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TRACING GREENBRIER KIN

Asonays from Tenecasco to Indiana from Towa to Idaho, from Masouri to Oregon and points Sctworn trace their ancestry bock to the 1700s in Greenbrich County, then Viginias Promition among the County of the 1700s and the 1700s and 1700s a

From Mistorical documentation passed on by the Montgomery kin, we learn that John Keeny parented 40 acres in the Greechrier region, then Augusta Co., on 25 April 1751; noncher 375 acre land grant followed. His birth date is given as 12 March 1714 in New England.

An old historical map of migration routes over the mountains from Virginia shows the Reeney Fort at Muddy Creek as the first settlement. Nowever, early settlements on Huddy Creek ware wiped out by the Indian uprising of 1763. About 1769 daring settlers returned but it was not until the Section of Poine Pleasant in 1774 has people could dest set. The down the Kanawha by 1782, astracting now sort-lements. Some Keeney families followed:

Some of the older sons of John Keeney fled or were livred by land grants into North Car-olina (which became eastern Tennessee). Only a few stayed after cheap wortern land became awailable. During the American Revolution, son Jonathan served as a soldier and young Kichael, Thomas and David Furnished supplies.

Records at Did Greenbrier Baptia: Church, at Alderson, now 210 years old, show John (David') 38 a member 24 Sept 1820 and his wife was once of the first ones baptized by pioneer minister John Aiderson. To 1791, after many years of hard work, John

and Catherine deeded their 353 acro home in the

Can thinking of voy today because it is Christinas and Lindburger in Christinas and Lindburgers. And fromprow. And fromprow. And fromprow because it will be "the day after Christinas" My thoughts and my wahes will be with you showy. Whosever joy corner to you will make me glob. All though the glob. All though the year. If when you have you will make me glob. All though the year. If when you for your or for the year. If when you fix you will make me glob.

Muddy Creek settlement to the two youngest sons, David and Moses "for parental affection", admonishing their sons "to maintain them". Witnesses to the deed were John Matthews, John Viney and Simon Shoemaker, a neighbor.

It cannot be said this everything was always peaceful on Middy Creek. Court records after 1780 frequently mention Keeney Sanily members often in Cabase filed but more often to serve on the in cabase filed but more often to serve on Thomas Keeney. Keeney was ordered "to find a security for good behavior, to be bound for 100 pounds with the condition that he keep the peace for one year and aday." Interesting was a 20 November 1784 case of John Alderson vs. Thomas Keeney, which was dississed by agreement. On 3 Sept Seeney, which was dississed by agreement. On 3 Sept and Wellinter So Lbs. of the pay John Keeney and Jame McClinter. So Lbs. of the John Seeving and Made McClinter. So Lbs. of the Seeving was days as witheress in a trial.

Of special note on the cost record is the 20 June 1791 notation: JOHN REENEY is discharged from paying county and parish lavys on account of old age and infirmities.

One family Bible states that John and Catherine Keeney had twelve children. Many of their descendents would give a bund: for a complete listing. The following is a reasonable stort:

I. JONATHAN KESNEY (c.1750-c.1845)

Lend grants in Tennessee were made oy North Carolina voti 1800. As a Revolutionity War with he received framt #2255-87 acres in 1788 on the North side of French Brand River. Orcone Cot. Cocke Co. in 1797. John(sthan) Reeney was a member of original group to pick Cocke County seat. 1783 Greene Co. assessor's report showed John with 14 horses, 9 cartle. and 149 pounds. John and Ann (Poets) Johand St. Juleon Baptist 1799. His son Johand Naw Silcensed to preach

1799. His son Jonathan was licensed to preach there. This JOnathan went to Indiana, died in lown, and some family members went to Oregon. II. JACOB KESNEY - member of Capt. Lane's company:

granted 90 acres in Granger Co., TN in 1806
ITI. JAMES KERNEY - Grant of 100 acres, Jefferson

Co. TN in 1800: on select committee on business. Bichond 3 Big Spring Sabrids association meeting Aug 1803 Spring Sabrids association meeting Aug 1803 increason Co. Lax list 1826: Children Alfred m. Wolliam Saden 1837; Ecran. m. Polly More 1833: Nancy, A.John Moore Chambers 1826.

IV. JOHN KEENEY, b. c.1759, m. Mary Sampson 29 Occ 1781 in Greenbrier Co.; died childress

V. MICHAEL KERNEY, b. 1761, p. 1790 of pneumonia at age 29 m. Catherine Lewis, a niece of Gen. Lewis, on 1-11:478; before Pay. John Alderson. Father of John L. S. Willion H. C. Knemey, of Lewishor Co., OH. Indiana, lown and elsewhere: Mary Reeney McRoberts, Fleming Co., KY and points west; and Nancy Keeney MOntgomery, wife of Capt. Heary Montgomery and mother of large. prominent West Virginia family. Upon Michael's early death, Catherine married William Hilliard on 26 February 1793 in Greenbrier Co.

VI. JOSEPH KEENEY, b. c.1763; served 3 yr. as soldier on Virginia line, for which a military warrant was issued 12 Dec 1883: had land claims in Washington & Hawkins Cos. TN in 1772-79 and listed in Greene Co. records 1783; received in Big Pigeon Bactist Church in 1794 by Christian expersence, dismissed 1799; first recorded in Amderson Co.. TN in 1902, whose family members still reside: served as county

URIAS KEENSY FAMILY OFDATS By Richard V. Lee Grandson 9. ORIAS ZARA KEENEY.b.5-4-1874

d.5-1928, m.Martha Pattie Mc-Dove:: (1878-1980) 9-4-1895 10. WILLIAM SARL KEENEY, b. 1:

Sept 1896, d.5-5-1980 in KY;

m.(1)Mildred L.Miller (1898-1976) on 3-8-1916

(2)Esther Louise Sehringer

(b.3-14-1905) 11-11-1941

11. WILCIAM FARL KEENEY, JR.,

b.5-17-1917.d.2-21-1930.Sp.

5-10-1944; lives Ashland, Ky

m. Darrell S.Perkins 4-20-62

12. Deborah Jean Perkins, h.

5-2-63, m. George L.Qualls

13.JOSHUA WAYNE, 5.5-31-84

L3. AMANDA DARSENE, 5.5-4-87

12. DARRELL GENE PERKINS, JR.

THELMA FRANCES KEENEY, DOER

12. PATRICIA SUSAN PERKINS,

12. BEVERLY GAIL PERKINS,

7-12-1899, died 12-1990

m. Earl Kiger 11-21-1953

m. Raigh S. White 1-13-1925

GIS KATHRYN WHITE, D.

2-23-1926; m. Browne B. Bol-

12. 5HIRGN K.BOLTON. b. 12-8-49

m.Gregory A.Aligeier 6-27-70 13. CHRISTOPHER ALLGEIER 13. JEREMY ALIGEIER

12. BRUCE B. BOLTON, b.1-11-54

13. PATTIE CATHERINE KEENEY, b.

1-19-1902; lives in Michigan

1-17-1902; lives in Richigan M. Ivan Richard Lee (5.10 Maž 1895, d. 21 Feb 1975) M. Roo G. Langdon (5. 8 Jan 1893, d. 18 Dec 1990)

11. RICHARD VINCENT LEE, b.

7 Mar 1924; Lives in No

m. Connie Jean Smith 1-29-49

12. RICHARD V.LEE.JR. 1-4-31

Hill Cometery, Charleston

11. GLORIA JEAN REENEY, b.

(b.1964) on 6-4-1982

5.12-10-1966

2.12-13-1967

5.11-3-1974

ton 12-28-1947

13. SHANE ALLGETER

Rose Hill Burial Park

Keeney, Jr. (1790-1843), William S.:1795-1341), James Michael (1796, 849)

VII. THOMAS KEENEY, b. c.1760s. m. 1778 40 Mary Reaves In Bedford Co., VA: Cantain 8th Rqt., Cocke Co., TN 2 Oct 1809; Jefferson Co., TN records show deed for 67 acres for \$1.000 to Thomas Keeney from John Keeney; Thomas Keeney sold 119 acres in 1814-16 to Francis Carter (Jeff. Co.). lived in Indiana, then in Osage, Jackies Co., MO: father of: Michael Egency (? 742 1789, 26 Jul 1849), Nancy (m. James Massey Keeney, and Mary (1818-1875) Kelly, secon wife: Lavinia

VIDI. DAVID KEENEY, b.1765, m. 24 April 1783 to Peninah Bailes by Rev. John Alderson;

road overscer 1803-1808; father of Joseph Group Area Code 304 offers the Valley a different sound

By Mary Coupe METRO STACE

For members of one local band, life has been an odyssey of hotel lounges, church choirs and high school band rooms To the band Area Code 304

these musicians bring the expemences of traveling to shows in an old bus heated by a centrally located coal stove to doing studio work in the burgeoning music city of Toronto

Members and the band's auxiliary members come to the group by way of other states and other hands. Most of them have found their way home to West Virginia after trying their lock on the road or in the studio

The mainstay of the band, Jim Metheny, hails from Witcher Creek and has been a musician for more than 25 years. He handles keyboards and vocals for the band and wrote all the songs on Area Code 304's new casserne "Just Clowning Around."

The band repets rap and "keeps it clean," Metheny said. The cassette contains a mex of ballads, country crossovers and some blues tunes. None of the lyrics would be condemned by Tipper Gore and crew, and that's what Metheny's aiming for.

One of the band's songs is "Old Glory" which was written to protest flag burning and was featured at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in But the band's not all serious.

rether. One song on the latest release, promised in the press packet to be "the biggest hit" on the album, is "The Dog Song The cut, which outlines the struggles of David, Muhammad Ali and a little pekingese, encourages the underdog not to themes

give up the fight. "Welf, the idea just came to me." said Metheny of his inspiration for the song, "It's just about not giving up until you get done with what you're trying to

What Area Code 304 is trying to do now is get its music to West Virginians Metheny save the hand's not interested in other areas, and the way the new cassette is being marketed is proof positive of that.

The release has been offered to state radio stations for airplay, but also to be sold to organizations as a fund-raising device. The tapes currently are available at VFW Post 529 in Witcher and at Dunbar Parks

and Recreation The tane would be suitable for selling at schools and churches. Metheny said, because the sones do not promote drugs, violence,

sex, alcohol or un-America:

"We'll probably outself a lo: of people, with sales in this state," Metheny said. "And this money will belp the communi ty." He hopes to sell about 7.50:

copies of the cassette In the notes to radio station about the recording, Methenreiterates his state ties. "We dinot want to be nationally prom nted" the notes outline. "We d not want to be famous. We don want to travel. We have alread; naid those dues. We are home!"

Area Code 304 keeps busy, but many times it's the core group of White, Anderson, Methens and guitarist Danny Bailey of Reckley that are called upon The bigger contingent is too big or expensive for some bar own

Rusti, singer Zora Lavigne and steel guitarist Randy Mallory both of St. Albans, and saxa phonist Ernie Dunlap of Hurr; cane are auxiliary band mem hers. Most perform regulari. with other bands or have then

own bands Many clubs aren't hirin. bands these days, the member say, because they've been lureby cheaper forms of entertain ment. The band's pet peeve: las er karoke

"Laser karoke, DJs and musimachines have really hurt livbands in the area," Mallory said "I have a big problem with it. . think people will pay a cove charge to hear a live band. think people have trouble wit paying a cover for a disc 100-

But Metheny emphasizes the his group is successful. We never be out of work." he sa confidently.

City View

THURSDAY # DECEMBER 5.

m.Kimberly Ruth Crook 8-6-83 13. CHELSEA ELIZABETH 1-9-86 13. MEREDITH ANN 5-1-87 13. RICHARD V. III 4-16-91 12. DAVID EVERIST LEE 3-28-52 m.Pameia Gail Wiggin 1-26-80

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Jim Metheny, son of Helen Pauline (Bennie) Keency i Tom Metheny, is a great grandson of John S. Keency in the Moses Keeney Kanawha County, WV line. Orders for tapes will be forwarded by KEENEY OFDATE 137 day. deed of release to Thomas Frazer 22 June 1819 from David & Peninah Hicklen Keeney. Greenbrier Co., WV records; family Bible in possession of Thomas Hicklen Keenev family, Vermillion Co., IL lists parents as John and Catherine and names twelve children, including: John D. Keeney(17:5-1855), m.Rachel Burdett in Monroe Co. WV 30 Nov 1812, settled Jackson Co., WV; Joseph Keeney (b.1790), m.Mary McClung on 30 Dec 1328; David A. Keeney (5.6-2-1790, d.6-30-1862, buried on Blaker's Run, in Greenbrier, n. Jane Hunter, of Monroe Co. (3-24-1804,3-4-1878), 11 children; Moses Asbury Keeney (b.1800,d.5-19-1840), m. Phoebe Ann Skeene 12-1-1825; Thomas Hicklen Keeney (b.12 Mar 1803 in Greenbrier, d. 7 Mar 1880 at Danville, Vermillion Co. IL, m.Elizabeth Caravay. 8 children; Mary Keeney (5.1795.d.2-6-1879), m. John Patterson 8-19-1824; Elizabeth Keeney m. David Boggs 31 May 1821; also Michael.

IX, NELLY REENEY, b. c.1760, m. Daniel Mc-

Lucretia, Ruth Keeney

Mullen 14 Feb 1780 X. MOSES KEENEY, b. 1766 in Greenbrier Co., d. in 1840s in Kanawha Co., WV; inherited family farm along with brother David; m.Frances Harris 11 Aug 1789, began purchasing land on Cabin Creek, Kanauha Co. soon after 1810; operated saw mill and river barge business on Kanawha & Chic rivers, along with sons; Children: Fran-ces Keeney (1790-1879), m. William S. Brawley, 8 children; John C. Keenev (b. 1793, lived in Scioto Co., OH in 1870). m. Sarah Elizabeth Farney (1805-1880s), 9 children in OH and KY; David A.Keeney (1794-1860s), m. Catherine Jarrett, 6 children in Kanawha, Boome, Lincoln Cos. WV: Moses Walls Keeney (1797-1890), m. Mary D. Huff, remained on Cabin Greek, 8 children; Michael R. Keeney, m.Elizabeth Satewood (1805-1882, father Ransom Gatewood early WV settler from Amherst Co.VA, 14 children, mostly around Belle, WV: William E. Keeney (1808-1870), buried at Eskdale, Cabin Creek, m. Sarah R. (Sally) Huff (1815-1908), 9 children; Foster H. Keeney (1811-1870s), m. Elizabeth (Eliza) Jane Huff (1815-1864), Kanawha & Boone Cos., WV, B children; Stires Jade Keeney (1813-1860s), m. Milly Gatewood (1813-1860), m.Cynth-

ia Hudnall White in late years: raised family of 11 children along Kanawha R.; Elizabeth Keeney (b.1815), m. Thomas Mc- 11. Dowell, settled in Illinois. Besides the establishment of Reeney's Fort on Muddy Creek, Keeney's Mountain in nearby Summers County got the family name and a nearby Rapids in the New Riv-

er, now famous for white water rafting, was named Keeney Rapids for three of the Keeney brothers. Keeney's Creek, which runs along several nearby Fayette County. WV communities, also still has the family name.

Some speculate that early Kentucky tettlements by Keeneys, coming at the same as the Tennessee settlements, may have been by family members. DANIEL KEENEY received 200 acres in Logan Co., south of the Green River 7 August 1796; Moses Keeney received his first 100 acre grant 15 April 1799 in Lincoln (now Pulaski)Co.

PENNSYI VANIA

Members of the Keeny family have remained very active in the life of the German Baptist Brethren denomination. A son of the immigrant Heinrich Keeny was named John S Keeney (July 7, 1768-June 21, 1848). George N Falkenstein described him as a man of "medium height and weight, a man of considerable ability but of reserved and retiring disposition". In the period from 1800 until his death in 1848, he ministered as a German-language exhorter of the Little Concwago Church. John S Keeney bought a tract of two hundred and fifty-six acres in 1792 in

partnership with Jacob Perry. These brethren paid six hundred pounds for this land which lay along the road betweep Sinsheim and Jefferson, PA. to 1794, John S Keeney became the sole owner of one hundred and eighty-four acres of land in the eastern portion of this tract. The land now borders the community of Jefferson (Codorus), and is nearly within sight of the Chestnut Grove

John S Keeney was married to Magdalena Petry (Oct 10, 1770-July 19, 1828), the daughter of Stephen Petry. Their children were:

Henry (Nov 2, 1793-March 1, 1862) who married Anna Yount, daughter of Samuel and Catharine Eby Young

John P (April 23, 1796-July 24, 1867) who married Elizabeth Wehrley (May 13, 1800-April 9, 1877), daughter of John George and Eve Hoover Wehrley. John F Keeney was elected to the ministry by the Little Conewago congregation on March 28, 1840.

Jacob (Nov 25, 1798-July 26, 1868) was married to Salome Falkenstein (April 6, 1799-Sept 24, 1859). They resided near Glen Rock, PA-

Mary (July 22, 1891-March, 1810) who was buried at the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery

Samuel (Dec 5, 1803-Nov 29, 1884) who was married three times: 1) To Catharine Hoff, 2) To Magdalens Grove (March 28, 1804-May 17, 1830) and 3) To Elizabeth Stouffer Michael (May 24, 1807-April 25, 1850) who married Barbara Bollinger (May 29, 1794-June 27, 1860). Both are buried at

the Chestaut Grove Meetinghouse Cemetery. David / Inly 5, 1813-Nov 4, 1879)

Jonathan (-) who is buried at the Chestnut Grove Church Commercy

After the death of Magdalena, John S Keeney was married to Elizabeth who is buried in an unmarked grave at the Chestnut Grove burial grounds. There was one son to this union. He was named Aaron (Aug 20, 1831-) and continued to reside in the Jefferson area, working his trade as a saddler.

PATRONS

13. DAVID E..JR. 11-18-80 13. MICHAEL JASON 6-10-84 13. JENNIFER GAIL 12-2-89 12. THOMAS EDMUND LEE 9-4-53 m. Neva Wood on 8-16-1980 13. CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN 4-4-84

Michael Messey, Claresont, CA 50: James L. Keeney, Venice, PL 530: Juliana Cole, Bradeason, FL 510: Bus Reeney, Belle, MY 10: Sorth Tates, Whitefish MT 20: George Keeney, Abilenc, TX 20.

12. MARIAN CARROLL LEE 9-24-37 Jim Keeney, recently

retired college dean IVAN CAMERON LEE, b. 23 Mar from Georgia, now living in Florida, has supplied patterns for needlepoint or crossstitch for the KEENEY ramily crest, recently pictured in UPDATE. Those who want a pattern should write to the editor or call

304-346-2036. The pattern was made by Ann Graves Keeney, of Aspen, CC. Jim's daughter. His son and dau. -in-law Rev.Randall & Dana Keeney, are the parents of the first grandchild, PATRICK SIMON, b. 14 July 91

in Georgia

 GREGORY S., JR., b.1983 13. TIFFANI ALEXANDRIA. 5. 12. SHARON LORAINE LEE m...John Evans 13.JESSICA FAITH 5-24-86

URIAS KEENEY (cont'd)

m. Daniel J. Wilson 4-14-1985

13. JEFFREY BARNETT 11-4-86

14. CHRISTOPHER MATHISON

m. Ruth M. LaForce(d.1-1990) 13. JEREMY LES 11-17-76 13. JOSHUA LES 7-3-82

1932, d. 10 Aug 1990

12. SUZANNE LEE BOYES

13. FAWNDA MATHISON

12. RANDOLPH BROOKS LEE

12. GREGORY STEPHEN LEE

13. JILLIAN FAITH b.1981

13. ZAK MATHISON

m. Ronda Lynn Lee

10-1-87

m. Dianna Crimes

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FLM CREEK STOCKADE 1869

This was the first log rabin built in Webster County. Nebrasko. Site families lived in this combined home né Indian szockode for the first two vents after they seited at the headwaters of Elm Greek, near_the protest the of Cowles. They built is in 1869. Ever in langer of Indian attacks they farmed the adjoining countryside and lived inside the stockade with their families and livestock. Henry Keeney, born in this stockade May 13, 1872.

red Edna Edson, born here May 10, 1872, were the first white children both in Webster Causty. No brasia. They could tell of many strange and exciting attenuates at the Old Elm Creek Stockade.

Mr. Keeney told of how they burned clay in a trench with firewood to make the lime that calked the cracks is this critis - some of which remains yer today. He



last remaining stockade un the places - for his Pioneer Village. The old strekade was finally parchased iron Keeser tion there menths before he shed. Wars subsequently asswed a to the Picaseer Village and re-sound at a 1952. He had Ale. Tannus at Hastings make a cruzie sketch of the model of the rid stock see in its natural envisedment just as he rememi med it as a child. Warn had arest Tilburne to follow this, including such

Warn wanted this - the

details as a mule and an its hiteried to a breaking play - the wantenforks ringing the bell - while the menfolks source for the fort - which was not an unminon site on these plains in the early days. fribanic proceeded to guest this old stockade in its

a genui setting. He succeeded in custoring the true action that took place when managing indians were emend on the notion determined to drive the white man two treat their buffulo bunning grounds. FAMILIES LIVED HERE IN 1869



Edward G. Edson, the lifth member of the stockade family. Jied in the eighties, leaving a wife and three daughters.

The above picture of the remaining four was taken about .910. These five men took an active part in organizing the county of Webser, Nebraska, and conducted the first county electrons. All served the County and the State as exemplary citizens leaving families that have carried on now into the third generation

also told of how, when Indians were seen in the distance, the comenfolks could ring the bell in the shelter in the spockade. Often the fields and take shelter in the spockade. Often the Indians lurked in the distance for days, he said, ruling from one ridge to macher



The whose man was invading the Indians buffalo bunding grounds. In fact, he was caining them -Thus the Indians were trying to discourage and search

new settlers away by occasionally scalping and mer dering them. It took beare men to build their homes in the Incian country.

DESCRIPTION ON ITEMS AT THE HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE

Keeney and Erison were tenthers-in-law and exishad two children born in the stockade, the first this dren born in the county



Four generations of the Keeneys, since 871. Nove Formed the Old Elm Creek 🖟 Stockade Homestead of Cowles, Nebri



ORIGINAL MAILBOX

OF ORIGINAL FIVE SETTLERS IN WEBSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA This is the original mailbox, in its original location,

used by the first five settlers in Webster County. After organizing Webster County. Nebrzeka their men were the first five votert in Webster County. Their names: John Waller, L. D. Thomas, Ed Sen-ey, M. L. Thomas, and Edward G. Ecom.

term on Plan County Colon was marchaned from Whose the Elm Creek Cabin was purchased PME. (denny Kessay by Haraid Warp to 1855, Mr. Kestri total Mr. Warp be had put the old mad loss away for safe kerplox charp years ago, They went form in the cellar of his (new) house and up on the ledge was this mail loss Mr. Kessay said. "It belongs beside the south door." There it is today



BUILDINGS ON THE GREEN

Saved From Destruction For Dur Children To See



There wasn't any architect, no banker made a loan To solve their backing problems, they were strictly on their pwn. They didn't sign a mortgage and they didn't buy a

just stopped the covered wagon at a likely tooking No lumber yards were running, they out timber in

And hewed it into beams and joints and doors and window sale.

They had to handsaw every plank and quarry every

But finally they got at done - a name to call their OWD. No massion, but a sturdy bouse, their own strong

hands had made It stood on fertile prairies, that had never been yer-

No warranty, no abstract fee, no red tape, legal fines They year came out and built the West and left the - By Gane Lindburg

HENRY G. KEENEY, b.13 May 1872 at the stockade, d.1951;son of Edrich H. Keeney (1839-1938). whose parents came from NY, and Alice, born in fllinois; sisters were Alice, Alma(b.1870), Bertha (b.1879); brother: Albert(b.1875 INF .: Illinois, Nebraska census

HOLF COUNTY, MO. DEED BOOK A 1841-1846 24 Dec. 1841

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onnathan Keeney, Lease: Between Johnathan Keency of Co. of Holt and State of Mo. of the one part Lazarus Philips and Jeramian Philips of the same county and state...hath demised granted and leased...the farm and the improvements thereon which said J. Keeney now resides together with the distilery and (11 appertinences attached there to: two wag ins and three yoks o oxen, two ploughs and three hoes and hand on the farm and to have the washing done for the said to Keenay cornfield and running east with the bluff...to put up two tobaco houses each eighteen by twenty feet square...to make other necessary fencing...On 1st day of March 1843...t. and J. Philips shall pay unto said J. Keeney the ... sum of \$3,000 then all the above described property together with the profits and increase that shall have arisen there from is to become and be the property of them. In presence of us

COCKE COUNTY

Cocke County was created by an act of the General Assembly, passed in October, 1797. It was cut off from Jefferson County and was named in honor of Gen. William Cocke, one of the most distinguished of the pioneers of Tennessee. The commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice and superlatend the erection of county buildings were Henry Ragan, William Job, John Coffee, Peter Fine, John Keeney, Reps Jones and John McGlockles. They chose a site about one and one half miles below the present county seat, at what was known as Fine's Forry. Fifty acres of land were donated by John Gilliand, and the town was seen after laid out. A log courthouse and rock fail were then erected; the latter building was about twenty feet square, substantially built. The courthouse was used until 1828, when a new brick building was effected. The fall did service about ten years longer. A building was then erected with double walls of hewed logs, the intervening space being filled with small rock. It was two stories high, with a debtor's room above and a dungeon below; the latter was entered through a trap door in the floor of the room above. This building was tofu down during the war, and when a new one was to built it was creeted at the new county seat.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

native of Virginia, and who was born July 4, 1762, a son of Matthew Lindsay, of Scotland. April 12, 1824, William removed to Campbell County, and engaged in forming and building iron forges, of which he erected fourteen during his life. He was a major of milita in the early days, and died in 1848, a highly respected man. The mother, Mary, a daughter of Cornelius and Nancy (Hall) Storm, was born in 1772, in Virginia. Her parents came to Carter County at an early day, and afterward moved to Kentucky. They both lived to be over ninety-five years of age. The mother died in 1883, a member of the Baprist Church. Our subject was educated, chiefly, in the Jacksboro schools, and for several years after leaving school he worked at his father's trade, and rebuilt Lindsey Force He also built a forge for Laban Sharp, at Big Creek Gap. After his marriage he began his present career as a farmer, in which he has so well succeeded. In 1851 he became a justice, and, in a new district formed, was re-elected. Since 1853 he has been a trustee of Jacksboro Academy, and in 1870 he became clerk and master of chancery, and held the office twelve years. In 1884 he was elected flustice, without an effort on his part, and his offcial, as well as his private life, has been marked by the highest characteristics. October 3, 1850, he married Catherine Keency, born in Anderson County. April 12, 1827, the daughter of Michael Keeney. Eight of their twelve children are living. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He has served on the building committee of the scademy, fail and courthouse, of which latter he was superintendent. He owns a farm of 500 acres. In 1863 he was ordained, and now is, pastor of the Jacksboro Baptist Church, and has also filled the office of deacon for many years.

Michael Montgomery Watts. great great grandson of Michiel Montgomery, who got his name from Grandfather Michael Keeney, is a registered professional engineer with Tennessee Eastman, and proudly

parries the Michael name. This Michael just completed a term as president of the West virginia Baptist Convention and has been a close friend of the editor of KEENEY UPDATE for many years - long before we were aware of finily ties.



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MICHAEL MONTGOMERY



Nontgomery So

Major Henry Montgomery came to America with his prother from Scotland or Ireland to avoid poitical and religious persecution. Leaving his brother in Reac ing. PA he made his way to the Ohio and Kanawha valleys. He was offered the Thompson Farm, where the Coal River joins the Kanawhi in exchange for his gun, powder horn and hunting knife. He chosto follow the Kanawha to the Tails, where he secured water rights and mountains on both sides of the river. The water rights were later sold and even cually were used by the motaliu: gical plant at Alloy hearby. Montgomery served during the A esican Revolution, remaining in service in 1793, located at For

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DEATHS

Louis C. Montague II

Louis C. Montague II, 70, of 1414 Jackson 2. doi: May 26, 1991, in CAMC, General Division, after a long illiness. He was a recired thos salestons for Scowabe-May Department Store. He attendon the Baptasi Temple. He was a member of ed the Bapusi Lempte. He was a member of Charleston Lodge (52, a member of the Seconds Rice, a member of Beni Kedem h Hise, a memoer of seas Aegem Temple and a member of the Klas

Surviving: sister, Helen Rendyshell of Whote Sulphur Springs: one outper Terres Discott.

Mastero gravestor services will be 2 p.m.
Neonisday at Spring Mill Generary. There
will be no violation. Processos will leave
Barriett-Surdette-Cor Pineral Home at 1:39

James Leonard Baughan MONTGOMERY - James Lengard Haughan, 88, of 1025 Second Ave., Montgo-mery, died Jane 10, 1991, at Montgomery

General Hospital after a long illness He was a retired furnace operator for Un-on Carbide Metats. Alloy, with 3d years' structs. He was a Methodist and a lifetong service. He was a Methodist and a lifelong riminest of Monagemery. Surviving daughter, Gypay Rumanel of West Jordan, Utali sons, Thomas of Green-soro, N.C., Donne of Altona, Pa. inter-Relen Elizabeth Huddeston of Pallwiner.

brothers, Thursda E. and Robert L. of Praise. John of Cheiyan; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Service will be [0 a.m. Thursday at R.C. Service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at B.C. Hooper Funeral Home, Montgomery, such the Rev. Jack Ferrell officiating, Burtle will be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London, Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. noday at

the funeral home Robert C. Richie

ORANGE, Callf. - Robert C. Biches, of Orange, died Thursday, June 27 1991, at home after a short illness was a produce merchant and Kroper store masager.

Surviving: wife, Trivby, daughters, XaUry Siamon of Ventors, Calif. Teress Osborn of Ventors, Calif. James of
Longwers, Wash, Charles of Orange, Rischard of Anabelm, Calif. Jacker, Los Riches of Charleston, W.Va., nater. Betty
Keffer of Tucson. Artz., 12 grandchil. per store manager

Service was July 1 in Anaheim, Bornal was in Melrose Abby Memorial Park.

Ruby Madeline Keepey

Mrs. Ruby Madeline Kezney, 87, of 13rd Street, Chesapeake, died Sunday, July 7, 1991, in CAMC, Memorial Division, after a long illness.

She attended East Bank Church of God and was a lifelong resident of

organa. Survivag: son, James of Titusville, 14., daughters, Aima C. Atkins and this F. Mooney, of Chesapeake; 12 randchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; Rebs F grandchildren; tö great-grandchildren; 19 great-grant-grandchildren; 19 great-grand-grandchildren; 19 great-grand-grandchildren; 19 great-grand hei hei hei hei hei hei hei he Rev. Sandy Cook officiating, Buriat with be in Montgomery Memorial Park, London, 20 great was well from 10.00 p.m. 20beeds may call from 7 to 9 p.m. to

Milton R. Hutsenpiller Maiton R. Hutpenpeller: 71, of South Char-festro, deel June 19, 1991, at Thomas Me-marcal Hospital after a short illness.



Wands Bennett Hot-sengilter: son, Glen of Tornado; brockers Fred of Daws son. Clayton of Smoot, Gene of Renderson ville, Tean. Smoot, Gene of Hendersopville, Tean; so-ters, Verna Douglas of Charleston, Erona Surbaugh of Grassy Meadows, one grandthat one stepprendetald. vote will be 1 p.m. Friday at Emman-Service will be I p.m. Priday at Emman-oel Baptan Church with the Rev. Rosald Score officeating, Burist will be in Tyler Moustain Memory Gardens, Cross Laces, Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. body Scotgrass Paneral Hume, South Charlesson.

Paul F. Bonham



ter a long tilena.

He was a lifelong resident of Belle and a retired construction superintendent with 37 years of service. He was a Marine Corps veter-as of World War II and the Kerean War

and the Kersan War.

BONHAM Serving with the the
Marine Division. He
was a member of
Witcher Baptist Cherch. He played semiprofessional football with the former
East Bank Rame.
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East Bank Rames
Surviving: wife, Ruth Am. Mendows,
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doff Mr. Sallie Polissee, of Belle, Mrs.
Vicitie Rardiman of York, Pat. sen, Debast of Belle; sister, Mix Ama, Lee Bo-worth of Hinter, Breigh of Adv.
Lottala, Olini, Certin of Belle, Victor of
Diamond, Darrell of Rand, James of Ripley; five grandpolities.

pity: five granichildren. Service will be I p.m. Saturday at Barrelst Church with the Rev. Billy Wilburn and the Rev. James Hill officiating, Storial will be in Witcher Co-metery, Roste 1, Selle.

Mrs. Frances V. Lewis

Mrs. Frances V. Lewis, 72, of Chelyan died Sept. 6, 1891, at Memorial Division, CAMC, of a long fillness. She was a lifelong resident of Kanawha

Surviving brother, Thomas S. White of Shrewsbury, inners, Rock White of Chelyan, Violet Evans of Buchtamore. Service will be II a.m. Security at Xama-wha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow. There will be no validation, Pryor Paterni Bome, flort Bank, in in charge of arrange-

day the Juneral Agree | 10 F p.m. on the Juneral Agree | 10 F p.m. INFORMATION from C.197 REENEY FELTIVETHS (TOTAL CONTROL OF THE CON

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from Cavid A. /Slinsbeth Jacrett Keensy (Aprly: Barbaca Ann Feeney, Wife of Robert Norcis Seeney, gradson of Yores H. Keezey

Soyes M. Keency from David/Sare Kunter Keeney family (Greenbrier Co.): Wilton R. and fred C. Mutsempiller/ some of Milton B. 5 Minute Koengy Mutsempiller

Fred C. Hutsenpiller

DARSON - Fred Carlton Hurs er. 81. of Dawson, Greenbrier County, died Tousday, July 23, 1991, in Humana Hospital Greenbrier Valley, Fairles, af-

ter a long illness.

He was retired from the state Denactment of Highways and was a temberman. He was a member of Meadow Grove Beatlet Count

Baptist Church.

Serviving: wife. Essa Cadle Hussenpiller: daughters. Reich Helmack of Davison.

Francot Lepley of Warren. Mich. 'Virgo-ia DeBacca of Rochester Bills. Mich.: son. Jease of Smoot. sater. Yerna Deugles of Charleston. Serga. Surphugh of Larteston. Grassy Meadows: brothers, Clayton of Smart Gene of Hendersonville, Tenn seven grandchildren ux great-grandchild

en. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Mexicow Grove Baptist Churth, Dawson, with the Rev. James Hamrick and the Rev. Leroy Crare officiating, Burtal will be in Wallace Memorial Cemetery.

Eugene Keeney

Engene "Geoe" Keeney, 77, of East Back died Oct. 7, 1991, or 51, Francis Rosental Charleston of a stort illness He was a 72-year removal of East Ban-He was a retired operator at Di Poor Chemical Plant. Belle. He attended



the former Morris Harvey College. He was a member and deacen and former treasurer of Ramp-ton Septist Church, East Bank, He was Certific arresident of can Baptist Men of Kanauha Clearly. He was an Army Sgt. in World

Surviving wife, Toelma Johnsto Keeney, son, Robert D. of Chapet Hill, N.C.: daugh-ter. Deborat Cox of Sad Diego; three grandchildren. Service will be 1:20 p.m. Wedgesday as Service was so 120 p.m. Wessessay as Kampton Raptist Church with the Rev. Res-ald Barrasworth and the Rev. Peter Grandel Jr. officiating, Buriai will be in Kanawha If officiating nursal wall on to nahawan Valley Mesocral Gardens, Glasgow. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Pryor Puneral Some, East Sank, and one hour prior to service at the church. In lies of flowers the Jamily suggests denations to Hampton Saptist Church

Barbara Ann Keeney

Mrs. Barbara Ann Keeney, 45, of 1212 Park Ave. Charlemon, died Nov 28, 1991, in resbyteriae-University Hospital, Pitts bergh, after a long illness She was a barnemak vard Church of Christ consists reasonable of South







Badford.

Dancy Keetov, daughter of Michsel & Catherine Lewis Keeney, full in love with the Major when she was 17 and he was 35. She 1783-1866; and he lived in Teavs Valley at Hurricane Creek for a while, but them took up their 75 acres and large cabin at Kanawha Faile. Their large family has been influential in Fayette and Kanawha counties to this day. MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, Second son in this large family, was born at Kanawha Falis on 26 Apr 1813 and died in Montgomery (a town named for his older brother) on 1 January 1896. He was operator of the first ferry at the Palis.

farmer and a miner. He was married to Elizabeth Johnson. daugher of Rev. John Johnson, about 1835. They lived at Cannelton on the Fayette-Kanawha Co. Line as their childran grew up and were listed in the Kanawha County census. In 1880 they were listed at Montgomery, Fayeste Co. Children of Michael and Eliz-

sboth included: JOHN H. MCNTGOMERY, b.1839.

d. 5 Jan 1909 in Ironton, OF m.(1)Sarah A. Palmer: (2) Voh?o SETTIE ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY

b.12=1841, m. James K. Zoll (b.7=1827) on 19 Jan 1859 in Kanawha: be served as nostmaster at Cannelton; children included Jumes(1870), Ran dolph(1872), Dora(10-1877) NANCY VICTORIA MONTGOMERY

b.16 Oct 1347, d.3 Apr 1921; m. George Washington Miller (b.4-1845,d.11-1-1910) ad. 8 Aug 1877; Children:Goorge b.1878. Charles Montgomery (1881-1969), John M. (1882-1960s), Mary Elizabeth (1884-1967). Anna White (1886-1962), Bettie Sertrade Miller (1888-1943) md. John

Nevin Watts (1891-1969) 1914: Mabel Miller(1890-1931 The step-mother of John M. Watts was Julia White, daughter of Adeline Reeney White and granddaughter of Stires J. Keenev. ANNA M. MONTGOMERY, b. 1849;

n. Benjamin H. Morris(b.1846), prother of Levi Morris, 1 Jan 1869; Children: Benjamin H. forris, Jr. (b.1875) vife:Elle and children Roy(1901) Ray 1904) Berti(1906) 5 20th (1908); Maude Morris (1976), ee Morris(1882), John L.Morris (1885)

WILLIAM MONTCOMERY, b.; 5 Sept 1955, m. Ellen Smith 35 Fub 1873.

Wishing you Christmas peace