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Keeney Update

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TENNESSEE MARRIAGES/Anderson Co.

- Calvin T. Keeney & Mary K. Bootright 6-27-1847
- James Cooper to Levina Keeney 7-5-1842
- Tucker W. Page to Sarah Keeney 9-14-1833
- Jona L. Keeney to Grandison Queener 7-4-1841
- Jackson H. Keeney to Polly Abbray 3-9-1843
- Washington Thompson & Elinder Keeney, married by Michael Keeney (JP) 11-6-1841
- Catherine Keeney & John Thompson 3-20-1845, by Michael Keeney (JP)
- Elizabeth Ann Keeney & James N. Parker, married 4-5-1846 by Sabret Rich
- William Keeney & Penny Levi 11-21-1835
- E. L. Keeney & A. McCoy 11-27-1843 by S. Rick
- A. E. Keeney & Jacob Lovely 3-29-1851
- William C. Keeney & Elizabeth Wallace, wed on 6-16-1858 by G. W. Thompson (JP)
Campbell County
- Joseph Keeney & Levina Huff 7-14-1842
- William M. Keeney & A. D. Hall 12-24-1870
- Jackson Keeney & Cynthia A. Huff 10-12-1848
- John L. Keeney & Minerva J. Walker 2-6-1848
- Elizabeth Keeney to C. W. Wood
- Josephine Keeney to Henry Millet
- Mary Emily Keeney to Daniel Wood
- Rita Keeney to Joseph Peterson

NO TRESPASSING AT KEENEY CABIN

Relatives near and far continue to inquire about the Keeney Cabin, located on Blaker's Run, Greenbrier Co., WV. It is still there, as it has been since the 1790's. The only difference is that it is fenced in, surrounded by NO TRESPASSING and NO PARKING signs.

The owner, E. H. Blaker, whose great grandfather was born in the cabin, has given the old mill (located across the road from the cabin) to the state of West Virginia, for moving to Jackson's Mill, the state 4-H camp. The cabin will likely go with the mill if the state appropriates money for moving it. Meanwhile the cabin is off limits.

Blaker writes, "If at any time in the future, I decide to do anything with the cabin or sell the farm, I will let you know. I have recently retired and plan to spend summers at Blaker's Mill - at least for a number of years. You can be assured the cabin will be in good hands."



LEROY M. KEENEY, D.D., and THERESA KNAPP KEENEY

REV. LeROY KEENEY COMPLETES

37 YEARS AT HIGHLAWN BAPTIST

Rev. LeRoy Malcolm Keeney came to Highlawn Baptist Church, St. Albans, WV in January 1949, following a first full-time pastorate at Grantsville, WV, which began after his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY in 1946. The newly organized Highlawn congregation numbered 22.

Thirty seven years, 1,200 members, and untold numbers of baptisms, marriages and sermons later, LeRoy will retire at the beginning of 1986.

LeRoy was born April 2, 1921. His college work was completed at Alderson-Broaddus and Morris Harvey Colleges. On October 28, 1942 he was married to Theresa Kathleen Knapp. To this union were born Rebecca Mansell (9-5-1945 in Louisville, KY), now married to Attorney John Campbell Palmer, and Stanley Davis (6-3-18-1951 at Charleston), married to Martha Ann Kpacas. Stanley is an engineer and Martha a teacher in Chagrin, Ohio.

LeRoy's parents were Flew Davis & Ida Meadows Keeney; grandparents were John S. & Hannah Frazer Keeney; great grandparents were Stires Jade and Mildred Gatewood Keeney, all West Virginians.

LeRoy is also a member of an unusual family, in (continued on back page)

18 MEMORIAN

CLAYTON DOUGLAS KEENEY

born 12-18-1962 at San Francisco, CA, died 7-25-1985 at age 22; graduate of El Camino High School

- parents: Raymond W. and Janet Keeney, South San Francisco
- grandparents: Independence Fugget Keeney & Rita Alexander Keeney (descendant of Jonathan Keeney)
- brothers: Les N. Keeney (wife: Melody Money, son: Brooke Keeney); Gregory L. Keeney (wife: Christine, sch: Noah); Stacy E. Keeney (wife: Helen)
- sister: Kimberly Keeney

Amos Chronicles Family's Roots in Newly Released Book

When Alex Haley's "Roots" was broadcast on television a couple of years ago, the field of family research began to gain wide public appeal, but one Shawnee man had already caught Roots fever.

Gene Amos, president of Amos Family Funeral Home, a third generation business, announced last week the publishing of his new book, "Ancestry From A to Z."

The book which Amos spent countless hours researching at home in the country gave the names from A for Amos and Z for Zell, his wife's maiden name.

Thirteen relatives listed in the

book fought in the Revolutionary War. There are several entries dating back to the 1600's and before.

An example of some of the interesting genealogy which Amos has chronicled is John Wattle who died in 1678. He was killed by Indians during the "King Philip's War" during a raid on Chatham, Ct. when the houses there burned and the people were tortured and slain.

Wattle had settled in the frontier town of Oxnard, Ct., after receiving his freedom from imprisonment after the crushing of England's Oliver Cromwell of the Royalist Army in which he

had served.

Amos writes in preface to the book of the family support he received while writing the book: "My wife, Margaret Zell Amos, has been of great support and patient with me, as we have gone ancestral hunting in the Court Houses for wills and probates and land records, as well as tramping through cemeteries looking for tombstones of our ancestors."

Future generations, as well as current relatives and researchers may very well thank Gene Amos someday for the in-depth information he has dug from the past.

EUGENE PAUL AMOS (b. 20 Aug 1930) is the first child of Edward Paul Amos, Sr. (1907-1977) and Bazel M. Grace Amos (b. 1907), grandson of Iphigene Joseph Crane (1870-1942) and Little Maud Goodale (1873-1954), and great-grandson of Jude Goodale (1843-1927) and Harriet Keeney Goodale.

ANCESTRY FROM A TO Z, an impressive history and genealogy with 509 pages, can be purchased from the author for \$30 a copy at this address: 5925 Bluejacket

Shawnee, Kansas 66203

KENNY UPDATE thanks Mr. Amos for his generosity and permission to reprint some of the material.

Peace on Earth
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

SIR THOMAS KINNE

Baronet of King's Lynn, co Norfolk, England.

The original Kinne Coat of Arms: The letter on the original reads: By the name of Kinne, granted and confirmed 4 Oct 1618, to Sir Thomas Kinne of Norfolk and his descendants of the name.

The English spelling for several hundred years previous is simply KENE, and the Milanian spelling, "CINERAD" (d is silent), for instance, "CIL-CINERADI"; Kil Kenney, Cel Hall was the home of Cinradh or Kennee. This CINERAD was the first written form of the family name, as yet found.

JOHN KENNY - a son of Thomas Kinne

KENNY b 8 July 1623, King's Lynn-dpt 3 May 1624 Leyden

Holland where his parents had gone to escape religious persecution, as they were Puritans. Settled in Salem, VA d 19 June 1696, Newbury m Ann ()

His name first appears in Roxbury, 21 June 1639, when Henry Kennings, apprenticed to Wm. Park by Vincent Potter, who was presumably a relative, and who brought him from Holland in May 1635, by way of London on ship "Elizabeth and Ann", which sailed for the New World 29 Apr of that year.

The name appears in early colonial records under various spellings: KENNY, KENE, KENNE, KENNYRY, KENNEY, KENNEE, KINE, KENNE, etc. In a deed given by Henry Kinne, the name is spelled six different ways in the same document.

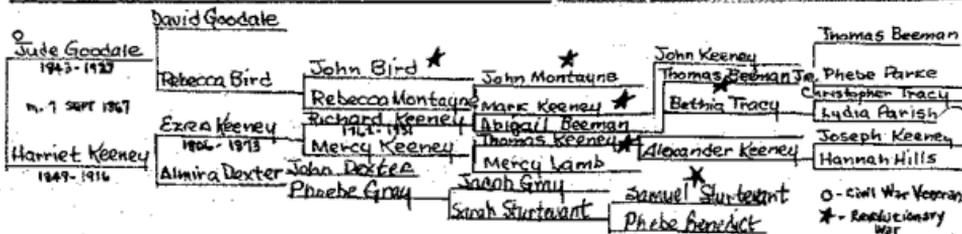
As Henry Keny he appears in Ipswich, MA records in 1648. In Salem vital records, his name appears twice as Kenney; as signor of a court petition in Salem Village, 10 Oct 1667, as Henry Kaine



Jude Goodale & his wife, Harriett Keeney Goodale, about 1915 with "old Hulda"



Francis, Nellie, John, Tom & Hazel Grand



ALEXANDER

b ca 1625-34, probably England d 1680 (Estate inventoried 1 Oct 1680) Wethersfield m at least once to Alice () widow of William Colfax of Wethersfield, in ca 1661. (Public records of Colony of CT 2:520) Freeman of Wethersfield 1657. Alice Colfax Keeney's children by her first marriage included: John, March and Jonathan Colfax, born between 1654 and 1658 in Wethersfield.

His name first appears in the Wethersfield Town Records in March 1666/7, when he was granted a piece of land for a home lot on the west side of Midd. road, a little below Goffe's Bridge. He drew land in 1670 allotment. Alexander's name was on a petition in May 1682 by inhabitants of Wethersfield to the General Court for "liberty to erect a plantation in the Wabaquassit country". This was in the vicinity of the present Township of Woodstock; the tract asked for was an area of ten square miles. The tract was so far north that the petitioners were in doubt whether it would partly fall within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, whose south line was then in doubt. The Wethersfield men did not take up the tract, and it was, in 1684 bought by Capt. James Fitch, of Norwich, from the Indian Oweneo.

He died in 1680 and according to Hartford County Probate Records, the inventory was taken 15 Oct of that year by Nathaniel Borman and John Wolcott. The amount of the estate was estimated at \$26:06:00.

Children:

ALEXANDER (JR.) age 18, b ca 1662 d possibly Fairfield, CT m Hannah Sears
 THOMAS age 16, b ca 1664 Wethersfield, CT went to Elizabeth town, NJ by 1709/1
 SARAH age 16 b ca 1664 (twin of Thomas) m 18 Jun 1682, Thomas Bruer of Glastonbury, CT
 JOSEPH age 14 b ca 1666 Wethersfield, CT
 LYDIA age 11, b ca 1669
 BENJAMIN age 8, b ca 1672 Wethersfield, CT m Mary Colt
 RICHARD age 6, b ca 1674 Wethersfield d by June 1761
 East Hartford m (?) Mary Miles m (2) Eunice (dau of Richard and Beriah (Smith) Fox) widow of John House
 JOSEPH KEENEY (Alexander 1)
 b ca 1666 Wethersfield, CT d 1752/3 East Hartford, CT m Hannah (dau of Joseph Hills
 JOSEPH (JR) b 1 Nov 1693 Wethersfield (?) d 8 Sept 1780 East Hartford, CT m 1742 Ann (dau of William and Elizabeth (Hills) Buckner)
 BENJAMIN b 18 Jan 1695/6 East Hartford
 JOHN b 22 May 1699 East Hartford m (1) Nancy (dau of Samuel and Mary Smith) m (2) after 1749 Sarah (dau of Deacon Jonathan and Esther (Judd) Webster) widow of John Case.
 HANNAH b 6 Jan 1701 East Hartford living 1777 m ca 1723 John (son of John and Mary (Arnold) Risley) b ca 1700 Hartford d between 7 and 11 Nov 1777 (date of Probate) East Hartford.
 MABEL b 25 Nov 1704 living 1774 m 3 Sept 1725 East Hartford m Joseph (son of William and Dorothy (Forbes) Roberts) bpt 11 Aug 1706 Hartford d before 29 June 1774 (will proven)
 DOROTHY b 29 May 1707 living 1776 m (1) Charles Burnham b 23 July 1699 d 26 Dec 1753 East Hartford m (2) after 1755 () Morley ?
 ALEXANDER b ca 1707 East Hartford
 SUSANNAH b at East Hartford say 1712 m 15 Nov 1739 Joseph, Jr. (son of Dea. Joseph and Abigail (Miller) Kellogg) b 8 Aug 1718 Colchester.
 MARY b say 1715 East Hartford m John (son of John Ashcroft, Sr.) b 14 Sept 1696 Stonington, CT d before 7 Jan 1745 (will proven) Hebron, CT.
 ALEXANDER (Joseph 2)
 b ca 1707 East Hartford, CT d 24 Oct 1814 Conventry, CT m Mabel Roberts?
 THOMAS b 10 May 1751 East Hartford, CT

TEXAS COUNTY, MISSOURI
CEMETERIES

(From TEXAS COUNTY CEMETERIES, Volume 1, Boone, Sherrill, Lynch Townships, Copyright 1963; used by permission)
 P.36 KEENEY CEMETERY(?) located Licking MO on land owned by George Keeney:
 GEORGE KEENEY, b.1854, d.1941
 OLARA JANE KEENEY, d.1895, 35 yrs. d. nos.
 LOUIS KEENEY, d.9-1-1892, 4 mos., son of George & Clara, probable brother of:
 HALLIE, d.11-2-1896, 1 yr., 10 mos.
 P.49 SHAFER CEMETERY, Sherrill Township
 ELMER M. KEENEY, b. 1922, d. 1924
 P.56 VAN CLUTE CEMETERY, Sherrill Twp
 PASTY RUTH KEENEY (1930-1991), daughter of Lindsay & Elton Keeney
 LINDSAY KEENEY, b.1900, d.1979
 P.73 BOOME CREEK CEMETERY, Sherrill Twp
 BOBBY JON KEENEY, d. June 6, 1937
 M. LAVERIA KEENEY, b.1881, d.1954
 ROBERT L. KEENEY, b.1874, d.1957
 JULIA KEENEY, b. 1898
 JAMES H. KEENEY, b.1896, d.1944
 P.86493 HICKING CITE CEMETERY, Sherrill
 EMMA K. KEENEY, b.5-12-1870, d.4-17-1999
 DUE KEENEY, b.10-13-40, d.10-22-41
 P.190 PRESSOTT CEMETERY, Lynch Township
 FLORENCE KEENEY, b.10-26-1890, d.10-2-1969
 FRED G. KEENEY, b.12-18-1885, d.1-20-1940
 ELIZABETH K. KEENEY, b.2-25-1890, d.9-5-1926
 HILFORD KEENEY, b.2-4-1848, d.9-14-1935
 APTON KEENEY, b.8-25-1911, d.9-5-1912
 MARTIN W. KEENEY, b.5-24-1916, d.8-12-1916
 FRER E. KEENEY, b.4-19-1910, d.6-14-1914
 MARY ELLEN KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1943
 MARION W. KEENEY, b.1865, d.1956
 ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.5-10-1875, d.6-25-1910, wife of I. M. Keeney
 ELIZABETH JANE KEENEY, b.4-15-1879, died 6-20-1909, wife of Henry Keeney
 ANNE KEENEY, b.8-30-1810, d.1-9-1895
 ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.3-4-1810, d.8-18-1902, wife of Abner Keeney
 FRITH L. KEENEY, b.1-27-1908, d.6-30-1911
 P.124 MITCHELL CEMETERY, Boone Township
 MARY LINDA KEENEY BUCKNER, b.2-20-1921, d.9-15-1943; with James H. Buckner family
 P.10, Volume Five - Oakhill Cem., Piney Twp
 WLOTA KEENEY, b.1900, d.1924
 P.72 SHARK CEMETERY, Piney Township
 BESSIE L. KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1936
 HERT B. KEENEY, b.1875, d.1964
 (Membership inquiries to Texas Co., MO Genealogical Society should be addressed to: Box 12, Houston, Missouri 65403)

BOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY
CEMETERIES

ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 1
 Albert L. Keeney, Jr. 1873, d. 1943
 Albert L. Keeney, Jr. b. 1916, d. 1917
 Ceola (Paul) Keeney, b. 1882, d. 1944
 Geneva A. Keeney, b. 1912, d. 1913
 ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 2
 Adam Keeney, b. 1908, d. 1964
 ASHLAND CEMETERY, Part 3
 Edward Keeney, b. 1876, d. 1945
 Alfred Keeney, b. 1849, d. 1920

CORRECTION: Catherine Keeney (b.1807 in Tennessee) m. John B. Evans (b.1804 in Kentucky, d. Buchanan Co., MO 1881)

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NEWSWALS: Ray & Janet Keeney, GA; Milton M. Keeney, GA; Mrs. W. T. Wilson, WY; Esther G. Keeney, KY; Nimo M. Keeney & Gwen Brockman, WA; Mrs. Norrece Krieger, OK; Margolis E. Jenkins, KS; Vicie W. Fowler, VA; Amelia Palmer, Helen Edmunds, Mrs. C. G. Sommers, E. Phillip Snyder and William H. Keeney, Jr., WV.

Obituaries

Kathleen V. Henaley

Kathleen V. Henaley, 73, of 2007 Virginia Ave. S.E. and living in Merced, California, died of heart illness. She was a retired Kappa Delta County school teacher with 34 years of service. She taught at Western Elementary and Holmes High schools, and was a substitute at Brownsboro Junior High. She was a Boycot and a graduate of Alpha Beta Phi College. She attended New College, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Society.

Burial: Friends: Mrs. Lynn Reed of Missouri, Mrs. Ella Ellinger of Berryville, Mo.; Mrs. Wynne Knight of Cedar Rapids, Ia. graduates; 11 great-grandchildren.

Service will be 10 am, Thursday, at J.E. Jones Funeral Home, 211 E. Main, in Merced. Rev. David R. Park officiating. Burial service will be 10 am, Friday at Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 4-9-95-2765

OLIVIA KENEY

A former resident of Harwood, Mrs. Olivia Grace Keeney, 86, of Charleston, died September 20 in Bass Individual Care Home, Florida, after a long illness.

She was a Baptist and a 25 year resident of the Charleston area.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Joanne Martinson, at home and Mrs. Ross Hamilton, Price, Utah; sons, Dickie, at home.

Kathleen V. Keeney Henaley (6.186, p. 49) was a daughter of Woodford Bowles & Mary Frances Keeney, granddaughter of Robert G. & Mary Jane Bowles Keeney.

Olivia Grace Elkins Keeney was the wife of Frederick L. Keeney (b.5-1-1893 at Athens, O, d.5-3-1964), who was a son of John Keeney & Matilda Joseph Keeney (6.519, p.130)

REV. LEANCY KENEY COMPLETES (continued)

which three elder sisters have celebrated golden wedding anniversaries recently: Lillian M. Keeney & Robert Edwin Douglas (m. 5-3-1929), Mary Bete Keeney & John Wilkes Trum (m. 6-7-1935), and News Francis Keeney & Wirt Bromfield Harmon (married 12-25-1934).

Rev. Keeney plans to remain in the St. Albans area and will serve as interim pastor in churches in the area. He and Theresa can be addressed at 1017 B St., St. Albans, VT 05177.

KENEY, Russell Warren, judge and public official, was born in Ford, Ill. He was the son of Walter Franklin and Keris Ann (Whelan) Keeney. His first personal American ancestor was Alexander Keeney, who came to this country from England before 1666 and settled in Waterford, Conn. From Alexander and his wife, Alice Coffin, the lineage was through Joseph and Hiram Keeney and Alexander and Richard and Oliver Keeney.

Richard and Margaret Porter, Rev. and Mrs. Keeney, and John Duffin and Francis Jane McCoy, the grandparents of Russell W. Keeney. His father was a national organizer and businessman. After completing his preliminary education at the schools in Naperville, Ill., he attended evening classes at the Paul University and graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1919 and in LL.M. degree in 1921. His father's death while Keeney was still in law caused him to accept work with a newspaper and insurance carrier. In 1922 he established a dairy products store in Wheaton, Ill., and in 1924 he became office boy and a year later secretary for Joseph Reus, a Naperville lawyer. He continued in the law noted capacity until completing his law degree at the University of Chicago with a thesis in the practice of law until 1926. He then joined the law firm of Reed, Knack & Keeney, Naperville, and subsequently was a member of the successful firm of Reed & Keeney from 1930 until his election as circuit judge of the 16th Judicial District in 1935. Meanwhile he had been practicing public offices beginning in 1919 as clerk of the Township, Co. Page Co., Ill., and from 1921 to 1926 as justice of the peace there, of the judicial district attorney for the Page County in 1926, he served in that office until 1936 and simultaneously as first assistant state's attorney for the county in 1936 being state's attorney. In 1936 he became special assistant attorney general for the Page County in that year he elected the attorney for the county. He filled the latter office until 1940, when he was elected judge of the County Court of the Page County in an unopposed term, and he was re-elected to that office in 1942, 1944 and 1950.

Elected judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit in Illinois in 1951, he resumed to that bench for three years, resigning upon his election in 1954. He was the 14th Illinois Circuit for 1833, England, where he served until his death. Keeney's judicial distinction he earned, leading his party's judicial legislation with his design for the purpose of the year in the Congressional position and 250,000 votes, compared to his opponent's 65,000 votes.

During his years as attorney and judge, he was successful in bringing to the attention and consideration of the Legislature the need for a judicial system, and in securing the passage of the judicial system and national law reform commission. He was also an active member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Illinois Bar Association.

Robert of Southern and Harold of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; sisters, Faye Rogers of Tyler, Louisiana and Della Stubbfield of Florida; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.



RUSSELL WARREN KENEY 1867-1958

House but was upheld in the U.S. Senate and was included in the bill when it was signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower (4.1). In 1957, Keeney was a supporter of the Family Service Association of the Page County, serving on its executive committee during 1951-53 and as vice-president of the organization from 1953 until his death. From 1946 to 1957 he was president of the De Page County Tuberculosis Association. During the First World War he served as a private in the Student Army Training Corps unit at the Paul University. He was a life member of the Loyd Order of Moose, honorary member of the De Page Order of Redmen and Knights Club of Wheaton, and member of the American, Illinois State and De Page County Bar Associations, Illinois Circuit and Superior Judges Association, State's Attorney Association of Illinois, Illinois County and Probate Judges Association (from 1947-48), De Page County Farm Bureau, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, local United League, the Missouri under 1250 degree, United Knight Templars and the Order of the Eastern Star, BPOE, KODC, Delta Chapter, Phi, the American Legion, and the Kory and Elsie Gardening, reading and playing bridge were his chief recreations. Keeney was married twice (1) to Ella Egan, Ill., Dec. 20, 1926 to Jane (Pearce) Perkins, daughter of Tom Perkins, an Augustan, and had a daughter, Jacqueline, who married Earl Lida Henscheid, (1) at Morris, Ill., Nov. 18, 1934 to Margie (1) Keeney, daughter of James L. Scherer of Chicago, a physician. He died in Wheaton, Ill., Jan. 11, 1958.

WHO BUILT CHICKAMAUGA BRIDGE?

Ann Keeney (b.1804 in MO) died 7-31-1899 in Holt County, MO. As early as 1850 she was listed as a widow in the Missouri census.

Ann's husband, according to daughter Elizabeth Pierce, "built a dam across the Chickamauga River at Paducah, KY, used by Union soldiers during the Civil War."

Children from this marriage were: JOHN KENEY, b.1827 in TN; will states that he went to Oregon.

ELLEN F. KENEY, b.1826 in TN, m. Andrew Napp (or Kopp)12-20-1860 in Holt Co., MO

MARTHA KENEY, b.1829 in TN, m. Heflin/ELIZABETH S. KENNY, b.1832 at Chattanooga, TN

M. Charles Pierce 7-3-1851 in Holt Co., MO

MARTHA KENEY, b.1833 in TN, m. 12-27-1849 to Nathan M. Pierce in Holt Co., MO

ROSEANNA KENEY, b.1834 in TN

CATHARINE KENEY, b.1836 in TN

JAMES R. KENEY, b.7-16-1839 in TN; married Anna Kestock 3-22-1860 in Holt Co., MO

GEORGE KENEY, b. 1840 in TN

Please list KENEY UPDATE know if you have additional information on any of this family and if you can identify the father.