenment as pertaining to the family genealogy of Frank Abner Keeney

Keeney's Theatres

In attempting to research the Keeney's Theatres it looks like that around 1926 Loews bought out 3 of the theaters that Frank had, as near as I can figure out the names appear to be this way.

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Mentions of Keeney Music Hall and Keeney theaters **Barbra Streisand Archives**

Funny Girl (Fanny Brice)

Photo's Loews Melba Theater managed by Frank Keeney

Loews Bedford managed by Frank Keeney

Keeney's Bay Ridge Theater

A seating chart found in a free ebook on Google

Note: Frank had several theatres other then those above. I've found he had one in Kingston, New York which I was able to find a picture of one in Elmira, New York there was a <u>Keeney's Majestic Theatre</u>, at 468 Main St., New Britain, CT another <u>Keeney's Theatre</u> at 966 Fulton Ave Brooklyn, New York.

The Brooklyn Library has a file entitled **Guide to the Brooklyn Theater Playbills and Programs Collection, 1875 - 1972** which has listings for **Keeney's Theatres 1 - 5** showing some of the plays from 26 September 1904 through 09 November 1908 it also shows who were in the plays and who preformed the music.

Dan Keeney July 2014

Descendants of Frank A. Keeney

Generation No. 1

1. Frank A.⁶ Keeney (Seth Lee⁵, Charles⁴, Joshua³, Mark², John¹) was born February 23, 1867 in Pennsylvania, and died October 29, 1958 in Miami, Dade County, Florida. He married Eva W. Rupprecht. She was born January 1872.

Notes for FRANK A. KEENEY:

CENSUS June 1, 1880 Brooklyn, King's County, New York, ED 198, page 2:

"Dwelling #11, Family #14, 22 Clermont Ave.

In 29 Keeney, Seth, age 49, married, building contractor, born Pennsylvania, parents born Pennsylvania;

ln.30 - Susan, age 34, wife, married, Keeping house, born Pennsylvania, parents born Pennsylvania;

In.31 - Frank, age 13, son, at school, born Pennsylvania, parents born Pennsylvania;

ln.32 - Ruby, age 5, daughter, at school, born New York, parents born Pennsylvania;

ln.33 Gilmartin, Annie, age 23, servant, single, servant, born Pennsylvania, parents born Pennsylvania."

WILL of Susan L. Keeney, signed October 25, 1888, Wyoming Co. PA Will Book 5, pages 551 & 564: "...my Children Frank A. Keeney..."

CENSUS 1920 Ass. Dist. 7, Manhattan Borough, New York City, New York County, New York, ED 559, sheet 3B: "Dwelling #1, Family #117, 146 Central Park West

In 77 Keeney, Frank A., head, renter, age 52, divorced, can read & write, born Pennsylvania, parents born Pennsylvania, manager - theatrical."

From:http://www.bklyn-genealogy-info.com/Newspaper/Eagle/1800.News.html

KEENEY----RUPPRECHT On Thursday, February 14, 1894, by the Rev. J. O. Wilson, at the residence of the bride's parents, 406 Madison st, Brooklyn, Miss EVA W. RUPPRECHT to FRANK A. KEENEY.

Child of Frank Keeney and Eva Rupprecht is:

RUBY⁷ KEENEY, b. March 1899.

NIGHTS ORCH. SEATS 30c 50c NO HIGHER

LENEY'S HIGHTS BAL. SEATS 20-30-500 NO HIGHER

MONDAY, JAN. 25 MATINEE DAILY, 150, 250

JESSE LASKY Presents Vaudeville's Greatest Musical Comedy

THE LOVE WALTZ

With AUDREY MAPLE and ALFRED KEPPELER and COMPANY OF 25.

Those Funny Fellows

WIXON AND EATON

Clever Singers and Comedians

STANDARD COMEDY FOUR

Comedy Acrobats

KENNERD BROTHERS

The Clever Singing Comedienne

JEANETTE DUPRE

Character Artists

THE HALL SISTERS ED CLARK | KEENEYSCOPE

EXTRA

The Big Vaudeville Favorites

EXTRA

CHAS.

In "THE BIRTHDAY PARTY."

SUNDAY CONCERTS, 3 and 8:15. Entire Orchestra, Afternoon, 25c BIG AMATIEUR NIGHT EVERY THURSDAY—\$20.00 IN PRIZES Entire Orchestra, Amateur Night, 75c. Balcony, 50c. No Higher.

SPECIAL PRICES TO THEATRE PARTIES.

HIGHTS ORCH.SEATS 30c 50c

NIGHTS BAL: SEATS 20-30-50c

15c, 25c DECEMBER

Favorites Brooklyn's

GEO. FELIX, LYDIA BARRY, EMILY AND CLARA BARRY, in "THE BOY NEXT DOOR."

The Famous Dramatic Star

Latest and Greatest in Her Success, "THE LOBBYIST."

The Cleyer Comedian

Acrobats Comedy

Singers and Comedians

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EXTRA

The Beautiful Physical Culture Girl

BROS. O'DONNELL

SCOPE

FEATURE-

EXTRA

The Favorite Vaudeville Stars

MARION

PAT

in "THE BUSY BELL BOY."

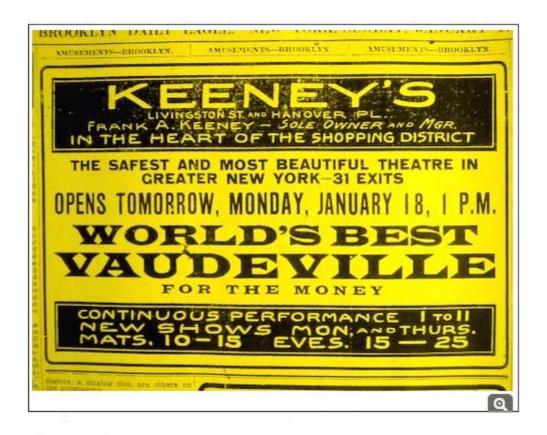
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Keeney's.

Keeney's Theater was packed to the doors last evening, because the bill being presented this week has some very popular comedians. The winsome comedienne. Patrice, in her latest success, "The Lobbyist," was clever, and the large audience showed its appreciation by loudly applauding the act. Rooney and Bent were to have appeared, but were replaced by Eddle O'Connor and Olivette Haynes in a sketch entitled "The Millinery Shop," a one-act musical comedy, full of incidents that kept the audience in an uproar. They were supported by six handsome and attractive young women who did their work well. The sketch was so interesting that it received an ovation. The lines are bright, and the playhouse rocked with laughter. and Barry, Brooklyn's favorites, in "The Boy Next Door," were brought before the footlights several times. Maude De Lora, the physical culture girl, did her difficult stunts sensationally, and was loudly encored. O'Donnell brothers, musical artists, were well received. Zinelle and Boutelle, in "237 Miles from New York"; Wilbur Held, the black face comedlan: the Four Comrades, acrobats, and the Keeneyscope, with new and startling pictures, shared the success.

Greenpoint.





The Kingston?

KEENEY'S THEATRE

THURS AVENUE AND BLACKFREET

WEEK COM. OCTOBER 4

MANTONEE DAILY

ADMISSION 10c. INCLUDING SEAT

The Paragon Minstred Star

MANUEL ROMAIN & CO.

to His Great Singing Skit "After The Buill"

The Great Rullan Character Artists

THE PIOTTIS

The Acrobatic Deceing Girls

3-MADCAPS-3

Vandeville's Great Irish Character Musical Artists.

THE O'DONNEL BROS.

4 · OTHER BIG ACTS · 4

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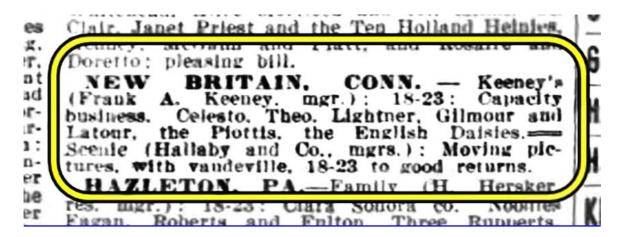
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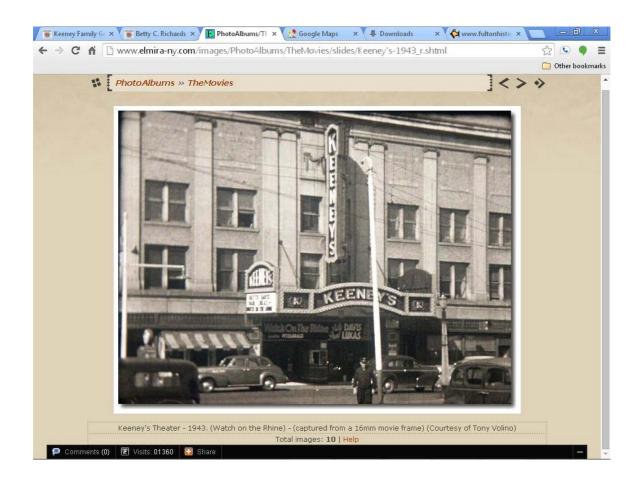
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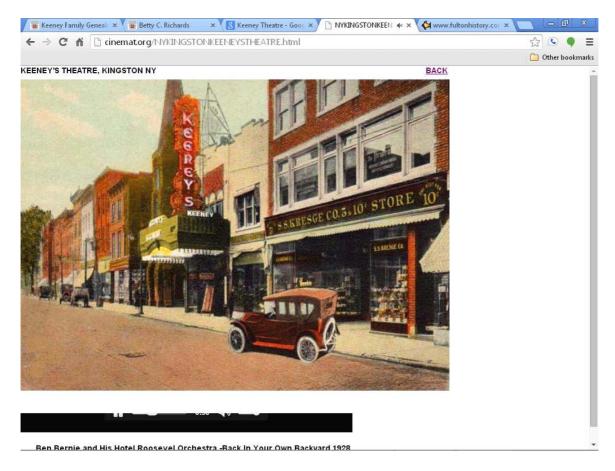
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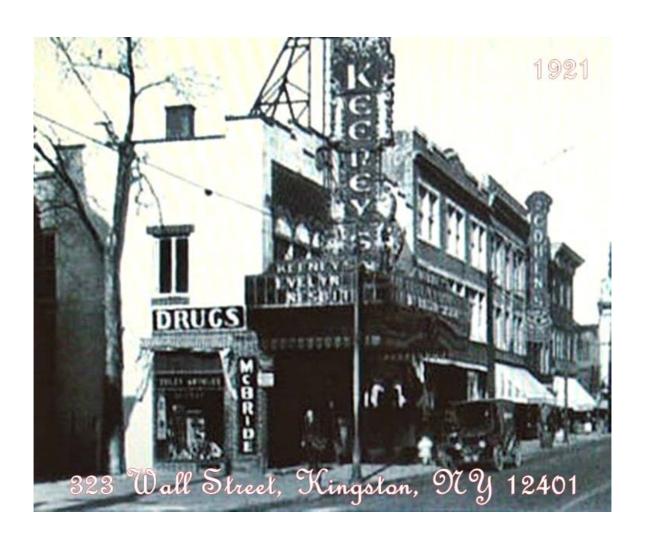


Kingston, New York

323 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401

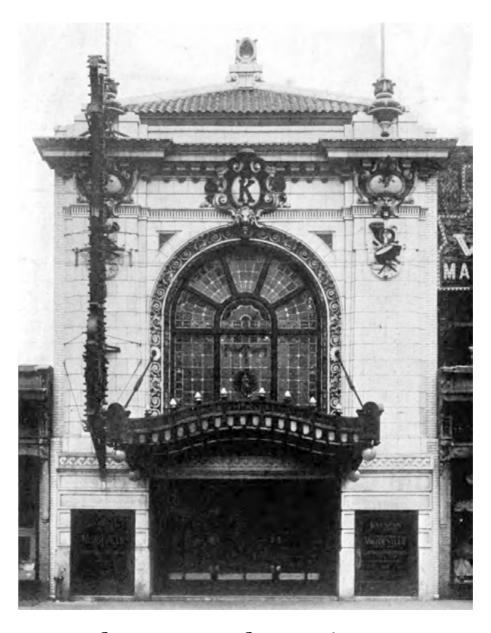


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1915 - 1926

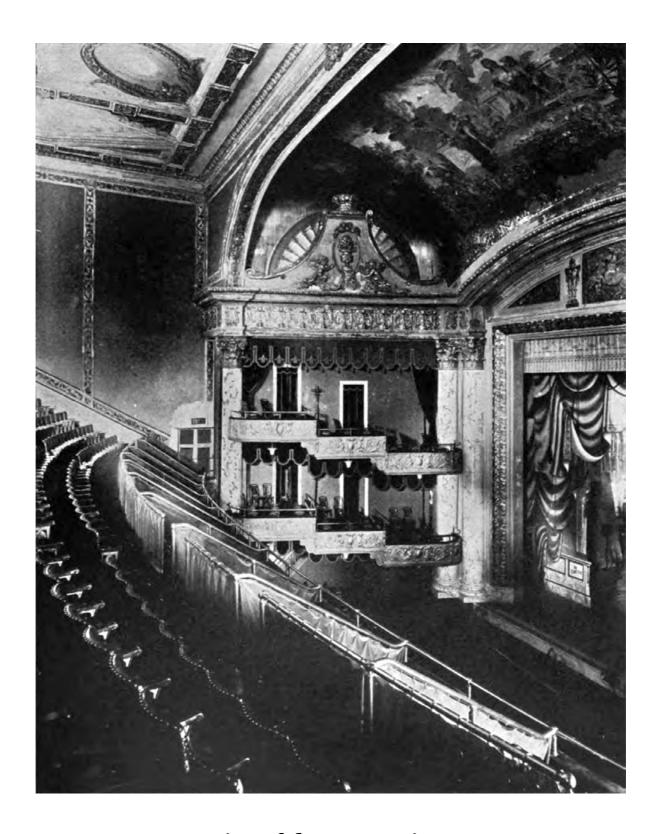
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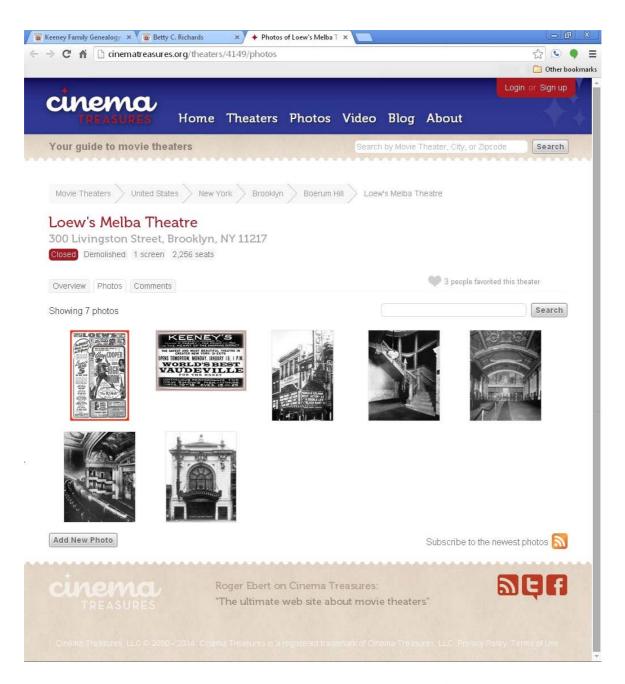
The Keeney Theater in 1915



Lobby of the Keeney in 1915



Interior of the Keeney in 1915

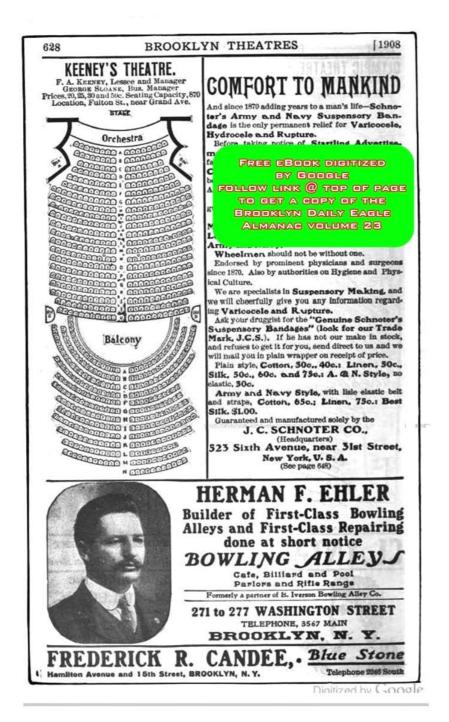


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Brooklyn Daily Eagle Almanac, Volume 23 (Google eBook)



1921 - 1926

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KEENEY'S BAY RIDGE THEATRE

1921-1926

Seating Capacity: 1919

Organs:

Moller Op 2875 3 manual/17 ranks, installed 1921 Kimball, installed 1924

The Brooklyn Eagle, September 20, 1921:

"The Bay Ridge Theater opened last night under the management of Frank A. Keeney, offering a film and vaudeville bill headed by Florence Reed in Indiscretion."

The Brooklyn Eagle, December 12, 1922:

"Last night was the 'great night' that saw Bay Ridge in possession of a full-fledged, first-class stock company, playing Broadway hits and bringing all the joys of the Times Square theatre section within reach of home-loving Brooklynites. "The theatre, under the management of Frank A. Keeney, presented The Woman in Room 13', A. H. Wood's successful play as the first of a large repertoire of well-known plays."

The New York Times, June 10, 1926:

"Three vaudeville theatres in Brooklyn, the Keeney, Bedford and Bay Ridge, the property of Frank A. Keeney, have been bought by Marcus Loew, according to an announcement issued yesterday from Mr. Loew's offices. These three theatres have a total seating capacity of 6,000. William Ford, general manager for Mr. Keeney confirmed the announcement last night. Mr. Ford would not reveal the amount of money involved in the deal and no one in authority at the Marcus Loew offices could be reached last night."

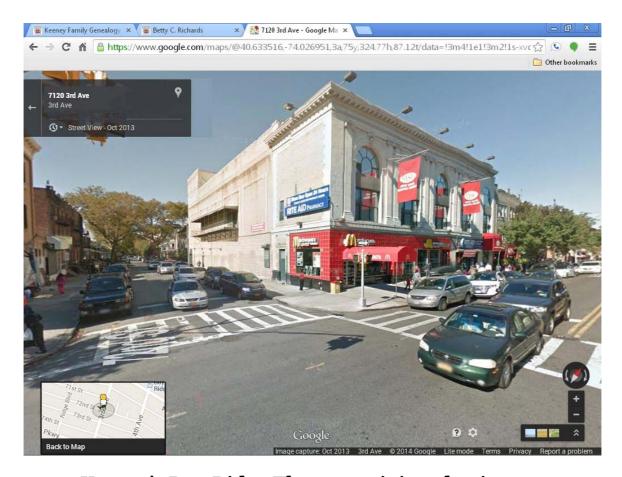


The Bay Ridge in March 1959 (I think).

This is based on the cars and the marquee with the movies

Al Capone was released 25 March 1959

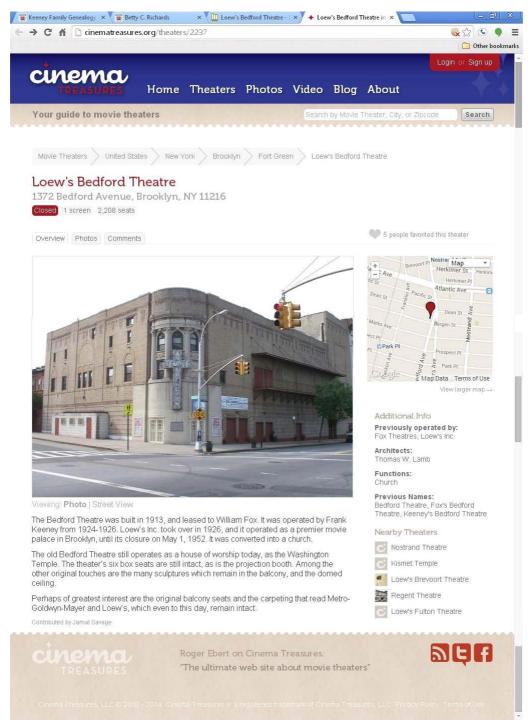
The Giant Behemoth was released 3 March 1959



Keeney's Bay Ridge Theatre as it is today in 2014

1924 - 1926

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The Bedford today in 2014

Dan,

My name is John Miller, I own a 1932 Rolls Royce Phantom II

The original owner was Frank Keeney, who owned the theaters in NY.

I can send you some pic's of the car, I am restoring it.

I would like some information on Frank and his life.

Would you have any pic's of the RR with Frank in them.

Thank you.

John Miller

Dan.

Here are two pic's of the RR of Frank's . I will send you more, in do time. I hope you can find me a pic of Frank w/ the RR.

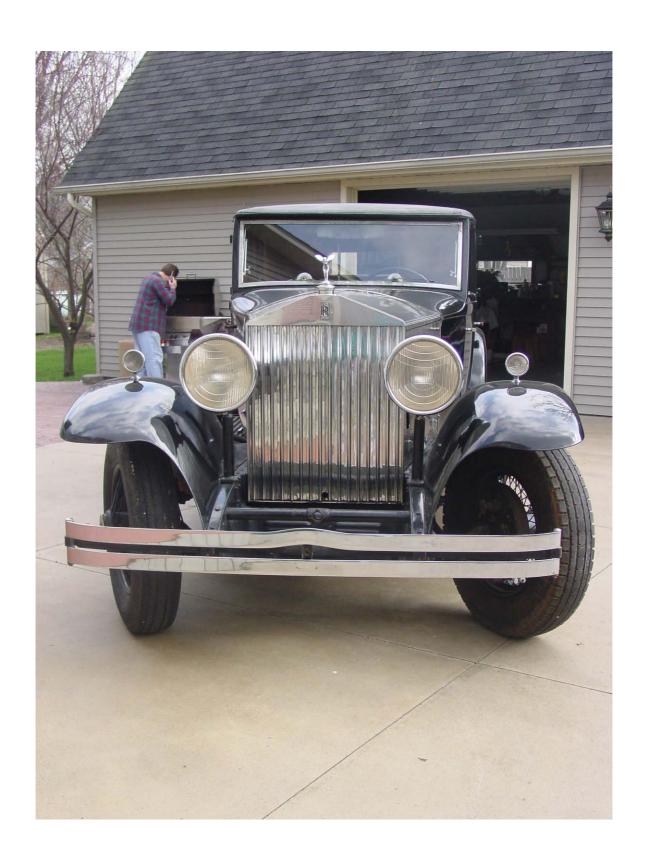
The man that sold me the car told me that Frank owned vaudeville theaters in the Bronx and in NY City.

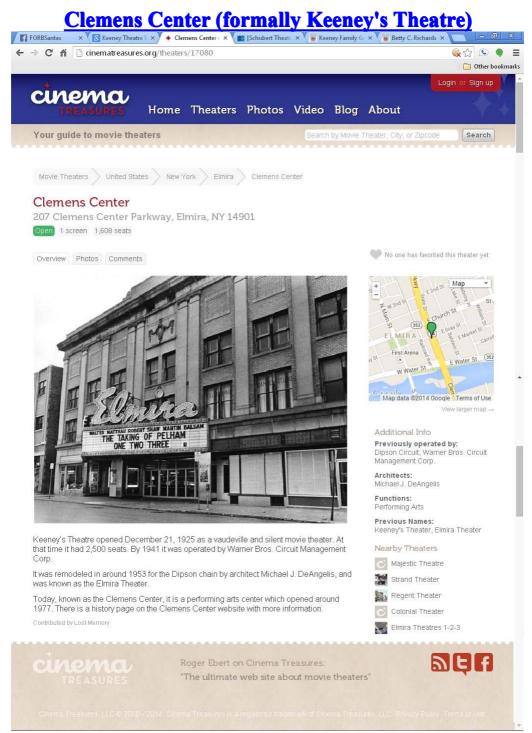
Also said he had homes in Long Island and Miami, Fla., and drove the RR from Miami to NY. I was also told that he owned gold and copper mines in California.

Please check into this when you have time and let me know if this info it true. I would also like to know if Fanny Brice rode in the car.

Thank you...I appreciate your time and assistance. John

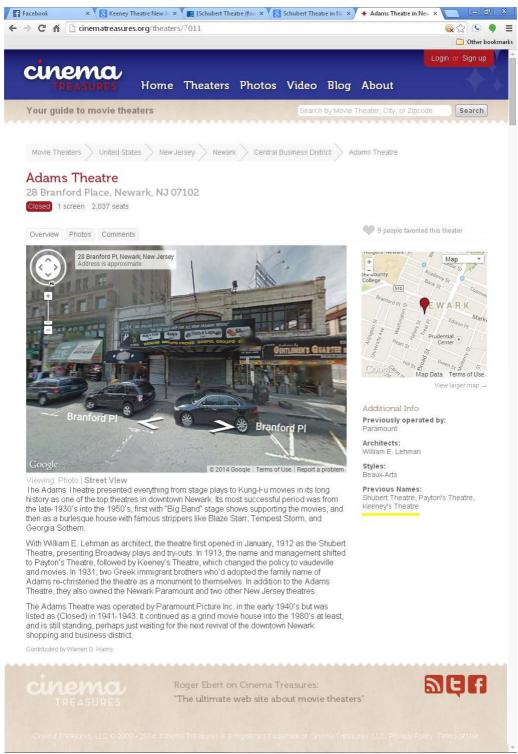






Picture of theatre replaced (this theatre has been renovated and the photo that was used on the website was copyrighted so I replaced it with a picture which bears one of it's former names.

Keeney's Theatre Newark, New Jersey



Please note the image is modified from the original page the Additional info was moved up to the Ads space and the comments were cut out but the rest is as posted on the site listed.

Frank Abner Keeney 1867 - 1958 is buried at Green-Wood Cemetery 500 25th Street Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Last Name	First Name	Born	Burial	Lot	Section
Keeney	George M.		1891	11731	A
Keeney	Frank Abner	1867	1958	31320	C
Keeney	Ruby L.	1874	1896	21320	C
Keeney	Seth L.		1896	21320	C
Keeney	Seth Lee	1831	1913	21320	C
Keeney	Susan A.		1907	21320	C
Keeney	Abner C.	1826	1884	21321	C
Keeney	Eva		1968	21321	С
Keeney	Fred C.	2	1914	21321	С
Keeney	Katherine Schafer	45	1967	21321	С
Keeney	Annie	177	1871	20186	L
Keeney	Emma F.	1876	1942	20186	L
Keeney	Eugene W.	1856	1898	20186	L
Keeney	Magdalena V.	7.65	1880	20186	L
Keeney	George	444	1960	38325	39
Keeney	Catharine Y.		1899	6637	45
Keeney	John M.	A 7	1933	6637	45
Keeney	Philip		1982	499	56
Keeney	Abby		1855	2033	69
Keeney	William Edward		2007	44806	93
Keeney	Gertrude	1902 ?	1975	16485	149
Keeney	Helen		1978	16485	149
Keeney	Henrietta	1000	1966	16485	149
Keeney	Sarah		1916	16485	149
Keeney	Fannie		1928	15035	162
Keeney	Florence E.		1883	15035	162
Keeney	Griswold		1928	15035	162
Keeney	Florence S.	Madda /	1892	27368	206