

# Keeney Update

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## DON A. KEENEY FAMILY

Don A. Keeney, born in Chicago, IL in 1845, enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War serving two years in Company K. 17<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry until the end of the war. He then returned to Illinois and in 1868 married Adeline Marvin at Woodstock, IL where the young couple farmed for a short time. But the West was calling and homesteads were easy for war veterans to acquire so the Keeneys headed west. They stopped off in Iowa and farmed there for about a year. It was here that their first child, Mary Ellen (Nellie) was born.

About 1871, the Keeneys left Iowa to come to Nebraska driving a team of horses hitched to a covered wagon. They arrived in Clay Co. and spent the first winter on the land what is now (1985) the lack Hubbell farm. Living with them that winter was Miss Laura Bancroft, a young lady who had come with them from Iowa, driving their second team of horses. Miss Bancroft became the first teacher in the area. She taught in the first school in that vicinity. She received \$15 per month and had 2 pupils. She later married Louis Fryar, a young attorney from Clay Center. They raised their family and resided in Clay Center the rest of their lives.

During this time, the Keeneys took a homestead-160 A. of Section 20, Fairfield Township which was located about 1 ½ miles north of Deweese. Their first home there was a one-room log house 16' x 18'. They subsequently built a wood frame house. The vicinity where they located was very sparsely settled, there being only 5 settlers around them. Hardships were accepted as part of their lives. Loses were suffered during the grasshopper years and in the memorable Easter storm (1873) Mr. Keeney lost 3 cows which drowned in the Blue River.

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

Three children, Laura, Ernie, Eddie were born here in 1872, 1875 and 1878 respectively.

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

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

Nellie married Chas. Jester, a teacher at Deweese, who became County Supt. of Clay County Schools. Later they moved to Lincoln, NE where he studied and practiced medicine. Their children were Royal, Pearl, and Cari.

Laura married Arah Oldham of Deweese. They farmed near Deweese. Their son was Irvin.

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

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

Nellie married Charles Brower. They lived and farmed at the northwest edge of Deweese on the Ben Royce homestead-Liberty Farm until their retirement in Fairfield. Their children were Emma, Thera and Lulu.

Arthur married Ella Wiverly (a sister of Molly). Arthur worked at flour mills of Crete and Deweese and also farmed before moving to Manson, Wash. where he owned apple orchards. Their children were Inez, Gerald, Laura, Lowell, Delbert and Dorothy.

Katie married Harmie Trobough. They farmed east of Deweese. Margaret and Carl were their children.

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

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

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

Submitted by Lulu Brower Stahnke, granddaughter

## NEBRASKA



1914 D. A. KEENEY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY. SITTING MR. AND MRS. KEENEY (FRONT L to R) CHAS BROWER HOLDING THERA, NELLIE, JESTER, LAURA OLDHAM, MRS. BERT REEVES, MRS. BOB ADAMSON, NAN STATLER, MRS. JENSEN, MRS. BRADLEY, MRS. BARRACKMAN, MRS. JOHN LOGAN, JUDGE JOHN LOGAN. 2<sup>ND</sup> ROW (L to R) NETTIE BROWER HOLDING LULU, MRS. NEL NORRES, ED KEENEY, MRS. ED KEENEY, MOLLY KEENEY, KITTY SWEeley, UNIDENTIFIED GUEST, MRS. ANDERSON, MRS. SWANK DAVIS, MRS. WILL WATTS, MRS. FRANK DAVIS, MRS. JOHN COOK, UNIDENTIFIED GUEST. BACK (I TO R) WILL NORRIS, HARMIE TROBOUGH, KATIE TROBOUGH, BLANCHE MANNING, ERNIE KEENEY, MIKE SWEeley, MRS. JESTER, UNIDENTIFIED GUEST, MRS. ANDERSON, ROB ADAMSON, WILL WATTS, JOHN COOK, BERT REEVES, HENRY KEENEY

### Patrons

IOWA: Jeanne Roller, Clinton; John Keeney, Keokuk  
 OHIO: Amos L. Keeney, Ironton; Naomi Samples, Hamilton  
 VIRGINIA: W. Robert Keeney, Accomac; Vicie W. Fowler, Roanoke  
 MISSOURI: S.D. Keeney, Ballwin  
 ILLINOIS: Susan DeRam, Libertyville  
 WEST VIRGINIA: Mildred Keeney, Belle; George Keeney, Hurricane

CALIFORNIA: Trudie Richie, Orange; Iris C. Priddy, Bakersfield  
 FLORIDA: Charles V. Keeney, Jr., Green Cove Springs  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Patricia B. Austin, Laceyville  
 CONNECTICUT: Blanche Keeney Stephens, New Britain

A total of \$195 received from these patrons completely pays for the June issue and provides the down payment for this issue, plus the enthusiasm.

The editor has made trips to Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois in 1988.



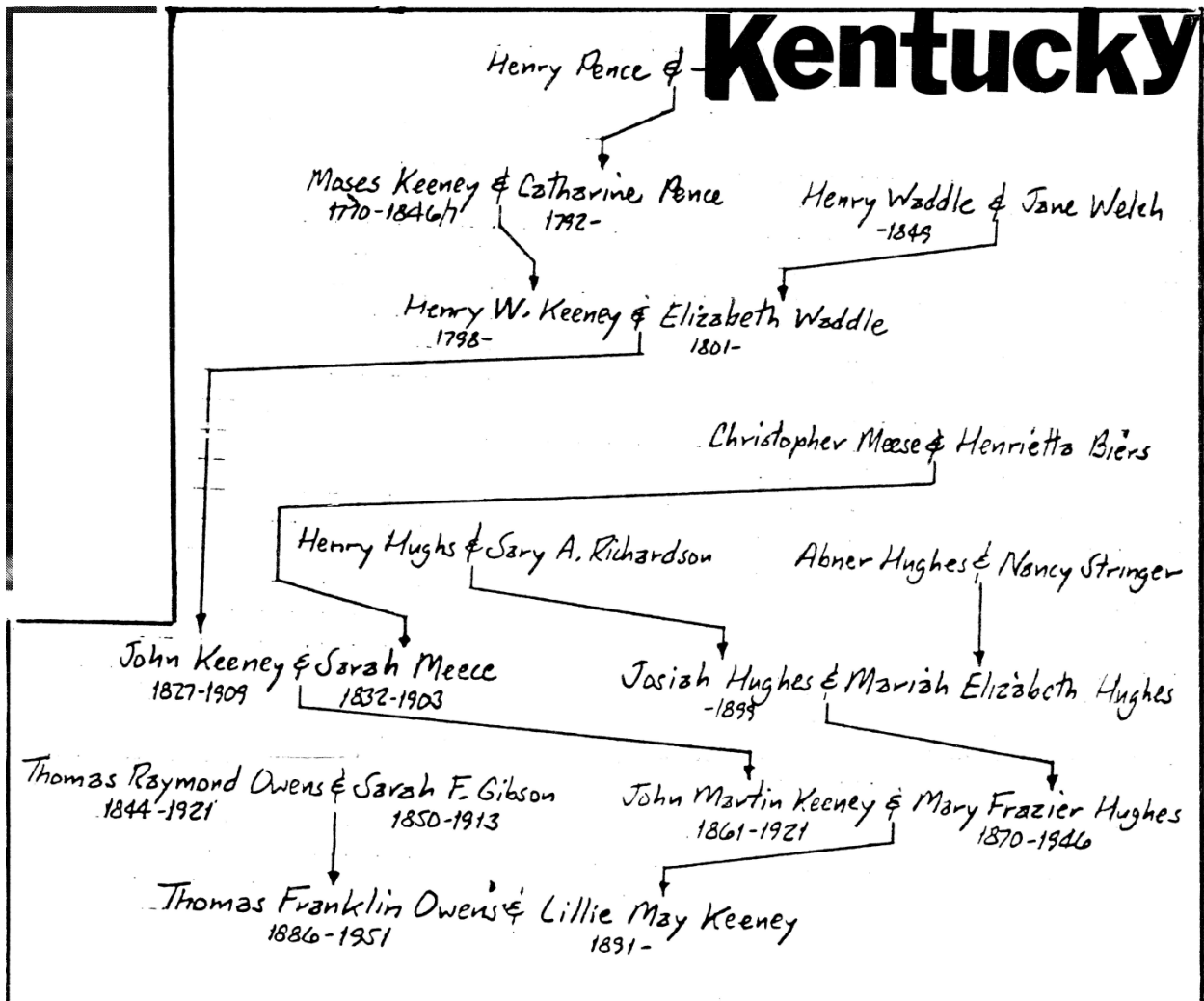
### WITCHER, WV

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

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



Amos L. Keeney, son of CLARENCE 178-1938 & Margaret Willis Keeney 1881-1936; Great-great grandson of MICHAEL & CATHERINE LEWIS KEENEY & VIRGINIA LEE SISLER KEENEY 12-16-1916; married Jun 1 1938 (Picture taken in Ironton, Ohio)



Know all men by thies Present that I John Hingcade  
 my heirs and assign do promise to pay or cause to be paid  
 unto Francis Pinnell or order the sum of sixty hundred  
 Pounds of Sault Delivered at or near Lewisburg in Greenbrier  
 County for his Right to the mill <sup>and Place</sup> where he now lives  
 fifteen hundred weights to be paid before the 25 of December  
 1811 and fifteen hundred weight by the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May in  
 1812 and fifteen hundred weight more by the 25 of December  
 in 1812 and fifteen hundred by the first day of May in  
 1813 the said place above mentioned is to stand as Security  
 for the above ~~Debt~~ Payments as wit nees my hand and  
 seal this 26 of October 1811  
 attst by \_\_\_\_\_

Moses Keeney  
 his  
 John Keeney  
 Clerk

John Hingcade *(Seal)*

An autograph of your great great grandfather? Or great great great? Here it is if you are in any of the Kanawha Co., WV Keeney branches or Brawleys or Snyders of Kentucky/Ohio offsprings of John C. Keeney. Moses, brother of the David who married Peninah Bailes (this Issue) and wife, Frances Harris Keeney and family settled on Cabin Creek in about 1812 and became engaged in lumbering and river transportation, as well as farming.

**THOMAS H. KEENEY FAMILY SUPPLEMENT**



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

After visiting Catlin, God's Acre and other cemeteries, fourth generation Keeney relatives and the excellent Danville Library in July, your editor has concluded that Thomas H. Keeney (p.36) should be listed in 2,597 KEENEY RELATIVES with the David Keeney family on Page 126.

The UPDATE for those interested:

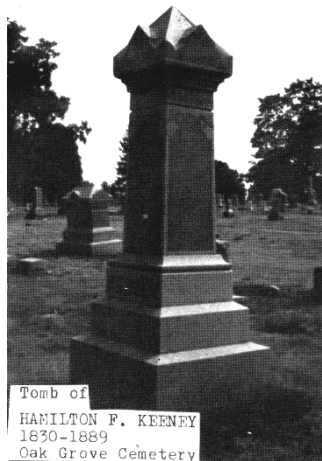
1. JOHN KEENEY, b.c.1715; wife: Catherine; Greenbrier Co. Court record 20 June 1791 John Keeney is discharged from paying county and parish levys on account of age and infirmities
2. DAVID A. KEENEY, b.1765; mar. Peninah Bailes 4-4-1788; Greenbrier Court record 22 June 1819; Deed of release from David Keeney and Peninah, his wife, to Thomas Frazer, admitted to record
3. THOMAS HICKLEN KEENEY, born 3-12-1803 in Greenbrier Co., VA, died 3-7-1880 (family Bible) m Elizabeth Caraway, born 3-31-1810 in Greenbrier Co., died 8-8-1878 (family Bible) (parents: Charles & Elizabeth Caraway, buried at God's Acre)

DESCENDENTS

4. HAMILTON FRANKLIN KEENEY, born 1830 in VA; d. 5-24-1889; never married: Oak Ridge Cem., Catlin
4. DAVID KEENEY, b. 2-14-1832 in IL d. 11-6-1858 at age 26; God's Acre m Hannah Love on 4-30-1854, born 1834; widow in 1870 census
5. LEILA M. KEENEY, b. 1857 m. Daniel W. Salmons 3-11-1880
4. JOHN A. KEENEY, b. 10-17-1833, d. 3-26-1853 at age 19; God's Acre
4. LUCRETIA V. KEENEY, b. 8-4-1835 in IL; d. 1-7-1882; never married
4. JAMES THOMAS KEENEY, b. 7-12-1837 d. 9-7-1878 at age 41; farmer, buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Catlin m. Harriett Angeline Douglas (b. 1842 -1896) (2) she married William T. Miller (b. 1841) 2-13-1884
5. CHARLES C KEENEY, b. 7-1862 m. Mayme Frazier in 1900 in Vermilion County; no children
5. WALTER SCOTT KEENEY, b. 8-1864, d. 1938; farmer and stockman m. Laura Driscoll (b. 8-1875 in IN d. 1951) in 1893 in Vermilion Co.
6. INEZ KEENEY, b. 9-1894 m. Marion B. Stine
7. LAVERNE STINE



THOMAS H. & ELIZABETH C. KEENEY tombstone at God's Acre has been toppled over the years.



Tomb of HAMILTON F. KEENEY 1830-1889 Oak Grove Cemetery

7. FLOYD STINE
7. RAYMOND STINE – died young
7. CURTIS LEE STINE – died young
6. HERMAN FLETCHER KEENEY, born 1-1-1902 (see biography) m. Jane Squires on 6-12-1926
7. JOHN FLETCHER KEENEY, born 3-30-1928 m. Nadine Elliott, b. 6-26-1929
8. DEBORAH JANE KEENEY, born 11-22-1948 m. Terry Shelley
9. ERIN KAY SHELLEY 8-17-1977
8. MARSHA ANN KEENEY b. 11-12-1952 m. Roy Clifton
8. RICHARD ALAN KEENEY, b. 5-6-1955
8. BRIAN SCOTT KEENEY, b. 5-13-1959
5. CLARA E. KEENEY, B. 12-13-1866, d. 6-10-1958 at age 91-5-27; Oak Ridge Cemetery m. William A. Schecter (b. 9-27-1865 died 2-



Son, Joseph and names of other children on this stone at God's Acre

- 10-1900), married 8-26-1884
- 6. EUGENE SCHECTER, b. 10-1886
- 6. RUBY SCHECTER, b. 9-1888
- 6. VIRGIL SCHECTER, b. 2-1890
- 6. WALTER SCHECTER, b. 1-1892
- 6. PAUL SCHECTER, b. 2-1894
- 6. GRACE SCHECTER, b. 11-1895
- 6. HAZEL SCHECTER PARKER, b. 11-25-1898, d. 11-9-1933
- 5. JOSEPH F. KEENEY, b. 9-7-1869 at Catlin, d. 7-16-1936; buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery m.



JOSEPH F. & HARRIETT ANN MOTZ KEENEY  
(1869-1936) (1865-1945)



ELMER L. & ESTHER LEONE KEENEY CRAWFORD  
and children: Charles, Helen, Margaret

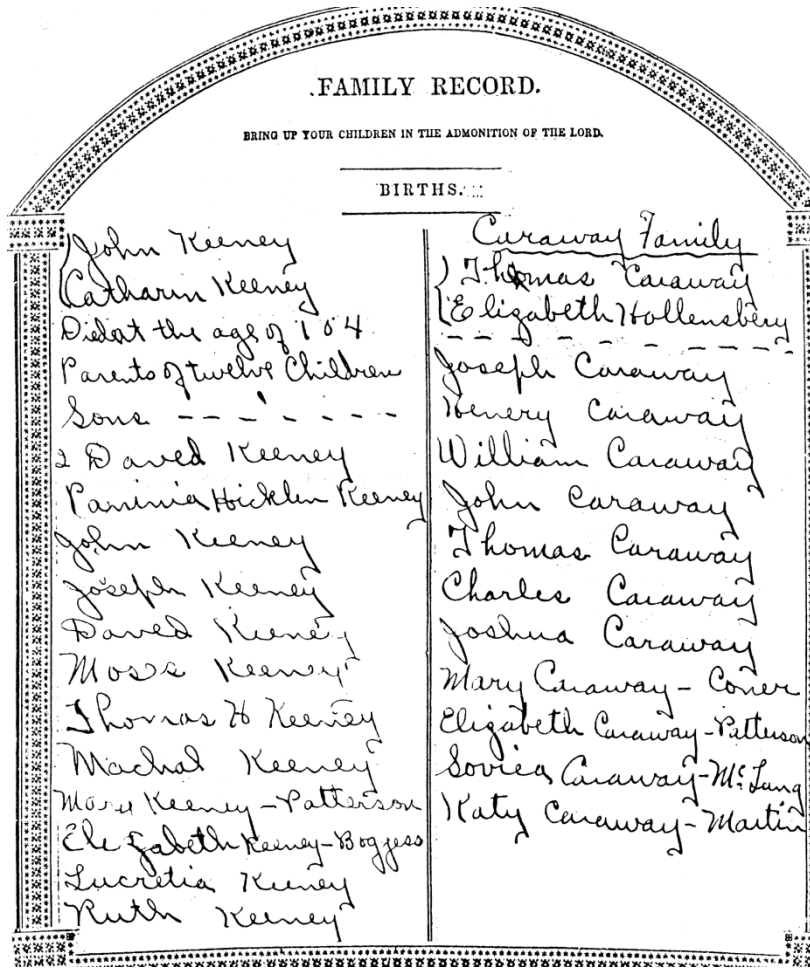
- Anna L. \_\_\_\_\_ (1874-1893), died of TB; m. Harriett Ann Notz (b. 10-24-1865 in Ohio, d. 10-31-1945), Married 8-25-1896
- 6. ESTHER LEONE KEENEY, b. 10-24-1897, d.1-1974 m. Elmer L. Crawford b. 4-27-1897; served in France in 1918, WWI; died when struck by lightning 8-4-1923; m. Harry Ludwig (b. 9-27-1896) on 7-17-1948
- 7. CHARLES CRAWFORD, b. 11-6-1918, d. 7-21-1921
- 7. HELEN CRAWFORD, b. 7-26-1920 m. John W. Chestnut (d. 1950); m. Byron Woodrum on 7-23-1972
- 8. TERESA CHESTNUT m. Quentin Wilmot on 6-15-1968
- 9. ERIN WILMOT, b. 5-17-1982
- 7. MARGARET CRAWFORD, b. 12-7-1923; nurse cadet in WWII; retired from career in nursing 1987; lives in Danville, IL
- 6. HARRIET ANGELINE KEENEY, b. 3-17-1902, died 3-10-1977 m. Herbert E. Morgan (b. 12-1-1896)

Family as listed in 1977 book:

- 7. BERTHA MORGAN, b. 9-5-1921 m. W.D. Walker (b. 3-2-1932)
- CAROL WALKER, b. 5-28-43, m. Rex Hudson, b. 4-40
- REGINA 6-16-64, JEFF 7-10-65, ANGELA 6-21-70
- JENNIE WALKER, b. 5-5-42, m. Doug Hendrickson, b. 2-8-40; JACQUI 12-10-6, BRENT 12-3-63, DAVID 9-26-65
- DONNA WALKER, b.12-27-48, m. Max Hudson, b. 2-47
- GINGER 1-19-71, PENNY 5-13-74
- 7. BEULAH MORGAN, b. 6-30-1923 M. Glenn Stockton (b. 1-17-1916)
- JOHN STOCKTON, b.2-9-47
- RONALD K.STOCKTON, 4-23-53, wife: Marcia Ann, b. 9-22-53, ERIC MATTHEW 7-14-75
- STEPHEN STOCKTON, b. 11-20-54, wife: Sheryl Gaye 5-5-54, KYLE JACOB 2-10-77
- MARSHA ELLEN STOCKTON, 11-12-58, M. Jim Rinkle
- 7. HERBERT ALAN (BUD) MORGAN, b. 9-30-1925 m. Marianne Gentry (b. 9-17-1933)
- SHERRI ANN MORGAN 9-23-59
- 7. RAYMOND GENE MORGAN, B. 3-30-1929 m. Mary Elizabeth Marshall (b. 12-21-1932)
- MARY JANE MORGAN 6-22-50, m. Daniel McIntyre (b. 7-1-45) LISA JANE MCINTYRE 11-10-76
- LARRY GENE MORGAN, b. 5-4-1951, m. Ann Morgan (b. 9-12-51), MATTHEW ALAN MORGAN 11-22-75
- CAROLYN SUE MORGAN, B. 10-21-52, m. Allen E. Lewis (b. 2-21-50), CHRISTINA SUE 11-6-74, ALLEN EDWARD 7-26-76
- 7. JOAN MORGAN, b. 2-23-1932, m. Thomas C. Hepburn (b. 9-26-27), TOM GALE 5-11-54, KIM HINTZ 12-30-56, MARK ALAN 7-12-57, JOE C. 1-25-66
- 7. DALE MORGAN, b. 6-9-1935, m. Dorothy L. Spencer (b. 10-20-35), PHIL 11-16-56, DON 8-18-68, TERESA 10-8-59, DELORES 1-21-61, DEANA 4-5-62
- 7. EARL MORGAN, b. 6-22-1937, m. Eileen Nicholson (b.12-9-37), DARREL 3-14-58, LISA 4-28-58, BRIAN 7-6-60, MONI 3-8-66
- 7. ROBERT DEAN MORGAN, b. 11-21-1919, m. Bonnie Jean Porter (b.8-17-41), SCOTT EDWARD 7-11-61, AMY LYNN 5-25-63, TODD EARL 12-9-64, MARTIN WAYNE 2-19-67

- 5. DALE P. KEENEY, B. 3-10-1871, d. 2-18-1933; active in KKK and buried in Klan robe; m. Mary Evalina Olehey in 1899; (b. 8-17-1874, d. 2-27-1956) No children
- 5. THOMAS A. KEENEY, b. 1875, Co. 8, 125<sup>th</sup> Illinois Inf. Veteran's section, God's acre
- 5. ROSE D. KEENEY (1879-1951) m. Robert B. Walker (1874-1965) in 1898; Oak Ridge Cemetery
- 6. EDWARD WALKER (1899-1904)
- 6. GRACE WALKER (1913-1918)
- 6. R. VAUGHN WALKER (1905-1971) wife: Doris E. (b. 1917)
- 4. WILLIAM FLETCHER KEENEY, born 10-1-1843; d. 3-24-1918; listed in 1900 census with wife and two servants m. Mary Adeline Richards (born 7-16-1850 in Floyd Co., IN d. 12-7-1916
- 4. MARY E. KEENEY, b. 1-14-1846, d. 11-11-1846; God's Acre
- 4. AMANDA KEENEY, b. 1849 m. Joseph M. Jeffries (b. 185) on 10-14-1880 by W. H. Davis; m. George W. Carnes (b. 4-1834) in 1892; lived in Catlin
- 5. JESSIE G. JEFFRIES, b. 11-1880





**FAMILY BIBLE:**

This family Bible, now held by Joan Morgan Hepburn, of Springfield, IL. It was first used in an Episcopal Church and was sold for \$4.50 in 1841. Owned by Hamilton Keeney, probably until his death in 1889, the Bible has been passed from generation to generation. The Caraway and Keeney families were close neighbors in Greenbrier Co, VA, according to voluminous court records.

**Herman F. Keeney**, who is principal of Catlin Township High school, is among the representative young men of Vermilion County. He was born at Catlin, January 1, 1902, the son of Walter Scott and Laura (Driscoll) Keeney.

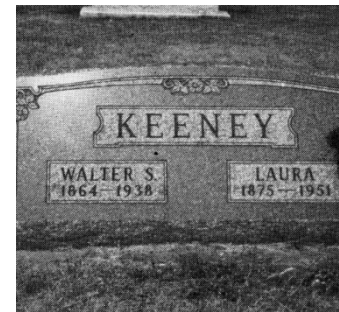
Walter Scott Keeney is a native of Catlin, born in August, 1864. His wife was born in Indiana. Mr. Keeney is numbered among the most successful farmers and stockmen of Vermilion County. He is a Republican, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney have two children: Inez, married M.B. Stine, lives at Danville, and they have four children, LaVerne, Floyd, Raymond, and Curtis; and Herman F., the subject of this sketch.

Herman F. Keeney attended the public schools of Catlin and entered the University of Illinois after his graduation from Catlin Township High School in 1921. He completed his university work in 1925 and began his teaching career at Reddick, Illinois, where he remained for two years as a teacher of agriculture. During 1927-29 he taught agriculture and science at Catlin Township High School, and in 1929 was appointed principal of the school. In 1929 he took post graduate work in education at the University of Illinois. While a student at the University of Illinois he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, and received the commission of second lieutenant. In 1928 he was appointed first lieutenant and assigned to the Three Hundred Twenty-fourth Tank Battalion, Eighty-Sixth Division.

On June 12, 1926, Mr. Keeney was united in marriage with Miss Jane Squires, the daughter of Brice and Ada (Hodson) Squires, residents of Catlin. Mr. Squires and his wife now reside in Catlin. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney have a son, John Fletcher, born March 30, 1928.

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

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



**WILLIAM F. KEENEY**

William F. Keeney, a prominent and well known resident of Vermilion county, was long actively identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired in Carlin. His birth occurred in Catlin Township, this county, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 1843, his parents being Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Caraway) Keeney, both of whom were natives of Greenbrier County, West Virginia. They came to Vermilion County in 1831 and bought school land, erecting a log cabin thereon. Here they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives and in their passing the

community lost two of its most honored and respected pioneer settlers. They became parents of nine children but the only survivor of the family is the subject of this review.

William F. Keeney attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education and lived with his parents until they were called to their final rest. He then took charge of the old homestead farm in Catlin township and the property is still in his possession. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active business career and eventually brought him the competence that now enables him to spend the evening of life in honorable retirement. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1909, he has made his home in the village of Catlin, having there erected a fine residence. His property holdings embrace five hundred acres of valuable land in this county and also a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Meade County, Kansas. He is likewise identified with financial interest as the vice president of the First National Bank of Catlin and is also a director of the bank at Oakwood, this county.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 1880, Mr. Keeney was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Richards, a native of Indiana and a daughter of James and Mary (Kepley) Richards, who were like wise born in the Hoosier state. They came to Vermilion County, Illinois, after the close of the Civil war and passed away in Georgetown. Their children were twelve in number.

### KEENEY

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



### Nitro man killed in U.S. 60 wreck

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

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

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

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

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

Surviving wife, Helen Keeney Cline, son, Robert Lee of Bloomington, Minn.; daughter, Marie Fought of Huntington; sisters, Rosie Keeney of Belle, Essie

Hutton of Atlanta, GA, Fannie Pittman of Columbia, MD; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren.

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

### William Chester Milam Sr.

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

He was a former resident of South Charleston, WV, where he was a shift supervisor for Union Carbine. He was a native of Raleigh County, WV. He was a member of Victoria Baptist Temple where he was a member of the board of directors.

Surviving wife, Anna Fout Milam of Victoria, daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Taylor of Fort Lavaca; son, William Jr. of Austin, sisters, Mrs. Hattie Smith of Glasgow, WV, Mrs. Flora Matthews of Chattanooga, TN; Mrs. Stella Jarrett of Glen, WV; brothers, Virgil of Williamson, NC, Delles and Paul, both of Belle, WV; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Colonial Funeral Home, Victoria, with Rev. J.V. Helms officiating. Memorials may be sent to the Arthritis Foundation, 4107 Medical Parkway, Austin, Texas 78567.

### Thurston Morton Keeney

CALABASH, N.C.-Thurston Morton Keeney, 69, of Calabash, formerly of South Charleston, WV, died July 6, 1988, in Brunswick Hospital, Shallotte, after a long illness.

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

Surviving wife, Helen, daughters, Mary Rowland of London, KY, Frances Krom of Denver, CO; sons, Philip of Grand Rapids, Mich., Michael of South Charleston, mother, Mary E. Keeney of South Charleston, six grandchildren.

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



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



## CREIGHTON KEENEY FAMILY (OHIO)

Parents: Joshua and Minerva Keeney

Grandparents: William H.C. & Mary Keeney

5. CREIGHTON KEENEY, b. 1857, d. 1932 married Ida Parson (b. 1880, d. 1954)

### CHILDREN

- 6. NAOMI KEENEY (died 1977) m. Charles Burns; lived at Wheelersburg, OH
- 6. MARY KEENEY, b. 1896; lives in Columbus, Ohio at age 92 m. George Logan
- 6. ORVILLE KEENEY-died in 1939 m. Ina Messer
- 6. HENRY KEENEY, b. 1899, d. 5-17-1968; C&O Railway employee; lived at Greenup, KY m. Sophie Stewart (b. 9-3-1903, d. 12-12-1987), married in 7-1926
- 7. NORMA JEAN KEENEY, b. 1927 m. Dr. Tom Kirby (died in 1969), m. Jim Lush
  - 8. JEFF KIRBY, b. 10-1-1955 Louisville, KY; dau.: Susan, age 3
  - 8. JAMES CREIGHTON KEENEY, b. 1958 U.S. Air Force, Phillipines
- 7. NAOMI VIVIAN KEENEY, b. 3-3-1929, d. 11-1986
- 7. WALTER STUART KEENEY, b. 2-20-1931 m. Freda Ratcliffe (b. 2-1-1936 in Russell, KY) on 1-4-1953
  - 8. BARBARA KEENEY, b. 3-5-1954 m. Darryl Oney-reside in Raceland, KY
  - 9. JASON ONEY, b. 2-21-1974
  - 9. JERRI ONEY, b. 1-6-1977
- 8. WILLIAM THOMAS KEENEY, b. 10-1-1955 m. Connie Sue Daniels on 7-1-1977
- 8. U. BETH KEENEY, b. 6-21-19958 m. John Hall-lives in Orlando, FL
- 8. LAWRENCE KEENEY, b. 7-9-1959
- 8. ELLEN S. KEENEY, b. 5-12-1962 m. Phillip Douglas-Winchester, KY
- 7. CARROL KEENEY, b. 12-1933 m. Roy Abdon-lives in Greenup, KY
  - 8. DAVID ABDON, b. 1951 daughter: Marty, b. 1971
  - 8. TONY LEE ABDON, b. 1957, mm. Pam Booth
  - 9. JOE HENRY ABDON, b. 5-1986
  - 9. HOLLY ABDON, b. 7-1987
- 6. ROBERTA KEENEY – died 1970 m. Walter Perry
- 6. OLIVE KEENEY – killed in auto accident in early 1930's at age 19

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

From Catherine T. Pyle, 120 NE 18 St., Delray Beach, FL 33444:

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

ALICE COLFAX KEENEY died in Conn. 1682-83. Alice came with her family in a crude sailing vessel from England bringing with them food and household goods. Children who came with them were, Alexander, Jr. (Alex) age 4, Sarah and Thomas, twins, age 2, and Joseph, 8 yrs. The voyage took several weeks and passenger list included many other families searching for religious liberty and better opportunities for living and education. Three more children were born after reaching Conn. Lydia, 1669, Ebenezer in 1671 and Richard in 1674. Richard is the one to whom the Simon Keeney family traces back. Alexander Sr. paid taxes in 1673. Amt. is 25.7 ½ ¢ to buy land from the Indians. His son, Alex, Jr. drew Lot 36, amt. to 94 ½ ¢ an acre. 47 ½ sq. rd. from land bought of the Sachems, along the Conn. River. He and others petitioned the General Court for permission to "Erect a plantation in Wabaquassit Co." in 1682. He died in 1682, leaving seven children and an estate of 86£.

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

Richard, the youngest child of Alexander and Alice Colfax has a son, Richard II, who had a son, Simon 1<sup>st</sup>, born 1737. He died in 1809 in the Keeney Settlement, Pa. married Margard Keeney, from E. Hartford, Conn. Simon was a Revolutionary War soldier, a Captain.

Other Notes: Selah Hurbart (Mother was a Keeney) and wife was Agnes Woodruff. Thomas Keeney, Jr. was Grandfather of the Bishop. John Keeney was first white child born in "the valley" Oct. 16, 1797 and the wedding of Lydia Keeney and Abel Webster was the first marriage. Their son, Lewis and his family were famous for their musical ability. Only a trail through the valley until 1800 when a road was surveyed from Cortland through Fabius to Pompey.

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

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

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

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

Simon Keeney 1<sup>st</sup> and Margaret Keeney's children were:

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

Simon II was born in 1776 in E. Hartford, Conn. In 1740; died in 1817 in the Keeney Settlement, (Fabius). Simon II married Polly Bates.

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

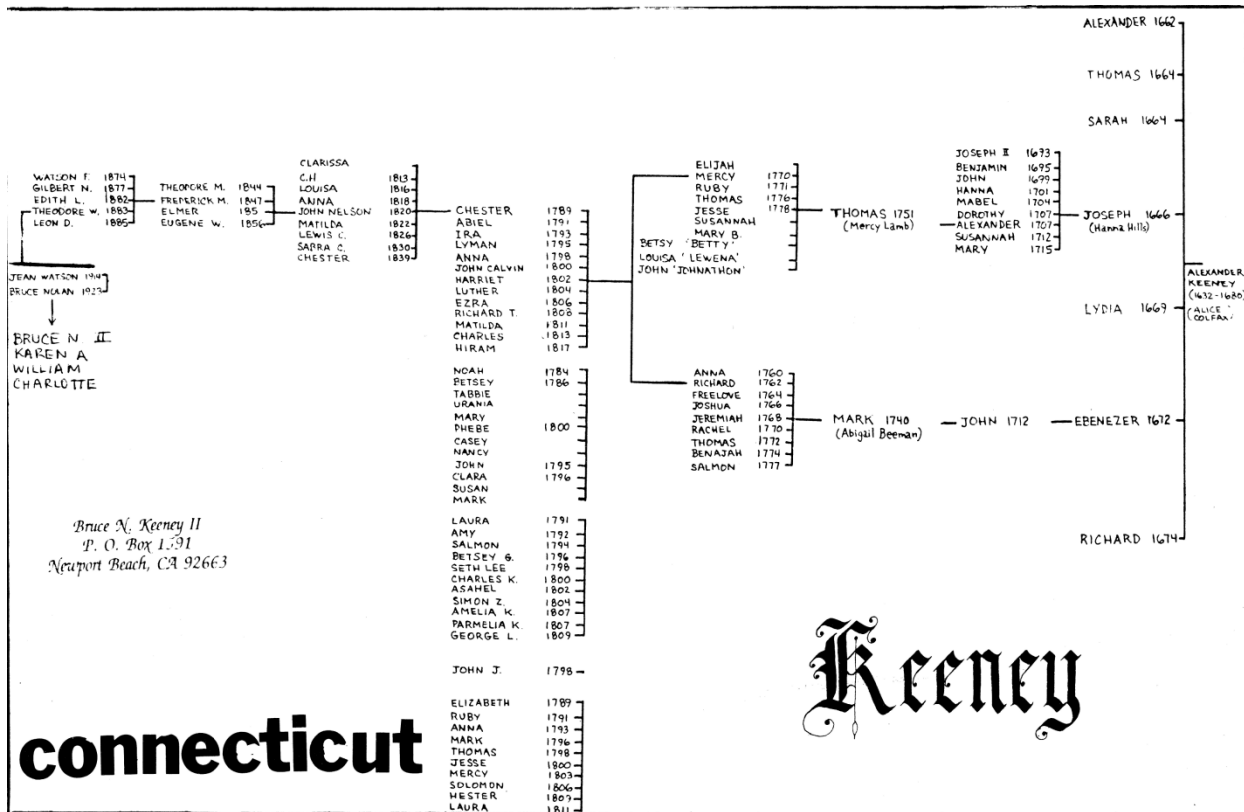
Polly Fox married Seabury Brown in 1809. Their children were Elmira, born in 1810 and who married Thomas Keeney, Jr. in 1828.

Other Notes: Amy Tompkins, born 5-2-1815, married Clinton Keeney. He died 8-12-1874.

Children: Lavisa, John, Mary and David

Solomon Keeney was elected a Commissioner in 1818.

Thankful Keeney married Jonathan Webster; two children, Thankful II and Jerry Webster. Thankful I was the daughter of Simon Keeney and Margard or Margaret.



**W.II. Keeney**, physician, Linden, is a native of Montgomery county and son of Dr. Henry and Polly (Hughes) Keeney, who were married in 1832, and have six living children: John, James, Louisa D., Burhanna, Urial V. and William II. In 1829 Mr. Keeney's father came from his native state, Kentucky, at the age of eighteen, and settled in Crawfordsville, where he read medicine, and began to practice in 1846. Two years after he located in Linden, where he has since pursued his profession with success, and is the oldest practicing physician in this section. His paternal grandparents were James and Caron (Harbott) Keeney, the former being a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Tennessee. His great-grandfather, Mosses Keeney, came from Germany at a very early day. Mr. Keeney, in his boyhood manifested a liking for the study of medicine, which his father encouraged. For several years he spent most of his time in his favorite pursuit. In 1872 he graduated at the Old School Medical College, Indianapolis, with the honors of his class, and is now located in Linden, practicing in partnership with his father. He is a young man in his profession, of energy, earnestness and ability. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and Masonic orders. From HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA, H.W. Beckwith (1881)

