

ELIAS REENEY (1828 - 1910)

Patter of Emma (Keepey) McHargue

The Times THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1976 Ö<sub>REGON</sub> The history of Brownsville would not be complete without the story of the pioneer "Irish"

Keeney family. Janathan and Elias Keeney came to Brownsville with Hugh brown and his nephew. James Blakely, in the fall of 1845. Jonathan Keeney had been on

the West Coast as a fur trapper when a young man He had trapped with Jim Bridger. Sublette and others up and down the Continental divide. Jonathan returned to Africa souri with the firm idea of

coming to the Oregon country. He sold his farm holdings in Holt County, Missours, and margical. There were 2 young sons when he came to Oregon, le is not known for sure if Jonathan captained the wagon train to Oregon; but he was surely a good guide for the party, us he had traveted up and down the rivers and mountains with the for traders. Elias Xeeney, Jona-

than's younger brother came with the party. In 1849 a number of Browns. ville men went to the gold fields in Catifornia. Effias Keeney came back to Line County will \$15,000 in gold. He had an coind returning to Missours, buy ratic. and drive them to Oreyon -here they were so badly need-

Elias Keeney rude horseback to Halt County in three months - in 1850-no small feat in midwineer! Elias married soon after caching Missouris and the return trip to Oregon was his Senerymuse.

the suring of J851 the long party included Jonathan and Hitias's bd-year-old widowed mother, Mary; his twin brother, Eli: and prothers James and

# Reeney Update

Pioneer Keeney Family



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JONATHAN KEENEY (April 27, 1813 - Aug. 15, 1878)



1857-1927 and James Armstrong

Son of John Jr. and Mary Ramsey Buckhalter Keeney CAPTAIN JONATHAN KZENEY: Mountain Man With Jim Bridger - \*\*\* Wagon Scout, Pioneer of Oregon Trail and Barlow Road, Settler, Miner, Soldier, Inn and Ferry Proprietor.

Andrew Jackson Keeney. The 5 Keeney brothers and 1 ister were the children of John Keeney and his wife. Mary Ramsey-Burkhalter. The family had lost I sons with T.S. within a 3-year period in the early

These young men were all married and left young children. Some were brought to Oregon to

live among relatives.

Elias Keeney did ourchase rattle in Missouri to bring to Oregon; but the indians stame co, graphed food from the table peded the herd and many were and left.

The Calaboova Valley must have been a welcome sight in the fall of 1851, after the logg hard trip across the plains, My grandmother, Sarah Koeney, was 7 years old when ory and left in the early 1800's she came with her family to

Oregon In later years, she told me of the many treals and trabulations of the 6-months long top. But. to her, the most frightening experience was after they reached Brownsville

A short time after they had arrived in the Calapsoys Yatley, Indians-no respecter of any one's privacy-entered the Keenev's living quarters

By ELSIE BENNETT-BROWNING a Great-Great Granddaughter of James Keeney and His Wife, Catherine Stewart-Keeney

The children, having heard so many stories of Indian scalping parties, thought they were

They hid under mather's very full skirts and thought they were sele. The Indians wanted tobacco. They were given the lobac-

The original frish Keeneys came to America before the Revolutionary War; and migrated out of Virgues to East Ten-They did not believe in slav-

for Fayette County, Indiana, All of the chaldren of John and Mary Keeney were born in Indiana except their twin sons, Eli and Elias, who were born, in 1828, in Ray County, Missouri, The Keeneys were stock rais

ers; and, as they proneured new areas, they established ferry boats across the rivers and helped establish Hard-Shell Baptist Churches. There were a number of Baptist ministers in

In Missouri, Mary, a daughter of Thomas Keeney, a Baptist minister, martied Tubert Kelley, the son of a Methodica minister. The Keeney family practically dispende her

The young couple left Misours and returned to Tolbert Kettevs old home in Kentucky but as the Civil War drew nearer, they were anxious to leave Kentucky. The Missouri Keeneys for-

gave them, as they were wanting to see their Kelley grandchildren. Tolbert and Mary Kelley returned to Missouri with the intention of coming to Orcuron, But Tolbert died suddenty and the children had nicasies. These, and other prob lous, prevented blary Keyley,

several years. Mary finally at rived in Lane County and lived among Keepers and Mulhullands her relatives During the early Gregon In-

dian Wars several companies of volunteers were formed from Linn County, James Blakely and Jonathan Keency both captrened companies. Elias Keeney became noted as an excellent lodius fighter. He fought to the Cayuse

indian oprisings; and was one of the party sent from Fort Vanconverte Walls Walls Wash to help run down the Indians who murdered the Whitmans Caus. Jonathan Kreney was in southern Oregon during the

Indian disturbances of mid 1850's. It was mostly grand duty, as the Indians were theratcoing to wipe out the settlers. Shortly after (870, Capt, Jonathan Keeney and part of his family left his beloved Calapooys Valley, moving to eastern

Oreena. Once again he had wide open rangeland for his stock and a ferry on the Smake River. He died on his ranch on William Creek in Baker County.

Some members of the family followed him into that area: but meny remained in Linu and Lane Couties.

le Lian county many of the descendants of the 5 moneyr Keeney brothers had intermarried with other early pronour families . . . to mention a few: Overtons, Warrens, Wigles. McHargues, Pearls, Michaels, The Keeney Cemetery, on Coburg Road in Lane County. 15 the resting place of many devcendants of Eli and Andrew

Jackson Keeney

Jesse mare

J.L.BLUAS

#### Historical Footnotes

The land that now comprises part of the city of Portland was once offered to Elias Keeney. Oregon pisseer of 1846, who settled around Brownsville Kueney boasted to the Port land Telegram in 1965, that he

house was a lone log cabin former was 18 years old.



A few notes on the Oregon Trail

STREE STOP

Editor: A pamphlet published and taken by the water route to to distributed by The Oregon State Portland and the Willamette Valley Highway Department states as If we are seeking the destination of the end of The Oregon Trail, not "The trail to Oregon from Wagon Road: then Sepside, or Oregon City may very well be the Independence, Mussouri, efter true end of the trail. Whatever traversing the great plains to Fort nacticular spot that each individual furnime, crosses the Continental nuneer considered to be the end of Divide at South Pass, Wynming Toe his own Sourney. For example: My main trait awangs south by way at ancestor, Uncle Jonathan Keeney, First Bridger and descends the Snake River system to Old Fort being an earty posseer to Oregon in

Baise Thence over the maged Blue 1946 and a settler of the Willamette Mountains to the Columbia River as Valley, near Brownsville, went out on the trail to meet his old friend far as Rowena Bluifs. Emigrants at from Missouri, Wm. Templeton who this point were faced with the in 1847 had followed Keeney to unhappy choice of surrendering Oceson. Upon reaching the valley by most of their worldly possessions as way of The Rector Road Terreleton payment for passage to the river had stopped in Howell Prairie near men or making a winter crossing of the Caucade Range on the Barlow Salem because his exen could go no farther and here he was cutting logs Toll Road." Several early indian Trails did to build a shelter for the winter, lead through the Cascades into the when Keeney arrived Jonathan said, "Come on Billy, you haven"t reached Oregon yet!" He Brought Williamette Valley and were used by the early pieneers to drive cattle or

nack animals or be traveled by foot. them on to the Calanonya Valley letting them live in a small cabin on One of these trails was followed to a his place and punclying them with great extent and later improved and secame known as the Barlow Road. fresh meat and flour to get them Another pamphlet published in through the winter. 1943 by The Oregon Trail Centennial It has been stated that Ezra Market marked the trail in 1905, and Commission contains an illustrated map clearly showing the Oregon started on his eastward journey in

Trail commencing at Council Bluffs, March of that year, erecting the first Towa and Independence, Missouri stone monument in The Dailes. He and then ending at Seaside. Oregon arrived here on the Basley Gatzert It lists the following as separate with his wagon and oven for his traits or reads: Mormon Trait. return trip across the plains. J.L. Kelley mayor of The Dalles. Apolegate Trail, Naches Pass Trail allowed him to park his covered and Burlow Road. The fact, or distinction as to the exact location of wagon on Liberty Street at Union park, preparatory to the dedication the firegon Trail's ending himses of a band stand and Old-Gregon Trail forth the following, questions of naury: What are we seeking: The end of The Oregon Trail, or the end f The Gregon Wagon Road? If it is

monument and on March 11, 1906 the manament bearing the legend End Of The Oregon Trail - 1843-'e latter, then it would seen that 1906, was dedicated by Ezra Meeker. he Dalles, or more properly. The stone had previously been cut. owena Bluffs, could very well be lettering selected, and it had been resignated as the end of the road encraved and set by a committee of citizens from The Dalles some time out not the trail. The first wagons before Meeker's arrival. The upon reaching The Dailes, could travel no farther, so they were weather was cold, and the atabandoned, or loaded onto rolls to be tendance to the dedication was small. Meeker remarked; "The transported on down the river. Con-World will little note nor long reaching the Cascade Rapids they were taken ashore, and again remember what we say here, but it

can never forget what they did here.

part of the traff, or road, and upon :Linculn: completion of this portage, were Ralph R. Keeney
The Colles again toaded onto the ratts and

assembled to travel along another



History of Sewell Mountain: Travels of Dr. Cyrus A. Rupert location of some early nettlers in Favette County

#### ABNER KEENEY OF MISSOURI

1. ABNER KEENEY, b.8-30-1810 in Polaski Co., KY: son of Moses Ca.1770-1847) and Catherine Pence Keeney (b.1770-75, d. by 1835), married Peter Keeney, head of first Keeneys in KY: d.1-9-1895, Texes Co., MC: Prescott Cemeter;

Wife: Klizabeth (b.3-4-1810 in KY, d.8-18-1302; buried at Arthur's Creek Cemetery, Texas Co.

2. HENRY A. KERNEY, b.12-1838 in Pulaski Co., KY:

d.7-23-1922 at Houston, Texas Co., MO s. Elizabeth Jane Reagan (b.4-15-1839, sied

5. 11zabeth Jahe Resgan (0.4-15-1015, 1174 8-20-1909) on 3-22-1863 at Rells, Phelps Co. 3. JULIA KEENEY, b. 1858 (12 in 1870 census) 3. JOEN KEENEY, b. 1859 (11 in 1870 census) 3. MARION B. KEENEY, b.6-2865, d.1956

Wife: Nancy Ellen (b.3-1877, d.1943)

Children: Lennie (f), b.9-1895; Neilie, b. 8-1896; Pearlie, b.10-1898

3. MARTIN KEENEY, b.5-1866

Mife: Eliza (b.3-1875) Children: James H. Keeney, b.2-1896, d.1944,

wife: Julia (b.1898), bur. Boone Creek Cem.;

Bertha Keeney, b. 6-1899 ISAAC M. KEENEY, b. 1868

Wife: Eliza Ann (5-10-1875, 6-25-1900, butied at Prescott Cemetery, Lynch Township

MARY C, KEENEY, 5, 1870

JAMES KEENEY, 5. 1871
 MAHALA KEENEY, 5. 1873

MARADA REMET, S. 1873
 MININTHY ARENEY, b.12-74
 WILSON KERNEY, b.1-2-195, d.12-1934
 WILSON KERNEY, b.7-2-2-1956, Hill Cametery: a. Elucy Dollar atter Wilson's deep to 1975
 Elucy Dollar atter Wilson's deep (1979)

4. MILDHED KEENEY, m. (1) Frank Marr m. (2) Carlos Ogden

4. CALVIN KZENEY, wife: Meude 4. JENNINGS S. KERMEY, m. Freida Dollar 4. HEBER OMER KERNEY, m. Virgae Dollar 4. ORVILLE REX KERMEY, b. m. Maxime Louella Brown (b.1922) 5-2-1359

JANICE SLAINE KEENEY, b.11-23-1941

m. Elmer Roy Maxey on 9-28-1960

 PATRICIA ANN KEENZY, b.9-30-1943 m. Michael Edward Kruse

MARY ELIZABETH KEENEY, b.2-20-1945

m. Vernon Henry San Souci 5. ORVILLE RANDALL KEENEY, b.6-8-1947.d.1973 m. Carol Higgins

 MARCIA LYNN KEENEY, t.3-12-1954 m.D. Wayne Phelps, m. Dan Hidolphi (2)

CLYDE ERIE KEENEY, 5.6-10-1918
 Gladys Laverna Brown on 4-8-1939

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#### PENNSYLVANIA Continued from last issue

KEENEY, SR. Born 1751, son of Alexander, Married Mercy Lamb (10-12-1748-10-24-1839)

Thomas was a tall, large-framed man, possessing inherited longevity and athletic strength, as his father, Alexander, lived to the notable age of 106 years. Thomas d. January 13, 1980. age SSyrs. S no.

The following information is from The Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford Co., Pa. ("everly) 1700-1825.

Thomas Keeney, native of Litchfield, Ct., first located at Mapwalopec, came to Wilmot, Pa. homeseeking in 1787. He lived alone first season in a brush cabin. Next year he brought his family. Secting in 1797, he live about 1130 season in a dual work, book year to complete its lamily. He enlisted in the Army at East Hartford, Ct. and served 3 years of actual service during the Revolutionary War. Part of his service was under Capt. Bissel and Col. Pikkin. He was one of 15 or 18 persons concerned with the abduction of Col. Timothy Pickering, Prothonotary of Luzerne Of 10 persons outcomes at in one accession of the transfer free responsible of the property of the residence of the release of John Franklin, a Ct. Title Augent for lands. Those was taken to Milkes-Barre and kept in confinement all summer. In 1812 Thomas sold his land to John Cambile and moved to Cheening, Nr. A tage 51 (9-11-1672), Thomas applied for a Permion and it was granted. Thomas was called, "The Emigrant." When the idea of railroads was first discussed, he thought (and said) it could not be done and that they had better build a new world; but he lived to see the cars running, and to ride on their though an better build a new world, but he lived to see the cars running, and to ride on their though a the reversible the world a singularly good-looking French lady with black eyes, black curly hair and very fair-complexioned, which made nor strikingly beautiful. She died in Chesung, N. 7, 10-20-139, age 19 yrs, 12 days, Thomas and Werry and thomas, Jr. & Eliza Keeney were all charter members of the new church in Pablus, Pa. in 1801. Thomas died at Ruby & Sthard Mitchell's home hear flong Village, Pa. but later his body was removed and he was buried beside his wife in Chemung, N. Y. (10 mi. below Elmira). Thomas and Mercy had 8 children:

RUBY KEENEY b. 10-7-1771. In 1792 m. Richard Mitchell. Thomas died at their home. MARY KEENEY m. Major Benjamin Bentley, BETSY KEENEY m. a Mr. Sackett-

LOUISA KEENEY m. a Mr. Wetherly and Mr. Howard

MERCY KEENEY m. Richard Keeney; distant cousin (first bride & groom of Wilmot. Richard from Wyslusing. )

SUSANNAH KEENEY m. Asa Parshall of Chemung, N. Y. 2HOMAS KEENEY, JR. B. 1776 (9-8) m. Anna Parshall in 1797.

JESSIE KEENEY, B. 1778, m. Catherine Middaugh in 1799 in Litchfield, Ct. Jessie was the son who gave us our direct descendants and from whom our lineage comes.

In 1788 Mercy Keeney, daughter of Thomas & Mercy Lamb Keeney married Richard Keeney, distant relativeand were Wilmot's first bride and groom. She, like her Mother, was a woman of great resolution. On one occasion a party of men had driven a panther up a tree at Rocky Porsst, age 16, volunteered to stand under the treeand keep the panther up, while the men ran home to get their rifles, with which the animal was killed.

JESSIE KEENEY, born at Litchfield, Ct., youngest son of Thomas , Sr. and Mercy Lamb Keeney, 1778. Jessie married Catherine Middaugh 12-29-1799 and moved to Cortland, N. Y. in 1831. He located on a Farm in Mill Creek and lived there the rest of his life. Jessie d. 6-18-1834. His wife died 8-12-1848. Their children were:

ELIAS, B. in 1800, m. Ann Streeter, settled in Keeneyville, Pa. in 1838, Named for him SARAH K. m. George Daniels. Sarah d. 2-18-1899; b. in Keeneyville. THOMAS M. LIVED IN Cortland, N. Y. Had a son Seabury, who also had a son, Frank.

Both were Methodist ministers. PERMILLA m. Mr. Hill, son of Capt. Hill JESSE settled in Tioga Co., m. Miss Fellows: 3 girls: Anna m. Abijah Reynolds, who

died in 1905, leaving Anna with 2 sons, Abijah and Walter; Abijah lives in Tacoma, Wa. and Walter in Crete, Nebraska; is Professor of usic in Doane College. Abram settled in Tioga.

Kate Maloney m. Delinus Walker. C. were Albert, Sarah, Emma and Ruby. Emma m. Riliot

Thorn: Mercy m. Mr. Brady, and had 2 sons. George, Ira, Seldon, Almira, Simon, Richard m. Adelia Wiles and had 8 children: Nettie, Herman and Elmer. George m. Marian Thorne, lived in

Catherine T. Pyle 120 NE 18 St. Deiray Beach, FL 334vs

Tioga. Their c. were Augie, Nettie and George. Ira m. Viola Holiday, 1 c. Ira's 2nd wife was Margarette Cady of Ekland, 2 c., Richard & Cora. Simon m. Zella Grover, had 6 c. Nettie & Herman deceased. Almira m. Geo. Dickinson 11-15-1868, 2 c. Anna & Burton. Ruby No info.

George D. b. Cortland in 1825; moved to Keeneyville in 1848. He built a Saw Mill and engaged in lumbering. He m. Jane, daughter of John Drew. C. were: Plorence, Agnes, Arthur (n. 3 ch.), Harry n. Vary Wheeler, I son, Wilbur, who died at Feekskill, N. Y. School 1919. Wilbur's wife lives at Wellsboro...c. Ida, Burton (San Diego, Ca.), Eva and Myrtle, George D. died 2-11-1896.

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5. CLYDE NEIL KEENSY, 6.5-30-1940 Janice Sue Martin 6-15-1966 at St.Louis

T. CORNICE SOE METTER OF SELECTION OF ALCOHOLOGY OF A CONTROL CANDEL SERVEY, b.10-12-1973

5. KURLD BAIC MEDINAY, b.12-8-1942 at Bourbon ms. Magry Ann. Voile Felsie2 Crewford Go., MO

(b.12-15-154) at Honne Terra, MO) 6. BRENDA SUB KEENEY, b.5-27-1964 in 10 6. KARLD LEANN KEENEY, b.7-31-1966 in MO

6. KRISTEN LYNG ETENEY, 6.7-10-1968 at Ann Actor. Vachtenaw So., MI

 JYRKY DELAND KEDNY, 0.2-7-1044
 ABORY FOR ROUSE D. 1-18-44; 9-1-1963
 THUTHY WILLOW KERNY, 0.7-17-2-363 in IA
 SHOUTHY WILLOW KERNY, 0.7-0-1973 in SC
 SKOMA ALEM EDUNY, 0.7-0-1973 in SC m.Theodore Kenneth Moore (6.1948) 5-3-1966 6. TRICLA LYNK MOORE, 5.6-8-1967 6. KENNETH TOOD MOORE, 5.0-10-1970

6. JASCH WARF MOORE, 6.10-21-1976

5. PAMELA KAY KEENSY, 5.9-16-1952 at Bourbon m. David Joseph Breen, n. Richard L. Seide 7-7-1984 at Bourbon, Crawford Co.,MC CHRISTOPHER KBENEY SEIDE, 6.3-22-1986

- MAXINE KEENEY, d. 1980, 3. Robert Reigle 4. AFTCN KEENEY, b.9-28-1911, d.9-5-912 - MARVIN WILSON KEENEY, b.5-29-1916, d.8-12-1916 4. IBER HOMER KEENEY, b.4-19-1910, d.6-14-1914

3. HHCDA KEENEY, b. 1877, d. 1963

m. John wiley Jones 3. ELIZABETH KEENEY, b. 1879

2. MAHADIA KEENEY, b. c.1840

m. John Stockwell on 9-15-1858 Elias, born in 1800, married Ann Streeter. Their children were:



Barbara Marie Keeney, daughter of Richard and Lucretia Keeney, of Stow, Chio, was married on 15 April 1988 to John Earnest. They are living at 5305 Munroe, Tallmadge, OH 44278.

2. WILLIAM C. KEENEY, 5.1842 in KY; age 28 in 1870

wife: Mary Jane (b.1844 in Kentucky)
3. SaRAH KERNEY, b. 1864 in Missouri
3. LORENSA KEENSY, b. 1866 in Missouri
5. GEORGE KEENEY, b.12-1867: wife: Susan

LOUISA KEENEY, b. 1869 3. POUNTAIN KEENEY, b. 1871

J. ARAYINTA KEENEY, b. 1874 3. IDA KEENEY, b. 1875 3. JULTA KEENEY, b. 1877 (20 be continued next issue)

Roxanna: m. Dr. Bunell Jesse: m. Miranda Goddard, 3 c.: George, Alonzo & Ada. (Ann) died and Jesse m. and moved to Steep Creek, Ryland, Ky. ... Ada m. L. Spencer in Buffalo, N. Y. moved to

Ky. Ada died and Spencer remarried. We died 1-2-1880, left 2 children: James & Isreal, a lawyer who died in 1863.

Elias, Jr., no info.

Silas, Jr., no info.

Erael P. went South to teach shoool, was a brilliant lawyer, died in Ky, in 1863.

EDARB D. (Our direct ancestor) married Elizabeth Taylor and settled in Ky.

Jarusha a. Wellington Newsonb, had i daughter: Betha, who as Elicon Dates.

Renry m. Sila Goddard, i son, Button. Sila d. Henry m. Lura Goodwin.

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ASTAN DERW. of Arm Streeter Reserv. Euros moved to Ky. " Married Gringert Tatter's Sister A Solomon Keeney was elected Commissioner in 1818. A Clinton Keeney m. Avey Tompkins b. 5-1-1815 D. 8-12-1874. (C.) Louisa, John, Mary & David.

MOT OUR DIRECT DESCENDANTS, BUT RELATED:

Thomas Keeney, 111, the 7th child and 1st son of Thomas Keeney & Mercy Lamb Keeney was born 9-8-1776. He married Anna Parshall 1797. The lived in Chemung, then moved to Omandago Co.,N.Y. Thomas was a soldier in the War of 1812.

In 1815 they moved to Middlebury, Pa. cleared a large tract of land and turned it into a most fruitful farm, with the help of his sons. The family endured all of the privations of Pioneer Life. They were members of the Haptist Church in Tioga. Their children were:

Merch. b. 1800

Isreal, b. 1804

Elija & Elisha twins, b. 1-1806.

Jessie, b. 1808 J. Michigan 4-19-1879., m. Sophronia McCarther in 1827. Alvira, b. 1810

Ranson, b. 4-1812 at the Pabius Keeney Settlement in N. Y. Anna, o. 1816

Thomas, b. 1819

Thomas 111 wife, Anna d. 1827 at Chemung while attending her Pather's Puneral.

Jessis Keeney, son of Thomas Keeney 111 and Anna Parshall Keeney, b. 1808 m. Sophronia McCarther All of their children were born at Holiday. They were: Thomas B. lived and died in Michigan (1878)

Armenia m. d. in Hornellsville, N.Y

Luther m. lived in Kansas City

Julia m. Clayton Craft, lived in Nebraska, moved back to Pa. Had 4 sons.

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6-Ster Sever, Coverne, II., Fuerday, Oct. 30, 1984 8+ BETTY SULLIVAN Star-Courter Correspondent Harry Keeney, 1024 Kent St.

was engaged to a very unusual now very rare - occupation from 1971 to 1967. Since the business was located in Nepusset Township, right up the line, the Nepasset Township Historical Society President Ruin, Gould mated Keeney

last week, to get the story of the rendering works for their minimuseum Kenney started helping his dad

at the rendering works as a skinner, in '21, at the tender age of 12 years. At the time, Keeney was still a

student in the old Bowen School, located on R. 34, about a mile case of the County Line Road, wasch passes Francis Park numbing ports and south The rendering works was

ocated "way back in the field," That's because the dead nimals, collected from area

farmers and elsewhere by the Kenneys, gave oil a horrible storch as they were builed in a cooker, heated by a steam engine to 150 degrees A farmer by the name of George

Mocroft owned the farm where the works was incuted, and Jack Handebow owned the plant. Seeney reported that Moeroft was the first area farmer to raise over i 000 hogs per year. Eventually, Mocroft purchased

the works, on condition that the Keeneys would come with it, and Keeney's ned sereed to the deal. in 1932, when young Keeney was 21 years old, Mocroft got out of the business altogether, and from ther on it was called Keeney's Rendoman Works

It was moved to the Kenney's place, south of R. 14, but sulf on the County Line Road, on the Wiles When his dad took sick, at age

42. young Kenney took over the works. His dad had had heart trouble, Kenney related, "but he used to ride along with me anyway," until he died in his 50s. Times got hard for small

rendering works, especially after getergents, for the most part, replaced soan on the market. Keeney said that after the

carcusses were all boiled down, the gresse was used to make snap and bigh explosives. Tankage - ground up bones, meat, and so on - is used in com

mercial feed. Keeney says it is a high protein supplement He eventually went in with Art per of the Central Illinois tering Co., Peoria, along with

ert Pease, Buda, and the raco works com them on all the rendering is none in People Keeney had a -iding dock then (pictured), somewhat resembling a open crib.

but also having space between the floor slaw so au could executave around the carcasses and the animals would stay in better condition waite wasting to be hauted

Later on, Peorla decided they wanted delivery to Stream Keeney had moved to Kent St. in 1937, and since he couldn't make a living hauling all the way to

## Harry Keeney Tells About Rendering Works



STEAM ENGINE ENTHUSIAST - Horry Keeney grow up with and worked with a steam engine running the rendering works cooker, a sawmill and threshing machines until he was 30 years old. After that,

he just how Streator, he guit the business for a few months, and worked for the Kewanee Schools Peoria then offered hauling to Galesburg, and since he still had

his truck and loading dock, be started bauding again Keeney said he took this ich in 1952 with the idea of quitting when

be found another job, but he stayed with it for 14 more years. Then, in 1967, a new plant was

started up in Cambridge, so Keeney started basiling there Hawever, Keesey said Combridge instructed from to stars charging the farmers \$3 a careaus for pick up - It had always been a free service - because they were

going to have to lower their price from \$1.25 per 100 set. to 65 ceeds This lasted about 2-3 months, but is Keeney had predicted, the

farmers only called if they lost a large ammai, and he couldn't make ends meet. He finally had to give up the business and went to work for the last eight years before his retirement as forklift driver at newaves Manufacturing. Eventually, Keeney related, Cambridge sold out to Darling and Kewases

Co., Chicago. He |sp't sure whether or not they pick up animals anymore. Keepey says he really enjoyed

running the steam engine. He started out as a skinner, then graduated to running the cooker, and linally to running the corne. More enjoyable jobs than

led corcusses to the rendering works, but kept rensering were also done with

steam engines in the 70s and 30s. so Keeney used to work with Prucley Swearingen of Neponses. running threshing machines for farmers: pulling out beogerows, and running a saw-

Keeney was caused in a family with one brother. Tons, and two sisters. Mary and Pearl. All four graduated from the Bowen School, and then went on to

Neponset High School Keepey started high school in 1927, the year the new building which is still in use, was

He married Married in 1960, at the age of 50, and she died inch 10 years later, in 1970. Keeney's bobby, now that he is retired, is collecting antique things, experially models of steam engines and other mactiones run by the engines.

He gave the minimuseum the pictures shown here, and also a photo of the 14 children who were attending the Rower School in

Keeney said the actual was proved (% males north, when all fillions one room achools were closed, and was used as a tool stied on the old Kauser farm.



his love for steam engines. Here he shows a model of a angine similar to the one that ron the cooker, and a separater, or threshing machine like the ones he rat-(Stor-Courier Photo by Berry Sullivan)



KEENEY'S RENDERING WORKS - Horry Seevey S pictured here with his truck, used to pick up and noul every dead animals to be belied down for Jee 24 1000 and high explosive grease plut tankage, to be saced to

semmercial feed. The Keeney family ran the business which was a very important service for area farmers, for mone years, and then Keeney communed housing for larger rendering works until 1968. (Photo Courtesy of Marry Keeney)

### **OBITUARIES**

#### Lillian M. Douglass

Mrs. Lillian Mae Dougland, 78 of 15 a Orchard Ave., Belle, died Sziurozy, Lot ter a short dinesa \*Chaol:eacter

ile, died szomowy, oc. n 32. 1946, w: torne wi Ster was a furmer Ruane and Kanawasa Baptist Church where sae sang in the choir and was a Supply around reach er. She was a memher of the Women o Missingery Union

DOUGLASS and the Retired Senir Vulanteer Program. See was a mem er of the West Virginia and National ber of the West Education associations and the Asiel Survivings and Baherr E. to our Surviving see, Robert E Jr of Lis-burn Go; daugner, Physic C Terminy of Trumball, Com., brothers, Charles Keenry of Saluda, S.C., Rev. Lerny Kee-Keenry of Saluda, S.C., Rev. Lerny Rec-ncy of St. Albana, assists. Frances Har-mon of Indianatown Pla. Maryetia.

burn of Newark, Del. four grangeniefren Servere will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Witcher Raptist Churca, Beele, with the Hev Billy Wilburn and the Rev Roscoe Keener officiating Barral will be in Witefier Cometery
Frances may cult after 6 p.m. today at
Futter-Prame Futteral Home. Be,le.

#### Luther S. Weaver

Lietter S. Weaver St. of 185 Britcher Road, Beier, dies 24g 13, 1995 in Thomas Memorina Hospital after 2 long filmas. He was a repred power house operator of Dupase, Belle, He was a member of the Monte Lodge. He was a tileleting constept of

Writter.

Serming: see, William A. of Lewisberg,
Sologhiers, Laugee Priddy and Calbernia Schoolines, back of Worther. Margaret Bushop of Sen Jose, Cald., five grandcoduren; nace great grandmileren pervice will be 2 p.m. Sanday at Fidlerperson will be 2 p.m. Sanday at Feder-Frame Faneral Home. Belle, such the Rev Bully Wilbard officiating. Burtal will be in Wilcher Conselecy, Friends may call after 6 p.m. today at the feneral home

#### Harry T. Knight

Harry T. You. Knophs, 58, of Cedar Grove, st.of Dec. 30, 1988, at Gaperal Deci-vion CASIC. He was a native of Shrewshory and a life ung resident Kanawas County. He was a her that mother and was a Projection Surviving sons. Taumas Michael of Fallsover Harry Lee and Robert Joseph, both of river. Harry Lee and Robert Joseph, both of Schaff Lee, displayer, Grahma Margares XGDM of Softgomers: norther, Mrs. Ruth & Kouley South of Cetar Grove: sesters. Harviol E of Cetar Grove: sesters. Mrs. Yearness Softle and Mrs. Linds Collemo, with of Cetar Grove, Mrs. Janes Topur of Subtema Web Dolston Harving of Lee. Soft of Centr Grove, Mrs. James Lapus of Authorite. Mrs. Dolores Johnson of Lock-wood. Mrs. Romona Mallins of Elkhart. ind four grantchildren. d four grantcouaren. Friends misy call drom 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

at Course Funeral Home, Cenar Grove



#### Elizabeth R. Keeney

Aug. 23, 1888 - Dec. 2, 1988 CENTRALIA, Wash. - Elitabeth Keeney, 100, permethy of Corvellis.

She was burn in Heaver, No. and aduated from Revier High School in 1896. She worked as a typesetter and later headed the compassing more of the studeed oursing for times years on a whosaverage at Christothe, Mo., outal action. She married issues H Walker and moved to Primero, Colu., where they filed for a homestoad. She farmed and he sorted to the mines til be died an a minus expression in

After his death, the returned to Missouri for three years and then went to Wyomang to join her bruthers She was a cook or a mining came and at a beopatal in Thermopolis, Wyo. In 1936 she was a representative for the form bureau of Westerna to Wash ington, D.C., where she was a guest of President and Mrs. Rausevelt. She merried George Kyensy in 1929 and moved to Corvallie after World Was

After her histiand dieg in 1950, the returned to seniol in Corvellas to be come a nurse. She worked in that field from the age of 65 until she was 30 After returing one continued to you prople in pursing homes. She moved Crotralia to se near her daughter in

to Centra Chehalis. was worthy mutron of Chick Peek Chapter of Order of Eastern Star and was president of the University

Survivors unclude son. Dick of Casper, Wyn ; and usughter, Margaret Woods of Chebalts. leads of Chehaus. Services will begin at 11 a.m. today McHenry mortuary, Curva78s. Vault interment will foils Oaks Memorial Gurdens, Albuny Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Churce, Corveilie, in care of the mortuary



Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Keensy former Degorah Secriet

#### Keeney

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kooney of Mr. and Mrs. chartes a necesty of Eleanor cetebrated their Sith westing anistressey Dec. 18 with a reception given by their lamily at Westey United Methodiat Church. He is restred from Eleanor auto Supply Inc She is the for-mer Lens Irons They have a son ther Long group, they have grand-Charles I of Charceston, and one grand-

Mollie Keeney GRIANDO, Flo. - Mollie Keeney. 70. died July 20.

Serberton mass of her lie, she moved to Ortondo Flo Vents ago Kercey Mrs. Keeney re-tired from Seiber-ling Tire & Rupber Co., and was a Borberton Senior Swiving

husband, Raymond; son and daughter-ni-low. Vernan and Linde Johnson of Shelfield Jake; son, Screet Johnson of Orlando, Pla.; daughter and son-lin. law. Henda and Den jones of Barber.

Funeral services Saturday, 10 q.m., at the Campireld-Hickman Fyneral Rodney Worstler officialnome, Nev. roomey worster arricor-ing, Surial Greenlawn Camerary, Vis-totion Fieldey. 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. (Compfield-dickmon, 745-3161.)

#### Philip M. Snyder Jr. WEST PALM BEACH, FIR -

M. Sayder Jr., 78, of West Palm Beach formerly of Mount Hope, W.Va. disc Tuesday, Dec., 27, 1988, in West Palm Surviving: son, Philip Kent of Coral Surviving: See, Polity Nest of Libert Cables: diaghter, Mary Xeet Todall of Fayetteville, W.Wa. susters, Mrs. Patrick C. Grancy and Mrs. Srank T. Gratt, of Mount Hope, one granddaughter. The body has been cresnated.

#### Keeney-Secrist

Deboran Irene Secress, daughter of Mr and Mrs. James S. Pack of Agated, and Daniel Ray Xenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solly W. Keenney of Cortins, were married lov. 13 in the Ameted Baptist the New Robert Knaton office and Ameted Baptist Church Clarris Skuggs was mairon of bonor and Jeanufer Drennen and Trista Secrist were bridesmaies. Krista Secrist was ere bridesmatch, nature of the mac. oner get Mike Keeney was best mac. shees were Steve Keeney and Butch ack. Ryan Keeney was ring bearer. Following a reception, the couple left for a weeding trip to Blackwater Falls State Park, They will live at Corlina. She is a graduate of Assted High School and is employed by Pyramid Home Products. He attended Fairment State College and is employed by Hawk's Ness Mittag Co.

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Mollie Keeney - from Lawrence Co. OH branch Elizabeth R. Keeney identification needed



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### MINNESOTA

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Raymond Councilman and Rosetta Keeney were married at the home of Mc.& Mrs. D. J. Huddock by Rev. George Porter Wednesday afternoon, The groom was assisted by wittmer and the bride by Miss Plorence Willst.

The contracting parties are well known in this village. the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Councilman, who roved to Gentry, Arkansas a ccupie of years ago. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. A. A. Keeney, of Minnewasks. The happy couple will leave for Canada in a few weeks. where they will make their home. SANFORD HERALD

SANFORD, NC, 9-22-1986 The Rev. Floyd Henry Councilman, 75, a retired Christian minister, of Broadway, died September 20, 1986 Born June 28, 1911 in alberts, Canada, he was the son of Raymond Henry and Rosetta Keeney Councilman. He served churches in Indiana, Washington, North Carclina and Fennsylvania.

Survivors: wife, Caroline Philip M. Snyder - great Ralverson Councilman; two grandeon of Frances Kee-gaughters, Anna M. Fessina ney Brawley, daughter of (Butler, PA) and Thelma J. Clark (Cheyenne, WY); sons Charles H. (Sierra Vista, AZ and Paul F. (Payetteville, ): brother, Lucien C., of Malten, washington.