

THOMAS MICHAEL KEENEY
Son of Michael Keeney Jr

Keeney Update

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MICHAEL KEENEY JR FAMILY BECOMES TEXAS FARMERS FOLLOWING UNION DESTRUCTION OF THEIR MISSOURI HOME

THOMAS MICHAEL KEENEY (Michael Keeney Jr, 1817-1890, Michael Keeney 1765 VA, Peter Keeney 1740-1810 KY, JOHN KEENEY c1716 VA/WV)

Thomas Michael was born in Dadesville, Dade Co MO 20 Dec 1849, 4th child and second son of Michael Keeney Jr and Celia Ellen Backus 1822-1895. He was called Tom as a boy and had memories of the Civil War when the Yankees would come to their farm and take their animals and food and harass them. One soldier shot Tom's dog, but was disciplined by his C. O.

George Keeney, Tom's oldest brother went to Arkansas and joined the Confederate Army. He was wounded and captured and was sent to New Orleans. The war ended before he could be shipped North and George was released, choosing to go to Texas rather than returning to Missouri in 1866. His father who had seen his home destroyed by the Union, decided to join his son in Texas, settling in Bell County (now Temple TX). Tom lived with his family until his marriage to Sarah Viola Dyes 1854-1893. Tom was 38 when his mother died and his father married Georgia Wheeler in 1892.

Children in the first marriage were: Thomas Franklin 1877-1956, John Wesley 1880-1964, Pearl Dyes Brown 1883-1952 (buried in AR), Charles Edward 1884-1956, Margaret Eugenie Hoherd 1887-1974, George Curtis 1889-1989 and James Leonard 1891-1968. Children of Tom & Georgia were Grace Lillian Hoch 1894, Calvin LeRoy 1897-1897, Audra Alberta Smith 1898-1918 and Dollie Mae Pruitt b.1900.

In 1901 Frank (the oldest son) left Bell Co for health reasons and settled in Coke Co. Son John married Lee Johnson and daughter Eugenie married Joe Hoherd and moved to Temple TX. In November 1903 Tom sold his farm and moved to Coke Co, joining sons Charles and John, buying a farm at Bronte and living there until all the children were married. Pearl was married in 1904, Curtis left home at 16 to travel and see the country, Leonard married Myrtle Luttrell in 1909, Grace married Walter Hoch in 1912 and went to San Marcos TX, Audra married Dan Smith in 1915 and died in 1918, and Dollie married Elliott Pruitt and lived in Bronte TX until 1942.

From 1917-1921 Tom and Georgie and son Pearl lived in Arkansas, but returned to Bronte. Thomas Michael Keeney died in January 1929 and Georgie Keeney died 3 November 1933. They are buried in Bronte TX.

Ross Noble

GENERATIONS:

- Moses Keeney 1766-1840
- David A Keeney 1794-1860
- Elizabeth Keeney Noble 1841-1888
- William E Noble 1873-1941
- Ross Noble 1916-2004

Services for Ross Noble will be at the Baptist Temple on Thursday, April 21, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 20, at Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Private interment will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.



Ross Noble lived 87 years in the Charleston area before surrendering patiently and gracefully to complications from cancer on April 19, 2004. Born and

raised in Cabin Creek, W.Va., he graduated from East Bank High School, Class of 1933, and from West Virginia Tech, with an Associate Engineering degree. He moved to Charleston and began his 39-year career at True Temper (Kelly Ax Tools) before retiring in 1979 as Plant Superintendent.

After retirement, he volun-
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Pictured here are parts of the THOMAS MICHAEL & ISAAC KEENEY families; Children: Edwin s/o Leonard; Margaret, Mary 7 Lydia, daughters of John, two grandsons of Isaac; Adults, row one: Georgie Wheeler Keeney, Thomas M, Isacc & wife Charity, and sister Amanda Keeney Hock. Row two: sons and daughters of Thomas & Isaac; last row: Lee & John Keeney, parents of the three young girls, PEARL and wife Mattie, Frank Keeney (oldest son of Thomas, sons of Isaac Keeney (information from Doris Ludwig)

TEXAS

Ross Noble(Continued)

teered hundreds of dedicated hours to a variety of charitable organizations. He served 10 years on the Auxiliary Board of St. Francis Hospital, holding many board officer positions before becoming the second male president in the board's history. He faithfully delivered Meals on Wheels, where for 16 years, he befriended and cared for his regular clients with love and compassion. He was a seven-year member of the Greenbrier Lions Club, serving

as treasurer, and he received the greatest satisfaction from staffing the club's hot dog stand at the annual Charleston

Throughout Mr. Noble's life, his first love, beyond family, was music. Blessed with a rich baritone voice, he enjoyed several lead roles as a teenager in school musicals. As an adult, he was a 60-year member of local church choirs.

Mr. Noble was also a talented carpenter, building family heirlooms, including dollhouses, tables, high chairs, benches and cradles, as well as remodeling his home with his father-in-law and brother-in-law. He was an amateur photographer and created his own home darkroom.

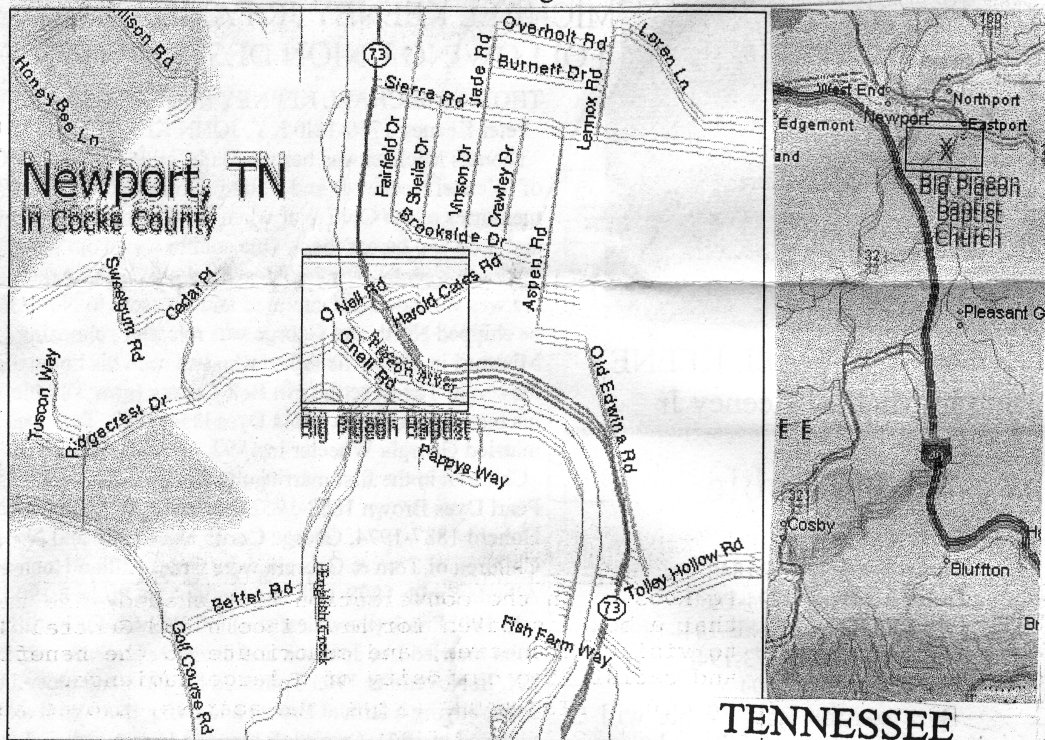
He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sarah Frances Kyle Noble of Charleston; his son, Dr. David Ross Noble of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and daughters, Kay Noble Eckert of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Nancy Noble Peck of Winnetka, Ill. The lights of his life were his seven grandchildren, Ross Ezell Noble Esq. of Chicago, Ill., Dr. David Andrew White of Phoenix, Ariz., Katherine Kyle Peck of Chicago, Ill., Christopher Burton White of Pittsburgh, Pa., James David Noble of Baltimore, Md., Marshall Staunton Peck of Winnetka, Ill., and Sarah Noble Peck of Winnetka, Ill.

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson... you find the present tense and the past perfect.

Big Pigeon Baptist Church - Cocke County, TN

The Big Pigeon Baptist Church was located near the point where English Creek flows into the Pigeon River, on the east side of the town of Newport, in Cocke Co, TN (about 2 miles west of the Cherokee National Forest).

Now, the Little Pigeon River flows out of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and into Sevierville, TN (Sevier Co, TN). The Little Pigeon is located about 10-15 miles south west of the Big Pigeon River. The location of the Big Pigeon Baptist Church was about 15 miles from its closest distance from the Little Pigeon River.



BIG PIGEON RECORDS indicate extreme conservative doctrine and strict discipline, with monthly congregational business meetings.

POLLY KEENEY w/o John joined by letter on 6-11-1791

The following were received as members by experience in Sept 1794: Thomas Keeney, Joseph Keeney and Joseph Huff; Joseph cited (spelled sited) in Church minutes) Thomas Mantooth 2-5-1796; John Keeney was cited on 3-5-1796 for non-attendance (ill)

1800 Bros Lane & Coleman cited John Keeney to attend church; report Was postponed from September to January; Bros Bowman & Grose were Appointed to cite John Keeney in September 1803; no response so John Was excluded in December

6-1-1811 John Keeney came forward and repented, with church receiving him into fellowship again

7-4-1812 Jonathan Keeney with Bros Fine, Kelley and Coleman appointed as delegates to the area association meeting; on 6-6-1812 Nancy Keeney was received into church membership

8-1-1812 Bro Jonathan Keeney granted liberty to preach "wherever his lot might he cast"

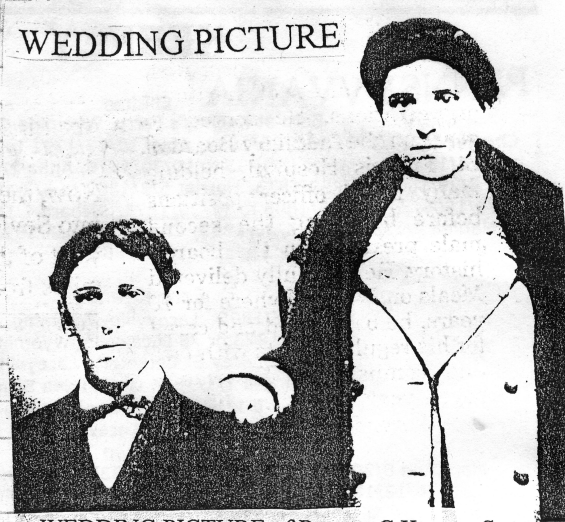
2-6-1813 Jonathan Keeney applied for letter (to another church) for himself and wife, letter granted; on 7-8-1813 the church added to the letter permit "To preach the gospel" wherever he went

9-4-1813 Thomas Keeney was requested to come to Saturday meeting to "Exercise his gift among us"; he declined being "in a state of darkness"; On 4-30-1814 he was accused of keeping company with a woman not his wife; on 8-6-1814 Thomas came forward, conversed with members and gave satisfaction to members

10-1-1814 Thomas Keeney and wife received letters of dismissal
HISTORICAL NOTE: Joseph Keeney settled in what became Anderson Co TN, Jonathan and family went to Indiana, Thomas made his way to Western Missouri



FAMILY OF ROSCOE C KEENEY SR & MAGGIE A PAXTON
Photo by Leo Gardner, family friend, 2-1-1969



WEDDING PICTURE

WEDDING PICTURE of Roscoe C Keeneey Sr and Maggie Alice Paxton 11-1-1904

Left: Daughters Julia Hannah Keeneey 1907-1998 wife of Douglas Robert Arthur; Frances Myrtle Keeneey 1909-1998 wife of William Clinton Kilburn; Alma Mae Keeneey 1917-2000 wife of Raymond Lee Rose, Margaret Alice Keeneey 1920-1997 wife of Robert Lee Cline (2) Stanley Kapanowski; Sons: William Harold Keeneey 1927, Roscoe C Keeneey Jr 1922, Calvin Coolidge Keeneey 1925-1992 and Nick Burks Keeneey II 1911-1996. Frances and Margaret are buried in Michigan

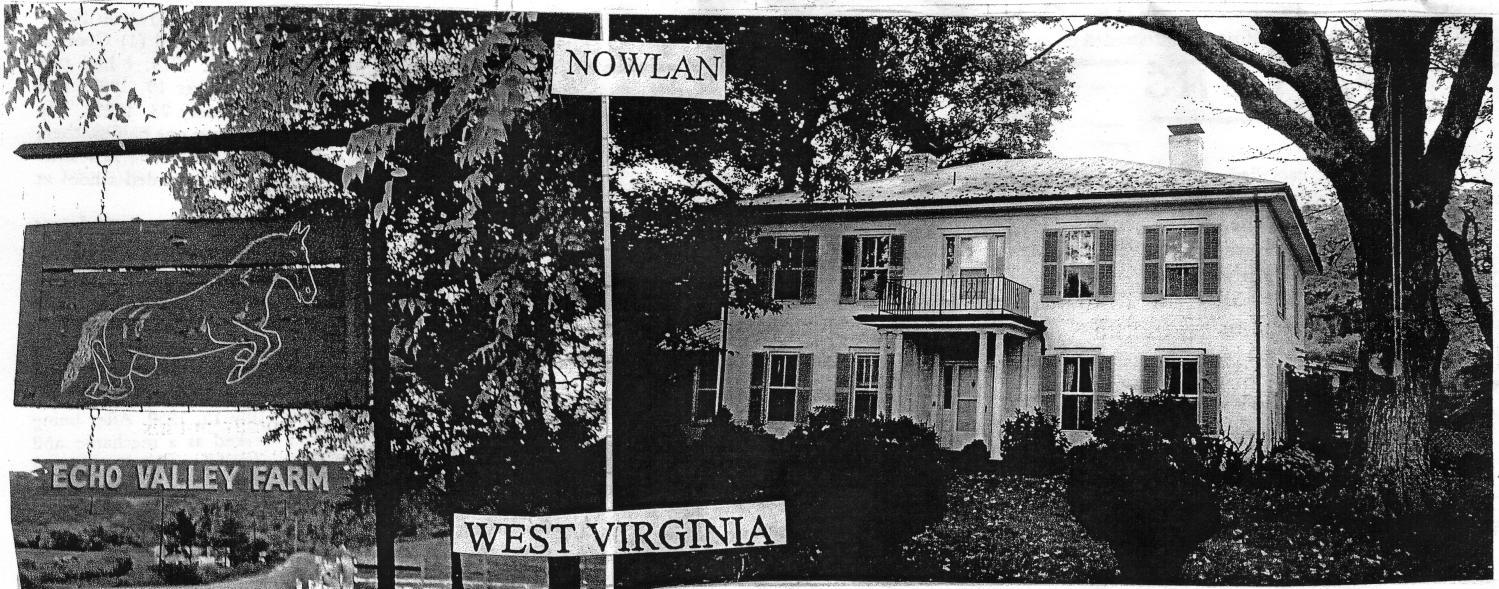
Pg R005 In the conversation that ensued, the ticket agent informed Booth that a box was taken for Mr. Lincoln and General Grant, who were expected to visit the theater, and contribute to the benefit of MISS LAURA KEENE, and satisfy the curiosity of a large audience.

Pg. 10 MISS LAURA KEENE, the actress, proved herself in this awful time as equal to sustain a part in real tragedy as to interpret that of the stage. Pausing one moment before the foot lights to entreat the audience to be calm, she ascended the stairs in the rear of Mr Lincolns box, entered it, took the dying Presidents head in her lap, bathed it with the water she had brought and endeavored to force some of the liquid through the insensible lips.

A. Lincoln

16th President of the United States, 1861-1865

ECHO VALLEY: This beautiful home was built for JOSEPH TIMOTHY NOWLAN 1839-1920 and MARY AGNES KEENEY NOWLAN b.1847 in Kanawha Co, married 25 May 1865. Nowlan was a railway fireman. Son John C Nowlan was a local merchant and Justice of the Peace in Talcott Dist.



KEENEY

PENNSYLVANIA

Children

Born at Keeneey's Ferry, Wyoming Co, PA

Chester 12/10/1789 to 3/25/1858; Abiel 12/17/1791 to 9/18/1864; Ira 10/4/1793 to 11/6/1877; Lyman 11/7/1795 to 10/30/1878, Anna 2/5/1798 to 10/1/1863; John C 3/29/1800 to 2/28/1876; Harriet 5/3/1802 to 6/3/1805; Luther 6/4/1804 to 8/1/1806; Ezra 7/15/1806 to 11/30/1873; Richard T 11/22/1808 to 2/10/1894; Matilda 9/15/1811 to 4/30/1813; Charles M 10/7/1813; Hiram 12/14/1817 to 10/3/1883

Ezra Keeneey

b 7/15/1806 Laceyville, Wyoming, Co, PA
d 11/30/1873 or 75 Laceyville, Wyoming Co, PA
buried Lacey St Cemetery, Laceyville, PA
Married 1/1/1834 to **Clarrisa Sharts**
b 1/17/1813 Laceyville, PA
d 12/3/1843, Laceyville, PA

Children

Mary Ann 8/29/1834; Angeline 12/12/1835; Jane Ann 6/23/1837; Martin V 6/12/1839 to 6/11/1920; Burton L 12/10/1840 to 6/21/1911;
Richard 11/8/1842 to 2/23/1918

Burton L Keeneey

b 12/10/1840 Laceyville, PA
d 6/21/1911 Bradford Co PA
buried Laceyville, PA

Married 10/5/1882 Larned, Pawnee Co Kansas to **Dora Williams**

b 10/3/1859 Laceyville, PA
d 1/10/1940 Laceyville, PA
buried Laceyville, PA

Children

Born in Larned, Pawnee Co, KS

Anna Mae 1/4/1884 to 4/28/1965; Leroy B 8/21/1885; Rhea R 3/5/1892

Anna Mae Keeneey

b 1/4/1884 Larned, Pawnee Co, Kansas
d 4/28/1965 Bradford Co, PA

buried Cummsky Cemetery, Wilmot Township, Bradford Co

Married **Charles Edward Miller** 11/5/1902 Stowell RC Church, Wyoming Co

b 7/29/1877 Wilkes Barre, PA
d 3/17/1962 Wilmot Township, Bradford Co, PA

Children

Ruth 4/16/1904 to 10/29/1991; Edna 1905 to 1908; Burton 5/21/1907 to 4/5/1985; Kathryn 7/27/1908 to 5/2/1990; George 2/12/1911 to 7/19/1974; Charles H. 7/15/1914 to 3/2/1996; Paul 9/14/1915 to 12/19/1975; LeRoy 3/3/1917 to 8/28/1993; girl 1918; Margaret 6/28/1919 to 6/5/1991; H. Donald 11/7/1920 to 9/20/1975; Joseph 6/28/1922 to 2/11/1988; Robert 2/2/1925 to 2/18/2000; David 8/16/1927 to 9/8/1987

Re: John Jonathan Keeneey SR. INDIANA

John settled in Cocke Co., TN after the Rev. War and then went to Fayette Co., IN. From Fayette Co., he proceeded to Holt Co., MO. Sevier Co. TN and Cocke Co., TN are adjacent to each other and the families may have lived across the river from each other. They were probably all members of the Big Pigeon Church. I was aware that Nancy Ann Keeneey married John Oldham and the marriage did occur in TN. My ancestor from John was Thomas and he was one of the first Preachers to enter MO and this was about 1808 or thereabouts. He arrived in Saline Co., MO and remained in that area until another group of church members moved to Holt Co., MO. I believe that most of the Keeneey clan moved to the Saline area before they proceeded on to Holt Co.

Posted by: Dave Wakeman

ISAAC KEENEY FAMILY OF TEXAS

by *Richard Ernest Keeneey*

My grandfather, Isaac Keeneey, was born May 3, 1853 in St. Charles County, Missouri, son of Michael and Cinnia Ellen Bacus Keeneey. He married Charity Elizabeth Hawk of Temple, in Bell County, Texas about 1876, 1861-1937. He died November 29, 1917, both buried in Coleman. He bought approximately four sections of land about eight miles east of Coleman on Hords Creek. He paid \$13,000 in cash for this land. He moved his family here and took up farming and ranching.

Isaac and Charity Keeneey had ten children: George, July 5, 1877 (see Helton); Mike, December 28, 1879, May 26 1924 (see William Michael Keeneey); Bill, in 1881, died young with no family; Lela, 1883-1978; Roger (Doc), September 29, 1885-January 20, 1972 (see J.F. Griffith); Delmer, no data available; Don, December 28, 1887 (date of death unavailable); Lee, May 15, 1889-May 9, 1965; Thomas Ernest, December 22, 1893-July 14, 1969; and,

Keeneey Family History

Great-great-great grandfather - John Jonathan Kenney - b. 25 Dec. 1750, Greenbrier Co. VA d. 1 Jan. 1805 m. Annie Elizabeth Poets - b. 1754.

Great-great grandfather James Keeneey b. 1780 in Tennessee d. 4 April 1841 near Paducah, KY, m. Ruth Anna (Annie) Ramsey 8 Feb. 1821 in LaFayette Co. MO. Ruth b. 15 Jan. 1803 d. 17 July 1899. Purchased a farm in Clay Co. in 1839, sold after his death by Anna. Children: John, Sarah, Joseph, Eleanor, Anna, Leatha, Jane, Rhoda, Elizabeth, James Ramsey, George Madison.

Great grandfather James Ramsey b. 16 July 1839 in Ray Co. MO. d. 1 Aug. 1913; m. Anna Rostock 22 March 1860 Oregon, MO. Anna b. 24 Oct. 1840 Dayton, Ohio, d. Doniphan Co. KS, 4 children: James Ferdinand, Nancy Anna, Nathan Henry, Ellen Mae.

Grandfather James Ferdinand b. 13 Oct. 1861 in Oregon, MO d. 4 Feb. 1917 m. Anna Alice Gentry 11 Oct. 1887 in Oregon, MO. Anna b. 26 Nov. 1868 Oregon, MO; children 6: Bessie Alice b. 1 Sept. 1890 d. 21 Jan 1893, Alfred b. 30 June 1892 d. 27 Jan. 1893; Ella b. 30 Aug. 1894 d. 11 Oct. 1906; Nathan b. 21 Sept. 1897 d. 22 Oct. 1906; Grant b. 5 Oct. 1905 d. 20 Dec. 1968; Moss b. 3 Feb. 1910 d. 26 Dec. 1980. All buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Oregon, Missouri. Anna married William Baker 27 Dec. 1925,

Father Grant Keeneey b. 5 Oct. 1905 d. 20 Dec. 1968 m. Mary Louise Dick 25 Sept. 1926 Oregon, MO. Mary b. 18 July 1907 d. 9 June 1996.

1. Helen Wiltz
2. Grant Loyd b. 8 Aug. 1928, d. 17 Mar. 1959
3. Betty Jean b. 23 May 1930, d. 5 Feb. 2003;

m. Kenneth Shelby Smith

1. Linda Gail Smith
2. Vivian Kay Smith

m. John Randall Taylor

1. Melinda Anna Taylor
2. Erin Christine Taylor
3. Shelby Paul Smith b. 31 Jan 1956 d. Aug 1978

m. Louisa Scott Fowler

1. Tamara Lynn Smith

m. Joel Matthew Motley

1. Julia Scott Motley-Smith
2. Jacob Andrew Motley
2. Shelby Lee Smith

m. Shannon Williams

1. Haley Ray Williams
2. David Lee Smith

m. Bill John Jordan (no children) b. 31 May 1930 d. 1978

4. Mary Batley
5. Alfred Keeneey
6. Christina Rayhill
7. Ruth Kretzer

By Betty Keeneey Jordan (died 2003)

MISSOURI

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Zachary, May 9 1901-October 28, 1975 (see Henry Lobstein).

I was born October 13, 1920 in Coleman County in the old original house that Grandpa Isaac purchased about 1900. My father, Thomas Ernest Keeneey, married (1) Georgia Lobstein (see Lobstein), December 20, 1919. I had two brothers, James Franklin (born November 19, 1923) and Hayden Edward, (May 10, 1922-February 23, 1923). My father married (2) Lillian Roberds. I have one half-brother, LeRoy (see LeRoy Keeneey) and one half-sister, Ernestine Elizabeth (see Ernestine Dockery). We attended school at Lone Star and Cross Roads.

I lived and worked in Coleman County until I was seventeen years old. I joined the C.C.C.'s May 7, 1937 and went to Roswell, New Mexico. On October 13, 1939 I joined the United States Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. I was discharged October 13, 1945, as Staff Sergeant. I married (1) Mary N. Neergaard, June 6, 1943, at Seattle, Washington. We had four children: John Richard, May 10, 1945; Georgia Ann, April 16, 1949; Mary Christine, January 16, 1956; and Katherine Elizabeth, July 15, 1959. After being discharged from the Army, I worked as a mechanic and machinist. On July 30, 1964 we moved to Othello where I took on the job of building the biggest spearmint and peppermint farm in the world. I divorced my first wife and married (2) LaDawn Woolley Maw, November 10, 1973 at Winnemucca, Nevada. In November 1977 we started an automotive machine shop in Warden, Washington. We built our home in Warden in November 1978.

PATRONS

My printer of 21 years died recently and his business was closed by probate. Future issues of UPDATE depend on my finding an understanding printer.

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IN MEMORIAM



WASHINGTON
RAYMOND BEDFORD KEENEY

MARCH 4, 1908 ~ MARCH 19, 2002

GLADYS ANN DIXON KEENEY
 JUNE 4, 1912 ~ MARCH 6, 2003

In Memory Of...

Raymond Bedford Keeney of Forest Grove, Oregon died March 19, 2002 at Marquis Care of Forest Grove. He was 94. A family memorial service will be held in Richland, Washington and interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland.

Mr. Keeney was born March 4, 1908 in Dry Branch, West Virginia to the late John and Nannie Keeney. He was raised and educated in Belle, West Virginia. He married Gladys Ann Dixon of Roanoke, Virginia in Charleston, West Virginia on September 9, 1933 where they lived until moving to Richland, Washington in 1944. He worked as a pipefitter for duPont Corporation and was transferred to Richland to work at the Hanford Project until his retirement in 1970. He moved to Forest Grove, Oregon in 2000. He was a member of the local union of plumbers and steamfitters and an active assistant boy scout leader with the Blue Mountain Council. He was a long term member of West Side Church in Richland.

His greatest love was to be out-of-doors fly-fishing, hunting, and camping. He gave his family many happy memories in the Pacific Northwest wilderness. He had a lively sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. He was known as "Mr. Fix-It" and helped many with their plumbing woes for over 20 years after "retirement". His happy whistle and jovial, sometimes raucous, songs will remain in our memories and bring a smile.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Keeney, of Forest Grove; two sons, Raymond (Gus) Keeney, Jr. of Yuma, AZ, and Jack Keeney of Scapoose, OR; two daughters, Martha (Missy) Baker of Richland, WA and Patricia Keeney of Forest Grove; two grandsons, Bryan DeVaney and Justin Keeney of Portland, OR; two granddaughters and one step-granddaughter, Ruth Ann Baker of Seattle, WA, Barbara Ann Smolko of Spanaway, WA, and Dana Kinney of Redmond, OR area; one great-grandson, Ryan Smolko and one great-granddaughter, Sophia Smolko of Spanaway, WA.

- WILLAMETTE NATIONAL CEMETERY-Multnomah Co, Oregon
- KEENEY TOMBSTONES
- Barbara C b.4-7-1914, d.7-11-1979 Sgt Major US Army
- Cora Bell b.9-15-1900, d.5-7-1974 US Army Captain
- Ethel Earl b.1-2-1891, d.6-29-1970 Private, US Army
- Ella b.2-23-1892, d.4-5-1979 Private, US Army
- Elmo Murray b.12-21-1915at Gowen OK son of Oscar Douglas Keeneyb.1878, d.6-5-1959 in Longview WA, WV line
- Harry Keeney b.2-22-1892, d.8-1-1977 Private, US Army
- Jess Keeney b.12-27-1894, d.2-25-1971 Private, US Army
- Kenneth K Keeney b.1-29-1923, d.12-8-1987 Tec5, US Army
- Lily May Keeney, b.2-22-1898, d.2-1-1986 MSG, US Army
- Marvin J Keeney b.2-25-1914, d.6-21-1979 PFC,US Army
- Mary L b.6-11-1935, d.8-28-1990 PFC, US Army
- Pauline A b.5-21-1900, d.9-23-1991 Tec5, US Army
- Ralph M b.6-18-1923, d.12-22-1977 US Navy
- Thomas M b.4-2-1922, d.4-4-1990 Tsgt, US Air Corps
- Vessie E. B.8-10-1903, d.10-7-1885 US Army Air Corps
- Wayne A b.9-25-1887, d.10-18-1951 Sgt, US Army
- William Robert b.10-3-1894, d.6-21-1974 Private, US Army
- Vessie E
 b.8-10-1903, d.10-7-1885 US Army Air Corps

OREGON

Services were today for Delbert Lee Keeney, 71, Camdenton, who died Aug. 26, 2002, at Doctors Hospital, Springfield.

He was born April 13, 1931, in Willis, Kan., a son of Samuel A. and Mertle M. Cumper Keeney. He was married in 1957 to Emma Jane Long, who died Nov. 1, 1999.

KANSAS

A graduate of Willis High School, Willis, he was a Navy veteran. He had lived in Kansas City, where he worked for a security company. He moved to Camdenton in the late 1960s and worked at Bob Happy Electric, Camdenton, retiring in the early 1990s. He later helped operate a family-owned day care facility. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and had been a Boy Scout leader.

Survivors include: one son, Gerald Keeney, Portland, Ore.; two brothers, Howard Keeney, St. Joseph, and Robert Keeney, Sacramento, Calif.; five sisters, Nellie Jeffery, Horton, Kan., Helen McConnaughey, Wheat Ridge, Colo., Gertie Soden, Hiawatha, Kan., Evelyn Fisher, Cincinnati, and Virginia Keeney, Kansas City; and one granddaughter.

BOONE CO WV 1900	ADA CO IA 1870
Ada F 4	Carrie 15 b.CA
Asa A 13	Eddie 1 b.UT
Augusta 1	Elizabeth 9 b.OR
David 25	Frances 33 b.MO
Delia 11	Jonathan 55 b.IN
Dewey L 1	Joseph B 4 b.CA
Edward 24	Joseph B 36 b.IN
Francis 22	Mary 51 b.VA
Grace F 3	Mattie 10 b.CA
John 47	Nancy A 13 b.OR
Leslie E 4	VERMILION CO IL 1870
Mary 45	Charles C 8
Mary L 21	Clara 4
Quindora 8	George 9
Sanford 6	Harriet 28
Victoria 18	James 32
William S 15	Joseph 16
Winford S 3	Joseph 1

Mrs. Alice K. Meyers
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KEENEYS FROM ENGLAND TO NEW ENGLAND

I have not found the dates for when Sir Thomas and his three sons John, William and Thomas arrived in this country. They did not come together, with the possible exception of Sir Thomas and William who may have. I have no proof of this, but as they both settled in Gloucester, MA it seems likely they were together. Sir Thomas' grandson, Henry, was the first of my direct ancestors to arrive. That was in 1635 when Henry was not quite twelve years old. It is interesting to note in the vital statistics I have that Sir Thomas, John and William are recorded as "Keney", but Henry's birth is recorded as "Kinne". I do not have the vital statistics for the son, Thomas. It is not my intention to include here any information beyond listing the names of Sir Thomas' grandchildren.

In 1651, William left Gloucester and settled in New London, CT where his surname was known to be Keeney. He died in 1675 and is believed to have been buried in "Ye Antient Buriall Place" although his grave cannot now be found.

Sir Thomas was still in Gloucester in 1664, but it is believed that he, at some later time, also went to New London and that he died there. If so, he must have been buried in the same cemetery as William.

John lived in Newbury and Salem, MA. He was a mariner by occupation and in 1662 was an inholder in Boston. His will was proved 9-20-1670, Essex Co., MA, signed John Keyney. Inv. 8-8-1670. (Record Boston Transcript Genealogical Column, August 10, 1936.)

Thomas was sent here in 1631 by John Mason of King's Lynn to settle various grants of land obtained from the Council of New England. Mason later came himself and he named the area New Hampshire. Thomas settled in Dover, NH and was still there in 1699. Thomas chose to spell his name "Canney".

There is much skepticism about Sir Thomas having been a baronet. No record of this has been found in London. In his Bible Henry wrote "Knighted by ye Goode Queen Elizabeth for ye gifts of ships to ye captaine Daves ye Navigator!". Did someone mistakenly think that being knighted made one a baronet? Stories do grow and spread this way. Henry did write that it was his grandfather who was knighted, but I believe he should have stated his great grandfather. When the ships were needed for use against the Spanish Armada, Sir Thomas would have been only ten years old. I know there are some who do not believe such a Bible ever existed. I do believe it, but do not know what has become of it since 1929. A claim is made that Sir Thomas was made a baronet by James I and granted a Coat of Arms on October 4, 1613. I do not have proof of this nor have I found any reason for this honor. That does not mean that I disbelieve it, but I need more information. Burke has one entry for "Kinne". Unfortunately it does not include a given name, date, location or reason. I still hope to find these answers.

I think that most of the family know of the possibility that our ancestors were in Ireland before going to England. I have no information before Sir Robert, and that very little, making an opinion impossible. Perhaps not as widely known is the belief of some that our ancestors were in Normandy and their name was "de Kene".

They went to England with William the Conqueror and after a time they dropped the "de" from their name. In the Domesday Book there is a landowner named "Kene" listed in Norfolk County. He, of course, was there before the invasion, but this does not rule out the possibility of others with this name coming at that time. I would like to meet the person who can trace our family back to 1066! All theories are interesting, but I need something a little more solid to form an opinion.

The Genealogy of Henry and Ann Kinne Sources:
Glorance Keeney Robertson, M.A. - Genealogist

The Keney, Kenney, Kinney Family
Mabel Gould Demers Hinckley - Genealogist

The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales
Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms

Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England
James Savage

New London, Conn. Genealogical and Biographical Record
With thanks to Iva Alexander Arpin for providing this source.
Keeney Update
With thanks to Roscoe C. Keeney, Jr.

Domesday Book, Norfolk County
General Editor, John Morris

Ye Antient Buriall Place of New London, Conn.
Compiled by Edward Prentis

LITTLE THINGS



One little
unshined raindrop
May think itself
too small;
Yet, somewhere,
a thirsty flower
Awaits its fall.
One little word, unspoken,
May seem too small to say;
But somewhere, for that one word,
A heart may pray.

—Helen Thomas Allison

My Favorite Old-Time Poem

A Vanished Friend

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it a year is gone,
And I never see my old friend's face;
For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I like him just as well
As in days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger then;
And now we are busy, tired men—
Tired with playing a foolish game;
Tired with trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes—and tomorrow goes;
And the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner! Yet miles away...
"Here's a telegram, sir... Jim died today!"

And that's what we get, and deserve in the end—
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

—Charles Hanson Towne

Senility Prayer

God grant me the Senility
to forget the people I never
liked anyway, the good
fortune to run into the ones
that I do, and the eyesight
to tell the difference.