

# Mine Union Pioneer Dies at 88

CHARLES FRANKLIN (FRANK) KEENEY  
SON OF Charles Franklin (Sonny) Keeney  
and Elizabeth J (Lizzie) Knight 1848-1925;  
grandson of MICHAEL R & ELIZABETH  
GATEWOOD KEENEY; born 15 Mar 1882  
died 22 May 1970; wed to Bessie Meadows  
1887-1975; father of Syble Ruth Phillips  
1905-1996, Mamie Henrietta Moore b.1909  
Frank Vincent Keeney b.1910, Edith GERALDINE  
JACKSON b.1912, Elaine Bird b.1915 and  
Charles Belmont Keeney b.1917

Charles Franklin Keeney, a survivor of the bloody days of coal mining, died Friday in Hopemont State Hospital after a long illness.

Keeney, 88, fiery union leader who defied John L. Lewis, UMW president, and "Mother" Mary Jones, was the last elected president of District 17 of the United Mine Workers.

Keeney was indicted in 1921 for murder and treason after taking part in the famed armed march of miners and union leaders from Marmet to Blair Mountain in March, 1921.

The charges against Keeney and hundreds of other miners were subsequently dropped.

In 1921, Keeney split with Lewis and the UMW and edited a labor paper in Illinois. A member of an anti-Lewis labor faction, he returned to West Virginia in the early '30s and organized a new miners union.

The movement died from lack of funds and pressure from the UMW.

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KEENEY, formerly of Edgewood Avenue, was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Keeney of Alum Creek, sons, C. B. of Alum Creek and Frank of Phoenix, Ariz., and daughters, Mrs. Cabell Phillips of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Denver H. Bird and Mrs. W. W. Moore of Charleston and Mrs. James Jackson of Hilton Head, S. C.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Stevens-Grass Funeral Home chapel. The Rev. Denver Fields will officiate.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the Stevens-Grass Funeral Home, Malden.

# Keeney Update

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Family members of STIRES JADE KEENEY II, son of Robert H Keeney b.1834 in Kanawha Co WV, d.1912 in Ovapa, KS & Julia A Kelley Keeney, pictured in 1980 in Pottawatomie Co, KS, include: son Claude, granddaughter and daughter in law Audrey Small and Bertha Keeney, Claude's wife Grace, son Earl Keeney and daughter Blanche Keeney Stotts

## KANSAS

### "BLACK JACK" KEENEY OF OREGON a great-grandson of Andrew Jackson Keeney.

My Father told me a story that he heard when he was about 30. He is now 81. He told me about seeing an old gentlemen at a church in Klamothfalls who said he knew Andrew Jackson Keeney.

Merthi Keeney King <merthi101@hotmail.com>

Bud Keeney and his young family were visiting his sister Lois in Klamath Falls (Oregon) back in 1947. He recalls they were at her down town Baptist church on the North side of town. Lois introduced him and his family to one of the older gentlemen there. "You a Keeney?" he asked "Yes Sir." Bud replied "You a relation to Andrew Jackson Keeney? Let me tell you about him. He was the bravest man alive. 'Black Jack' had 5 sons. They had taken the wagon on up to Crescent Lake fishin'. It was Huckle berry season. They'd pitched camp near a berry patch. The horses were spooked because the smelled bear. The boys could see the bear and the asked Black Jack "What are we gonna do about the bear? Leave?" He replied "I can run him off with a buggy whip." The boys said "Oh no Dad you cant do that." Black Jack took the buggy whip and went up to the bear. The bear raised up on his hind legs. Black Jack flicked him on the nose with the buggy whip. The bear let out a loud growl, dropped down and ran off down the canyon. Black Jack Keeney was the bravest man alive."

Bud is retired now and builds Grandfather clocks as a hobby. He also takes care of the Keeney Cemetery by getting the family together and having a cleanup day there. The cemetery is located on the old Andrew J. Keeney farm. There is no access road to the cemetery.

## Descendants of Emma Marie SNYDER

RESEARCH by SANDRA KAY SWEENEY KOZLOWSKI

EMMA MAY SNYDER SWEENEY is the grandmother of the researcher. She is a daughter of PHILIP WELCH SNYDER 1870-1960, granddaughter of EMELINE BRAWLEY b.1832 & Daniel B Snyder, and great granddaughter of FRANCES KEENEY 1790-1879 & WILLIAM S BRAWLEY, who were married in Greenbrier Co WV on 4 June 1811. FRANCES was the first child of MOSES KEENEY 1789-1840 & Frances Harris, who left Greenbrier Co for Cabin Creek, tributary of Kanawha River, about 1812.

- Emma Marie SNYDER b: February 19, 1902 in Queen Shoals, Kanawha Co., West Virginia  
 +James Bernard SWEENEY b: March 16, 1901 in Irish Corner, Summersville, Nicholas, West Virginia  
 2 Philip Daniel SWEENEY b: July 26, 1926 in Barren Creek, Big Sandy, Kanawha Co., West Virginia  
 .. +Dolores June MOESSINGER b: August 12, 1928 in Wilson Ave., Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 .. 3 Infant James Sweeney b: July 07, 1948 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 .. 3 Sandra Kay SWEENEY b: July 16, 1949 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Roger Victor BYRON b: May 14, 1950 in Gardner, Worcester, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Roger Philip BYRON b: January 09, 1972 in Fitchburg, Worcester, Massachusetts  
 ..... +Bobbi-Jo BEAN b: October 11, 1972 in Groveton, Coos, New Hampshire  
 ..... 5 Jacob Daniel Roger BYRON b: May 30, 1999 in Leominster Hospital, Leominster, Worcester, Massachusetts  
 .. \*1st Husband of Sandra Kay SWEENEY:  
 ..... +John Joseph Lafferty  
 ..... 4 Autumn Lee Lafferty b: January 20, 1969 in Gardner, Worcester Co, MA  
 .. \*2nd Husband of Sandra Kay SWEENEY:  
 ..... +Kenneth Chester Kozlowski b: February 15, 1953 in Fitchburg, Worcester, Massachusetts  
 .. 3 Sharon Ann Sweeney b: January 11, 1953 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Mark Roger Casavant b: October 04, 1952  
 ..... 4 Marcus Roger Casavant b: June 09, 1973 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Tracy Marie Casavant b: November 25, 1974 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Thiano Dolores Casavant b: August 12, 1979 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... +James Sylvio LeBlanc  
 ..... 5 Cassidy James Casavant b: November 05, 1998 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Jessica Ann Casavant b: April 17, 1981 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Worcester, Massachusetts  
 ..... 5 Brianna Casavant b: Abt. 1997 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Zachary Philip Casavant b: April 16, 1991 in Gardner, Worcester Co, MA at home  
 .. 3 James Philip Sweeney b: October 06, 1954 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Deborah Jean Manning b: November 13, 1957  
 ..... 4 Carly Sweeney b: December 09, 1981 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 ..... 4 Joshua Philip Sweeney b: May 30, 1985 in Worcester County, Massachusetts  
 .. 3 Robert Chris Sweeney b: April 11, 1957 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Patricia Jean Lore b: March 05, 1961  
 .. \*2nd Wife of Philip Daniel SWEENEY:  
 ..... +Julia Alice Baria  
 .. 3 Timothy Ray Elliott b: January 23, 1958 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Jeanne Lorraine Swecker b: December 20, 1957 in Munich, Germany  
 ..... 4 Erin Nicole Elliott b: March 25, 1982 in Kingsport, Sullivan, Tennessee  
 ..... 4 Matthew Ray Elliott b: June 26, 1985 in Kingsport, Sullivan, Tennessee  
 .. 2 Paul Maxwell Sweeney b: September 18, 1927 in Barren Creek, Big Sandy, Kanawha Co., West Virginia  
 ..... +Imogene Mary Samples  
 ..... 3 Charlotte Emma Sweeney b: November 21, 1949 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... +Clyde D Moore  
 ..... 4 Julie Dawn Moore b: October 18, 1974 in Kanawha County, West Virginia  
 ..... 4 Jamie Lynn Moore b: December 03, 1980 in Kanawha County, West Virginia  
 .. 3 Beth Ann Sweeney b: February 15, 1951 in Kanawha County, West Virginia  
 ..... +Charles Burdette  
 ..... 4 Charles Jr Burdette  
 ..... 3 Barbara Jean Sweeney b: January 06, 1954 in Kanawha County, West Virginia  
 ..... +Randy McAllister  
 ..... 3 Charles Bernard Sweeney b: December 16, 1957  
 ..... +Patty Walker  
 ..... 4 Emily Sweeney  
 ..... 4 Mindy Ariel Sweeney  
 ..... 3 Rose Marie Sweeney b: May 01, 1959 in Kanawha County, West Virginia  
 ..... +Roy Allen Short  
 ..... 4 Joy Beth Short b: June 10, 1981 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... 4 Margie Jean Short b: October 03, 1984 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 ..... 4 Cassie Marie Short b: September 06, 1990 in Charleston, Kanawha, West Virginia  
 2 Dorothy Jane Sweeney b: June 22, 1931 in Barren Creek, Big Sandy, Kanawha Co., West Virginia  
 +John Willard Dye b: 1924  
 3 Mary Jane Dye b: September 03, 1954 in Charleston, Kanawha Co., West Virginia  
 .. +James Ronald Wheeling b: December 05, 1954  
 .. 4 Amanda Joy Wheeling b: September 08, 1976 in West Virginia  
 ..... +Brian Davis Ayers b: October 13, 1975 in Salem, Roanoke Co., Virginia

## THOMAS KEENEY FAMILY Indiana, Missouri, Oregon

THOMAS KEENEY 1808-1842, eldest son of JOHN KEENEY JR & Mary R. Buckhalter KEENEY, was born in IN before the Keeneys moved to Ray Co MO; after dying from TB his will was probated in Holt Co MO in 1842.

His wife, Sithy Allen b.1810/16, d. 1841/42 in MO, survived her husband and went with her family to Oregon.

Their family included six children:

I. SILAS JOHN KEENEY b.1830, d. 17 May 1875, wed on 20 Sept 1855 to Malinda Pearl who died 5 June 1869.

A. MARY JANE KEENEY b.1853, m. Chesney Keeneey 14 Jan 1875

B. JOHN KEENEY b&d 3 Feb 1859

C. ELIZABETH KEENEY b.1860, m Charles Cornwell 3 Jul 1878

D. MARTHA KEENEY b.1862, m. Guy Beanwell

E. SARAH C KEENEY b.2864

F. LAURA KEENEY b.1866 m. Grant Taylor

II. MARY ANN KEENEY b.20 Mar 1831, d.Feb 1883, m. Henry Scott 1821-73 (2) Samuel Tarwater (b. 1806 in Tennessee; Children:

A. GEORGE WASHINGTON SCOTT 1850-1920 m. Mary E. Broadhurst

B. SARAH F SCOTT b.22 Jun 1853, d.27 Nov 1872, m.Oliver Carroll

C. JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT 1857-1944 m. Cynthia Sharp 6 Mar 1879

D. SILAS K SCOTT 1859-1938 m. Harriet Tarwater 9 Mar 1879

E. JANE Q SCOTT b&d 1862/3

F. QUANTRILLA SCOTT b.1863, died in infancy

G. HENRIETTA SCOTT 1865-1915 m.(1) Charles Anderson (2) Joseph A Bellis

H. JULIA A SCOTT 1867-1873

I. CHARLES THOMAS SCOTT 1871

J. JAMES OLIVER SCOTT b.1872 m. Emma Lenora Williams

III. WILLIAM THOMAS KEENEY 1836/39 Ray Co Mo; m. Julia Ann Hogue 26 May 1856

A. JAMES M KEENEY b.1860

B. OTHO (fem) b.1869

IV. ELIZABETH J KEENEY b.1836

V. NANCY JANE KEENEY b.1838, m. Isley Smith

VI. JOHN KEENEY b.1839 m. Elizabeth Smith

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## Brian Keeney



## NEW JERSEY

Raised on the New Jersey shore, Brian Keeney picked up the guitar at age seven and taught himself to play. Inspired by the instrument, he told his mother he wanted to be a musician when he grew up. Mrs. Keeney responded dryly, "Brian, pick one or the other."

A few decades later, while it's debatable whether he's a grown up, Keeney is a storyteller with a guitar whose self-described "urban folk" music has elements of sentimentality, edginess, and humor. Like Tom Waits and John Prine, he's capable of insightful balladry as well as tougher lyrically-driven melodies. He spins tales about his travels – of the heart, the feet, and the mind, that reflect a streetwise sensibility, by turns gritty and wistfully philosophical. Vocals that range from smooth and lilting, to an earnest growl, to the staccato rap on "Shoe Box City" and "Love" meld easily with catchy hooks and nimble guitar work on his self-titled release.

Brian's career began on the East coast where he became a frequent guest at The Bitter End, in New York's East Village. Later, he toured Ireland while living in Galway, before returning San Francisco.

Today he has a loyal following in San Francisco and the Bay Area, where he is well-known in North Beach as a former bartender, Renaissance man and resident wise-ass, gigging in bars and coffeehouses including Tongue & Groove, Sweetwater, The Grant & Green, The Last Day Saloon, Washington Square Bar & Grill, The Red Devil Lounge, Lou's Pier 47, Parkside, The Buchanan Grill, The North Star, Little City, LaRocca's, Moose's, and the O'Reilly's Beer and Oyster Festival.

PETER KEENEY, FATHER OF THE PULASKI

KENTUCKY family

PETER KEENEY, head of the Pulaski, KY branch of the Keeney family, was born about 1740, a member of the family that had received land grants in the Greenbrier valley of VA/WV and settled in 1750. This family, of which John Keeney, of New England origin, was patriarch, scattered during the Indian wars, taking up land grants in Tennessee, Kentucky and nearby areas. Peter, who was likely a son of John, married into the Yocum family, neighbors of the Keeney first settlers on Muddy Creek. He is listed with Matthias Yokum in a 1764 court record in Bedford Co. and was a witness at the 1780 wedding of George Yokum. Shortly afterward he migrated with the Yokum family to Lincoln Co., KY. In 1782 he received a Fayette Co. KY land grant. He was listed on the 1789 tax list of Mercer Co. KY and was witness to the Matthias Yokum will, probated in 1783. In 1799. His last census listing was in 1810 in Pulaski, a county formed from Lincoln.

Peter's residence in Virginia was along the Roanoke River, documented in Kegley's history. His marriage, before 1765, was reportedly to Anne Yokum, daughter of Matthias. Anne had twelve brothers, one (Felty) of which was massacred in one of the Indian attacks. The Yokum family had left Germany and settled in Berks Co. PA before settling in Grant (later Hardy) Co. VA/WV.

Children of Peter Keeney, as researched and listed by Blance Keeney Stephens, family historian: Daniel, Michael, Moses, Abraham, Jesse, James, Elizabeth (Betsy) Singleton, Sarah (Sally) Burnham. The families of Michael, Abraham, Jesse and Sarah moved to Missouri, as land grants opened up, and the Singletons went to Bartholomew Co. IN.

Descendants of Emma Marie SNYDER

- ..... 5 Emma Marie Ayers b: March 18, 1998
- ..... 5 Laurel Grace Ayers b: March 05, 2001 in Ohio
- ..... 5 Allison Lam Ayers b: September 29, 2003 in Richmond, Henrico Co., Virginia
- .. 4 John Travis Wheeling b: April 28, 1979
- ..... +Myra Beth Unknown
- 3 David Jonathan Dye b: August 30, 1957 in Charleston, Kanawha Co., West Virginia
- .. +Jane Louise Ball b: April 10, 1958
- .. 4 Jonathan Holten Dye b: May 07, 1989
- .. 4 Carly Jane Dye b: March 21, 1997
- 3 Joseph Michael Dye b: January 28, 1960 in Charleston, Kanawha Co., West Virginia
- .. +Dremia Renee Huffiman b: May 21, 1961
- .. 4 Amber Nicole Dye b: November 20, 1985 in Kanawha County, West Virginia
- .. 4 Katie Lynn Dye b: April 27, 1988 in Kanawha County, West Virginia
- .. and Husband of Dorothy Jane Sweeney:

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**PATRONS**

This issue of KEENEY UPDATE has been paid for by a flurry of donations received during the Christmas season. Many thanks go to DANIEL L KEENEY, of San Gabriel CA, Laura J Platter of Columbia MD, memorial for LILLARD G KEENEY of Clinton TN, Phyllis Tumulty of North Port FL, Frederick C Keeney of Hixson TN, Rosemary Keeney Korhel of Buffalo WY, Robert B Keeney of Des Moines IA, Alice K Meyers of Deedham MA, Mary G Lancefield of Palo Alto CA, Carmen E Lyons of Perry GA, Linda Keeney Ellis of Chesapeake WV, Joan & Don Soo of Oakland CA, Sandra Koslowski of E Templeton MA, Vicie W Fowler of Roanoke VA, and Phyllis Baker Kriegel of Stillwater OK.

**Roger Keeney Has Party**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keeney gave a party at their home at Belle Thursday evening, to celebrate the birthday of their son, Roger.

The guests were:

Rose Elizabeth Quick, Juanita Meadows, Winifrede Lore, Alma Lee Kincaid, Dorothy Martin, Mildred Irwin, Irene Gregory, Nancy Chloe Keeney, Betty Cook, Marjorie Fields, Roberta Durbin, Lucille Stanley, Eleanor Stanley.

Vincent Francis, Mickey Martin, Junior Gregory, Guy Leonard, William Leonard, D. Gatlist, James Harmon, Aubrey Lore, Junior Sims, Charles Sims, Jack Douglass, James Douglass, Jack Stanley, Wayne Douglass, Carl Kincaid, Benson Keeney, Herbert King, Donald Keeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Keeney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Keeney, Mrs. Kenneth Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Keeney, Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Cook, Mrs. Ethel Harmon, Mr. E. S. Keeney, Jr., Miss Ruth Keeney, Miss Mary Keeney and Miss Betty Keeney.

From CHARLESTON WV DAILY MAIL  
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Capt Roger Keeney was featured on Page 1 of a 2003 issue of KEENEY UPDATE

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## Obituaries

**KEENEY, LILLARD LEE** - age 90 of Clinton, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2003 at Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City, Tenn. Mr. Keeney was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Clinton. Worked for the former Magnet Knitting Mills in Clinton and in later years he worked full time and part time for Holley-Gamble Funeral Home for approximately 35 years. Preceded in death by his wife, Edna Lucille Stooksbury Keeney; and parents, C.J. and Elizabeth Fraker Keeney; and brothers, Hobert and Hubert Keeney and a sister, Blanche Vandergriff. Survivors: daughters, June Keeney Smith and her husband, John of Pikeville, Tenn., Gale Keeney Stair and her husband, Ronnie of El Paso, TX; son, Dale Keeney and his wife, Dottie of Lenoir City, Tenn.; grandchildren, Steve Keeney, Derek Keeney, Crystal Hall, Jonathan Smith, Suzanna Ellis, Sherry Brown, Ryan Harvey, and Dana Bennett; 13 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; special friend, Edith Wilson of Clinton. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2003 in the Chapel of Holley-Gamble Funeral Home. Rev. John Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Norris Memorial Garden. Family will receive friends 12 noon to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the funeral services. *Holley-Gamble Funeral Home* in Clinton in charge of arrangements.

## UTAH

**EDWARD COPE KEENEY, UTAH DESCENDANT OF JONATHAN, LIVED FROM SALT LAKE TO WALLA WALLA WA AND BACK TO UMATILLA**

NOTE: In WAGON WHEELS WEST Ralph Keeney included a profile of JOSEPH B KEENEY, but was unable to fit him into the family. Actually Joseph came from a long line of JOHN KEENEYS. Joseph was born in 1831 in Montgomery Co IN, the 8th of 9 children of JOHN HIRAMKEENEY (b.22 Dec 1804 in TN and Mary Carrie Cruzan (1808-1893). John Hiram was the first son of JONATHAN ANTHONY KEENEY & Mary H (Polly) McGlothlen, born in the late 1770s in Greenbrier WV/then VA.

The JOSEPH B KEENEY estate was listed in the G-I Quarterly Reports of June 1903-December 13 State Treasurer reports in Umatilla, Oregon. His life was filled with movement from place to place.

Citing WAGON WHEELS WEST Joseph B Keeney was born in Crawfordsville IN in June 1830, a place from which he departed at age 18, going by steamer through the Isthmus of Panama to California. He became identified with big companies engaged in the Star Route Contracting. At first he was a stockholder of these companies headquartered in San Francisco. He went to Oregon in 1869 and took charge of Wells Fargo as business agent until the Union Pacific Railroad was completed. During this period he resided in The Dalles, Wasco Co and in 1870 drove a stage through Shaniko into the John Day Valley to the Snake River, opposite Old Fort Boise, where his Great Uncle Jonathan Keeney was operating his Riverside Inn and Ferry. Later he served twice as County Clerk of Umatilla County. He retired in Walla Walla, Washington.

JOSEPH B KEENEY married Frances M White in 1854 in California. They had four children: Edward (profiled below), Joseph of LaGrande OR, Mrs E W Farrel of Barnegat Park NJ and Mrs Ben Morgan of Pendleton OR Frances, their mother, died and was buried in Pendleton. Joseph was married a second time in 1891 to Elizabeth Bourn (b.2-1850 in OH), mother of ESTHER M KEENEY (b.9-1894 in Washington). The 1900 census shows them at North Elgin, Union County, with one clerk and five servants.

### EDWARD COPE KEENEY

EDWARD COPE KEENEY was born 6 May 1868 in Salt Lake, son of Joseph B & Frances White Keeney

### James T. Metheny Jr.

James Thomas Metheny Jr., 61, of Belle, died Nov. 27, 2003, at home.

Mr. Metheny was a musician and was the head of the band, Area Code 304.

In his career he has played for "Nashville Palace" on television, and had backed up singers such as Donna Fargo, Jerry Reed and Charley McCoy. He was also a composer and made some recordings.

Surviving are his sons, James Metheny III and Rocky Metheny, both of Belle; a daughter, Leisa Wellington of Palm Springs, Fla.; sisters, Judy Lindley and Joan Bougher, both of Maryland, and Jennifer Tolbert of Virginia; grandchildren, James Metheny IV, Michael Metheny, Melanie Metheny, Chazz Richardson and Aaron Crump; great-grandchildren, Ryan Christopher Lilly and Nathan Harper.

The body has been cremated, and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Fidler & Frame Funeral Home, Belle, with the Rev. Roscoe Keeney officiating.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Charles Lee Knight

Charles Lee Knight, 80, of Glasgow died Nov. 26, 2003, in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Huntington, after a short illness.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard L. and Carel Knight.

He was retired from Valley Camp Coal Company, a member of UMW and a former resident of Ward. He was a veteran of World War II, having received the Bronze Star for action in the Pacific Theatre. He was an honorary member of the Ward Annual Reunion Committee.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Hudson Knight of Glasgow; one son, Robert Lee Knight of Glasgow; one sister, Margaret Jarrett of Marmet; one granddaughter, Candace Long Knight of North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Cooke Funeral Home, Cedar Grove, with the Rev. Bud Truman officiating. Burial will follow in Montgomery Memorial Park, London.

## SHARON RAYHILL CAIN

### Mt Juliet TN

SHARON KAY RAYHILL CAIN died in an automobile accident 25 Oct 2003. She was a niece of Betty Rayhill Jordan, faithful reporter for the James Keeney family.

Daughter of Kenneth Max Rayhill and CHRISTINA KEENEY RAYHILL, Sharon graduated from South Holt High in 1976 and was married to Bruce Cain the same year. She passed away near her home at Mount Juliet TN. Grandchildren Lara and Skyler survived the crash.

Survivors included her husband, sons James and Daniel of Nashville TN and Thomas at home, daughters Rebecca of Nashville and Laura at home, and mother Christina Keeney Rayhill of Oregon MO.

*A lady was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then He cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."*

### PROFILES OF DECEASED RELATIVES:

LILLARD LEE KEENEY was a son of COLUMBUS JACKSON KEENEY 1872-1958 & Lizzie Fraker, a grandson of WILLIAM JACKSON 1849-1921 & Margaret A Overton, greatgrandson of JACKSON H & Mary Ann (Polly) Mabry. His greatgreat grandfather JOSEPH KEENEY settled in Anderson County, when his brothers scattered to Indiana and Missouri before settling in Arkansas, Iowa, Oregon and points West.

JAMES T METHENY was a son of James T Sr & HELEN P. (Bennie) KEENEY Metheny, a grandson of McDONALD & Mamie Stanley KEENEY, and a great grandson of JOHN S. & HANNAH FRAZEE KEENEY.

CHARLES LEE KNIGHT was the only son of CAROL ANN YOUNG & Howard Knight 1890-1977, grandson of LORA MATCH KEENEY 1872-1955 & Charles Frederick Young, great grandson of the REV THOMAS Y & ELIZA WHITE KEENEY and great great grandson of MICHAEL R & ELIZABETH GATEWOOD KEENEY.

BASIL M. KEENEY was a son of EDWIN BRUCE KEENEY 1881-1934, grandson of SAMUEL b.1842 (died young) & Ruth Ferrell, great grandson of WILLIAM E & Sarah R. (Sally) Huff KEENEY of the MOSES KEENEY family.

BASIL MERIDITH KEENEY was the son of the late Edwin Bruce Keeney and Minnie Alice (Lee) Keeney. He was born August 14, 1917, at Cabin Creek W.Va. He departed this life April 22, 1999 at Highland District Hospital, Hillsboro, Ohio; at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Basil was married to Geneva Mae Embree, November 3, 1938 at Fayetteville, W. Va. And to this happy union one son and five daughters were born: Deloris Mae (Donald) Yankey, Cocoa, Fla; Jeanette Lucy (Dathan) Mullins, St. Augustine Fla; Phyllis Ann (Paul) Scott, Sardinia, Oh; Virginia Sandra (James) Hamric, Springboro, Oh; Basil Jr. (Diana) Keeney, Hillsboro, Oh; and Thelma Alice Keeney who died in infancy.

In his demise he leaves to mourn their loss his devoted companion, Geneva and the above mentioned children, 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and 7 brothers and 1 sister.

**OKLAHOMA**

William Andrew Darneal was born January 09, 1894 in Oklahoma, and died August 14, 1945. He married Rena Ann Keeney, daughter of John Keeney and Dora Lamb. She was born March 04, 1895 in Calico Rock, Arkansas, and died July 15, 1954. William Andrew Darneal is buried at Royal Oak Cemetery, LeFlore Co. Oklahoma. Rena Ann Darneal is buried at Shady Point Cemetery, Shady Point, LeFlore Co. Oklahoma.

Raymond J. Darneal, b. February 06, 1915; d. December 20 1977  
Children: buried at Old Bokoshe Cemetery.

Mary Catherine Darneal, b. February 09, 1920, at Williams, Oklahoma. She married J. D. Skelton.

James Loyd Darneal, b. August 28, 1925; d. May 11, 1994, Oklahoma; buried at Royal Oak Cemetery.

**INDIANA**

George H. KEENEY, Rising Sun, county surveyor, undertaker and produce dealer, is a native of Switzerland County, Ind., born in 1848. He is a son of Hiram B. and Delilah (HUMPHREY) KEENEY, his father a native of New York, his mother of Switzerland County, Ind. His father, Hiram B. KEENEY, born in New York in 1820, came to Switzerland County with his parents in 1835. He farmed with his brother, William, for several years and then purchased the farm, where his widow now lives, on which he resided until his death in 1866. He owned 170 acres of good land. Mr. KEENEY married Delilah HUMPHREY in 1845. She was a daughter of Stephen HUMPHREY, of an old family in Switzerland County. Mr. KEENEY was a member of the F. & A.M and one of the most thrifty farmers and esteemed citizens of the county in which he lived. He had four children: Laura, wife of P. NORTH; George H., hosier, married Lena CUNNINGHAM; and Jacob, who married Mollie MOORE. At the time of his death, Mr. KEENEY was holding the office of surveyor of Switzerland County. George H., our subject, grew up on the farm, where he remained till his father's death. He was educated in the public schools of the county and subsequently taught several terms. He acquired a knowledge of surveying and civil engineering and has since done considerable work in that line. He served as deputy surveyor in Switzerland County from 1869 to 1880, when he located in Rising Sun. He was appointed surveyor of Ohio County, in 1883 and has since served by election as regular surveyor. From 1873 to 1877 he was employed in the United States revenue service. In connection with his official work as surveyor and engineer, Mr. KEENEY does undertaking and officiates as a funeral director, besides doing quite an extensive produce business in partnership with Simon Beymer, president of the Rising Sun National Bank, under the firm name of KEENEY & BEYMER. Mr. KEENEY was married in 1873 to Miss Mary SHAFER, of Aurora, Ind., daughter of Andrew SHAFER, and they have five children: Burke, Bayard, Hale, Mabel and Denver. Mr. KEENEY is a member of the F. & A. M., Patriot, Ind., and of the Universalist Church, clerk of the latter society.

**STATE OF KANSAS**

**1930 CENSUS**

- ELMER F KEENEY 37 (Crawford) b.IL; wife: Myrtle G 28, Elmer 1+
- EVERETT KEENEY 33 (Johnson) b.KS; Clara 0, Martin 8, Lone 6
- F.H.KEENEY 36 (Bourbon) b.MO Ethelyn 33, Leonard 11, Harold 10, Donald 8, Lee Walter 5, Mary Rosalind 2, Mary E Johnson 59
- FIELDING KEENEY 16 (Cowley) Flossie A (mother)
- FRANK KEENEY 46 (Montgomery)

- b.MO; Minnie 40, William 16
- FRED M KEENEY 27 (Reno) b.IA Bessie M 25, Martha D 2+
- GEORGE T KEENEY 57 (Onaga) b.WV, Callie 57, Ethel 15
- STIRES JADE KEENEY 50 (Nemaha) b.WV; Rosa 48 (b.Switzerland), Earl 14, Claude H 12
- JAMES W KEENEY 45 (Keowa) b.MO Malissa 40, Da(s) 15, Dona 15, Nina 10
- JOHN D KEENEY 30 (Shawnee) b.MO Gustie S 34
- LeROY C KEENEY 23 (Nemaha) B.KS Gertrude C 23

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

From KEGLEY'S "VIRGINIA FRONTIERS"  
JOHN KEENEY IS LISTED IN THE ROLL OF SERVICE RECORDS OF THOSE SERVING IN THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR IN 1756-57 AND A MEMBER OF DICKINSON'S MILITIA, CAPT. CARTMILL CO. IN 1783. HE SETTLED AT MUDDY CREEK (Alderson) in 1756, AFTER RECEIVING A GREENBRIER LAND GRANT IN 1750.

FAMILY: JOHN & CATHERINE KEENEY OF GREENBRIER WV  
DAVID KEENEY 1765-1846 m. Peninah Hicklen Bailes b.1762  
CHILDREN: Joseph b.1788, John D 1789-1855 m. Rachel Burdette, David A1790-1862 n. Jane Hunter, Elizabeth m. David Boggess (res in Vermillion Co IL. MARY KEENEY PATTERSON b.1795, d.6 Feb 1879 in Greenbrier. Ruth b.1797. Michael b.1800, Thomas Hicklen 1803-1880 buried in God's Acre, Catlin IL. Lucretia b.1805  
MARY KEENEY d/o David & Peninah m. John Patterson Jr b.1797. d. 6 Feb 1879 m.19 Aug 1824

RUTH PATTERSON b.4 Dec 1825. d.19 Jan 1908 in Greenbrier m. George Caraway s/o William Shepard & Grinille Grace Handley, b.29 Jul 1823. d.23 Jun 1908 in Greenbrier  
1. REBECCA A CARAWAY  
2. JASON E CARAWAY b.10 Jul 1854. d.26 Jul 1926 at Renick  
3. MARY M CARAWAY b.14 Non 1855 m. Lorenza Myles  
4. JOHN WILLIAM CARAWAY b.8 Dec 1856. d. 12 Jan 1938  
5. ELIZABETH C CARAWAY b.20 Nov 1860. d.8 Jan 1929  
6. ANNA BELLE CARAWAY b.28 Sept 1864. d.16 Mar 1925.

**KEENEYS IN IOWA**

**1870 Census**

| Name           | Age | County      |
|----------------|-----|-------------|
| ALBERT (OH)    | 32  | Bremer      |
| CHARLES (NH)   | 18  | Warren      |
| CHARLES C (OH) | 55  | Bremer      |
| D. F. (IN)     | 33  | Polk        |
| George (PA)    | 34  | Warren      |
| Halsey (CT)    | 40  | Buena Vista |
| Isaac (ME)     | 47  | Bremer      |
| James (IA)     | 18  | Madison     |
| Lydia (NY)     | 20  | Buchanan    |
| Samuel (IN)    | 52  | Warren      |
| Simon (PA)     | 35  |             |
| Simon W (OH)   | 30  | Bremer      |
| Thomas (IN)    | 38  | Warren      |
| Thomas S (PA)  | 33  | Polk        |
| Thomas B (PA)  | 34  | Story       |
| William (KY)   | 55  | Jackson     |
| William (Ire)  | 50  | Bremer      |
| Alva (KY)      | 45  | Warren      |
| Charles (IN)   | 62  | Warren      |
| Jonathan (TN)  | 61  | Warren      |
| Kimber (OH)    | 30  | Jackson     |
| Lavina (CT)    | 72  | Grundy      |
| Louden (OH)    | 25  | Jackson     |
| M. M. (PA)     | 45  | Power.      |
| Mary (PA)      | 57  | Warren      |
| William (IN)   | 43  | Warren      |

LOUISE V KEENEY 45 (Meade) b.US Ella 51 (b.IL)

MARTHA KEENEY 58 (Shawnee)b.IN Bonnie 21 (b.KS)

MINNIE KEENEY 36 (Chataqua) 36 b.KS; Eugene 17, Ralph 15, Paul 10, Maurice 8

ROSE KEENEY - Neosha Co, Chanute  
WILLIAM E KEENEY 43 (Russell)

b.MO; Prudence 36, Enola 26, Eloise C 14, Donald D 5

WILLIAM J KEENEY 41 (Crawford) Martha J 38, Nola G 15, Bertie 13

**KEENEY**

Sir Thomas Knight Kenney (Kinne) written as "Cineadh" silent "D"  
b about 1575 England  
**Wife** b about 1575 England

Thomas Kenney (Kinne) b 1578 King's Lynn, Norfolk, England d 1678  
Married 1593 **Wife** Dunstan West, England

King's Lynn is described as architecturally stunning. Many of the ancient buildings survive.  
One is the Guild Hall of the Holy Trinity dating from 1421. Inside is the charter of Henry VIII  
giving the town its name; King's Lynn. Formerly called Bishop's Lynn when the land  
belonged to the church.

John Keney b 1600 King's Lynn, Norfolk, England d 9/30/1670 in  
Salem (Essex Co) Massachusetts  
Married 1621 **Sarah Cheever** b 1604 King's Lynn, England d after 1626 England  
(he was a Quaker)

Alexander Keeney b 1626 King's Lynn, Norfolk, England d 10/15/1680 in  
Wethersfield, Hartford Co, Connecticut buried 1682 Wethersfield, CT  
Married 1/12/1649 **Alice Colfax** b 1630 Wethersfield, d 2/23/1683 Wethersfield,  
Sons Joseph and Ebenezer

Joseph Keeney  
b 1/13/1666 Wethersfield, CT  
d 1752 or 3 E Hartford, CT  
Married **Hannah Hills** about 1680 possibly CT  
b 1657, Charlestown, MA  
d after 1712

Ebenezer Keeney  
b 1672 Wethersfield, CT  
d about 1750 CT  
married **Mary Colt**  
b 1/11/1676 Wethersfield, CT

Alexander Keeney  
b 1708 E Hartford, CT  
d 1809 Farmington, CT

Married

John Keeney  
b 6/1712 Glastonbury, CT  
d before 10/30/1800  
Washington, CT  
Married **Sarah Webster**  
b abt 1716 or 18, Glastonbury, CT

Thomas Keeney  
b 5/21/1751  
d 1/10/1840 Tioga Co, PA  
buried Chemung, NY  
Married **Mercy Lamb** 10/12/1768 or 69  
b 10/12/1748 CT  
d 10/21/1839 Tioga Co, PA  
buried Riverside Cemetery, Chemung, NY

Mark Keeney  
b 5/1/1740 Litchfield Co CT  
d 10/7/1804 Wyoming Co  
buried Lacey St Cemetery, Laceyville  
Married **Abigail Beeman** 1761  
Litchfield, CT children listed pg 3  
b 4/26/1739 Preston, CT  
d 7/7/1804 Wyoming Co, PA  
buried Lacey St Cem, Laceyville, PA

Mercy Keeney **Married 9/18/1788 to**  
b 2/15/1770 Dutchess Co, NY  
d 3/14/1856 Wyalusing, PA  
buried Lacey St Cem, Laceyville, PA  
married **Richard Keeney**  
9/18/1788 Laceyville, PA

Richard Keeney  
b 6/17/1762 Kent, CT  
d 7/11/1831 Wyoming Co, PA  
buried Lacey St Cem, Laceyville  
Married **Mercy Keeney**  
9/18/1788 Laceyville, PA

**WAS ALEXANDER KEENEY A SCOT?**

"New England Historical Genealogical Society" volume 1, published 1846, page 377-9:

[NOTE by REK: Alester (Scottish form of Alexander) Mackhene could possibly be Alexander Keeney. The prisoners were all presumably adults taken in the suppression of a Scottish revolt against the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell, making Alester probably at least 20 years old and born around 1630 or before. Though free by act of Parliament, they were not allowed to return to Scotland to partake in any further unrest there and so were transported to the colonies. Ten years later Alexander Keeney married the widow Alice Colfax, already mother of several children by William Colfax. Alice bore Alexander seven children, which perhaps places her age as in her late twenties at the time of their marriage and thus born sometime in the 1630's. Thus the time frame is right for Alester Mackhene to be Alexander Keeney. There is also the disconcerting occasional appearance of the MacKeeney or Mackinney name among his descendants.]

"The Connecticut Nutmegger" March 1994, pages 568-569: "Article by Jean B. Lohr, CSG #1215

... Alexander Keeney [Jr.] was born in 1662 in Wethersfield, Conn. (1) and was dead by Jan. 22, 1738/9 in New Jersey where he and his brother, Thomas Keeney, went as early as 1694, when he subscribed to Rev. John Harriman's annual salary. (5)

On May 21, 1701, he received a deed to 16 acres of woodland in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, from George Morris, Jr. In 1702 he was credited for carting one load toward Rev. Harriman's new barn. He was still there Dec. 7, 1709 when he received monies due him from the estate of Samuel Shepard. (6)

The Jan. 22, 1738/9 will of Capt. Ebenezer Lyon of Elizabethtown, New Jersey mentions land adjoining land of Alexander Kene, deceased.

**OHIO**

WILLIAM J KEENEY b.1860 s/o John ; to Ohio 1835, started his own farm 1840; made annual trade trip to New Orleans 16 years; charter member and director, president and vice president of Switzerland & Ohio Agricultural Society; Masonic Fraternity; m. 1843 to Mary B Truesdell d/o James (NY) & Nancy Jones (Lexington KY) Truesdell; Children: MARY S m. Levi Sedam, BENJAMIN F m Jennie m Langwell, MARTIN C m. Louise Banta, James b.1861, Emirly, Eustacia m. Harry Torrence, and Areletta Keeney. William J Keeney patented a number of inventions, chief among which was the universal pitman, now in use by champion mowers and reapers.

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Mr. Keeney was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1965 and was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America in 1968.

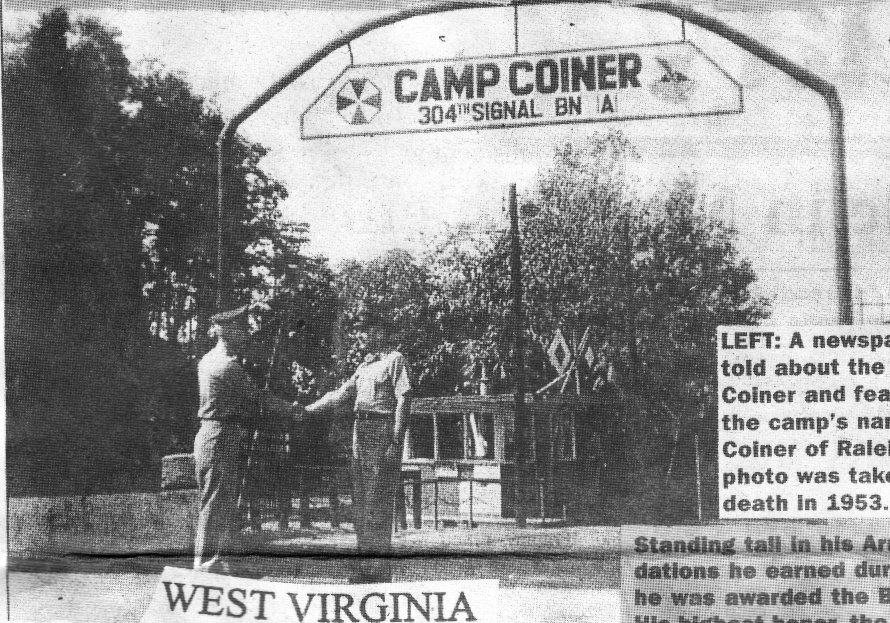
**MISSOURI/TENNESSEE/ARKANSAS**

INQUIRY from Janet Davis: Am seeking info on J C KEENEY, of Missouri, who married Martha Gault (b.1835) w/o Samuel W. Gault and dau of James Richardson of Bermuda, wed in 1867 Franklin Co TN

RESEARCH: JOSHUA C KEENEY age 22, Co F, 6th MO Regt Inf Vol, Capt Weidemeyer; enlisted 13 Apr 1862 at Des Aec MO; served in Battles of Carthage, Wilson Creek, Dinwood, Lexington, Oreka, Corinth, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson; Big Black, Vicksburg (where wounded); disabled for service; General Hospital, Selma AL 1861-64, discharged 10-14-1864; native of Montgomery Co MO, resided at Osceola MO; living in Madison Co AR 1867-70; wife: Martha (Gault) Keeney

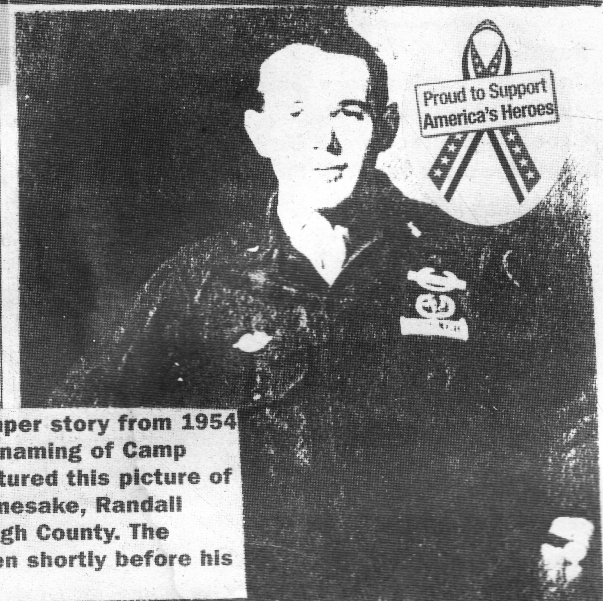
**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**  
A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

At 73, Army veteran Jack Coiner of Ravenswood still cries when he talks about his older brother, 2nd Lt. Randall "Gene" Coiner, a Korean War hero who has a Korean military camp named for him.



WEST VIRGINIA

LEFT: A newspaper story from 1954 told about the naming of Camp Coiner and featured this picture of the camp's namesake, Randall Coiner of Raleigh County. The photo was taken shortly before his death in 1953.



Standing tall in his Army uniform, Coiner receives one of several commendations he earned during the Korean War. Decorated three times for valor, he was awarded the Bronze Star with V device and two Oak Leaf clusters. His highest honor, the Silver Star, was awarded posthumously June 3, 1953.

The gateway to Camp Coiner in the mid-1950s, located not far from 8th Army headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, led to the largest Signal Corps installation in Korea.

## NANCY KEENEY COINER

Family of Stires Jade Keeney (1813-1876), son of Moses (1766-1840) and Frances Harris Keeney, and Amelia Gatewood Keeney (1813-1860), daughter of Ransom & Elizabeth Burke Gatewood:

ROBERT H. KEENEY (1834-1912) Family in Potawatomie Co., Kansas, scattered to Oregon and West  
 McDONALD KEENEY (1836-1910) - Cabin Creek area  
 NANCY JANE KEENEY COINER (1838-1894) - mother of large family, mostly miners; Eskdale area  
 MICHAEL KEENEY (1840-c.1888) - Fayette Co., WV  
 MOSES W. KEENEY (1843-1901) - raised family at Belle, WV; buried at Witcher  
 ADALINE KEENEY WHITE (1844-1917)-St. Albans, WV  
 MARY AGNES KEENEY NOWLAN (1847-1922), wife of railroader, lived in Summers Co., WV  
 FRANCES KEENEY, b.1847, age 2 in 1850  
 JOHN S. KEENEY (1849-1932) - Witcher, WV

By Sandy Wells  
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On April 2, 1953, he wrote to his mom from Korea. He apologized for the long break between letters. "It's just that I've been very busy."

He didn't elaborate. Soldiers rarely do. He simply noted that "things really got rough." He mentioned that he'd earned two awards for valor the week before. That made three. He didn't say how he got them. It would only worry her.

"I'll sure be a happy boy when I leave this place," he told her. In less than a month, he'd be out of harm's way, back in the states. He couldn't wait. He promised his mom he would visit her in Whitesville.

His wife, a native Floridian, waited for him in Tampa with two small children, a 3-year-old son and a daughter, 2. He looked forward to seeing his youngest child for the first time.

He had plans, dreams. "The first thing I'm going to do when I get back is buy a home in Florida."

Two weeks later, 2nd Lt. Randall E. Coiner, age 25, died in action.

He didn't know he'd earned the Silver Star.

### The commemorative camp

The largest signal corps installation in Korea at the time of its dedication, Camp Coiner at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul is a major contracting office, deployment center and recruiting station.

Thousands of West Virginia soldiers have passed through Camp Coiner since its christening in 1954. Some probably stopped to read the monument commemorating the camp's namesake. Most probably didn't. And what would it mean to them anyway?

According to the plaque, Lt. Randall E. Coiner won a posthumous Silver Star for heroism in action against the enemy near Sokkogas, Korea, on March 23 and 24, 1953. It says he was killed in action two weeks later, on April 16.

It doesn't say he was a West Virginian.

10. WILLIAM ISAAC COINER, b.3-31-1902, died 5-15-1973; Pine Grove Cemetery, McCorkle m. Ollie Jane Alderman Clark (widow, b.1903) on 3-26-1924 at Edwight
11. WILLIAM HARMON COINER, b.11-29-1923 at Edwight; lived at Sumerco in 1973 m. Flo Tucker on 2-22-1947 at Hugheston
11. RANDALL EUGENE COINER, b.9-21-1927 at Mordue; killed 4-16-1953 in Battle of Pork Chop Ridge, Korea m. Delores Mosa in Knoxville, TN
11. REGINALD EARL (JACK) COINER, b.12-4-1929 m. Sandy McCommack
11. JUNE COINER, b.9-11-1926 at Mordue died as child
11. BETTY LOUISE COINER, b.12-7-1932 m.(1) Joseph Cart; (2) Jim Smith

### A coalfield hardnose

Everybody called him Gene.

He grew up with a sister and two brothers in the coal camp town of Edwight in Raleigh County. He was a good ball player, a good athlete. And a legendary fighter.

"You had to be tough if you lived in Edwight, if you made it through," said Gene's younger brother, Jack.

All three Coiner boys volunteered for the Army as teenagers. "We were in the same company at Fort Campbell, Ky., for two years," Jack said. "Bill, the oldest, went in at 17. Gene went in at 17. I went in at 16."

Jack lives in Ravenswood. He turns 74 next month. Even 50 years after his brother's death, his rheumy eyes dribble tears when he talks about him.

Had he lived, Gene Coiner would be 76. "His whole life was the Army," Jack said. "He was a soldier with every beat of his heart."

He graduated from Marsh Fork High School. At 17, during World War II, he enlisted in the Army. He enlisted again in 1947.

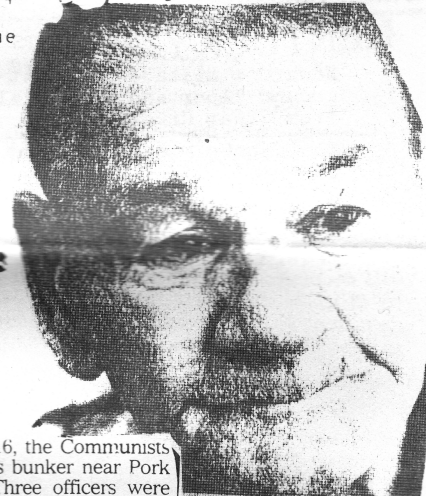
UNITED



"I don't send a man somewhere that no one else has been. The colonel doesn't like me to go out with them, but I told him I couldn't order a man to go somewhere I was afraid to go myself."

2nd Lt. Randall E. Coiner, in 1952 letter to his mother

### Army veteran Jack Coiner



On April 16, the Communists destroyed his bunker near Pork Chop Hill. Three officers were killed. Gene Coiner was one of them.

A month later, a fellow officer, Capt. Willard Gardner of Mars Hill, N.C., wrote to Bill Coiner in Japan: "On the night of April 16, the Chinese Communists made their last big push and that is when we were hit. ... I took command and got the wounded and killed off the hill. I was lucky. I was the only officer left after we were overrun. ... I was with your brother, and he was a fine officer and was killed fighting for his country."



**Father: John Ernest Nethery ARKANSAS**

John Ernest Nethery was born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas on May 22, 1899 and died October 29, 1980 in Idabel, Oklahoma. He is buried in Mill Creek Cemetery near DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas. Dad was a sharecropper for Bob Morphew in the Kellum Community near DeQueen, Arkansas until about 1947. Dad worked in the construction field. He helped rebuild the Monsanto Chemical Plant in Texas City, Texas after the Texas City disaster in 1947. Dad worked for the Waggoner Ranch from about 1949-1952 in Electra, Texas at what was known as the bronc pens. He worked for a man by the name of Sonny Props and was in charge of raising, training and breeding of all the horses needed on the Waggoner Ranch 550,000 acres. He also worked just North of Vernon tending to the breeding bulls with Uncle Charley Nethery. Later he moved to Colorado Springs with his family. John and his wife Oma Nethery later divorced in Colorado Springs. He moved back to Oklahoma and stayed with his mother Nannie Nethery until she passed away. He remarried to a Lena Last Name Unknown and stayed with her until he passed away in 1980.

**Mother:**

Oma Keeney was born March 9, 1907 in Dierks, Arkansas and died January 28, 1991 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Children by Oma Keeney:**

(1) *Lester Elbert Nethery* was born April 18, 1925 in Electra, Texas and died July 28, 1992 in Tyler, Texas. He married *Maggie Lee Smith*. Lester is buried in Palestine, Texas and was joined by his loving wife Maggie on August 29, 1993.

(2) *Verna Louise Nethery* was born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas. She married *Frenchie Gore*. Frenchie passed away on November 22, 1992.

(3) *Christine Nethery* was born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas. She married *Billy Ray Mantooth*.

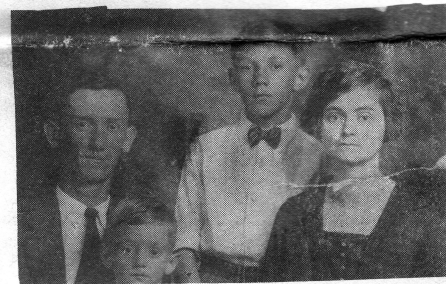
(4) *Raymond Lee Nethery* was born in DeQueen, Sevier County, Arkansas and died December 28, 2000 Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey. He married *Shirley Mabel Christiansen*.

(5) *Velda Ilene Nethery* was born in McCurtain County, Oklahoma. She married

*Walter Goncalves*.

**KEENEYS IN COLORADO  
1910 CENSUS**

|                |    |            |
|----------------|----|------------|
| Ada (VA)       | 38 | Conjos     |
| Albert H (NE)  | 33 | Denver     |
| Alex (Russia)  | 38 |            |
| Charles (PA)   | 42 |            |
| Fred D (IA)    | 27 | Carter     |
| Hattie H (IA)  | 21 | Denver     |
| Katie (Ire)    | 20 |            |
| Madison J (IN) | 35 | Pueblo     |
| Mark (PA)      | 47 | Teller     |
| McDonald (WV)  | 47 | Prowers    |
| Raymond F (IN) | 39 | San Miguel |
| Will E (IL)    | 44 | Denver     |
| William S (CT) | 45 | Las Ammas  |



**CARL WELCH KEENEY 1896-1949**  
and wife, Elsie Morton Keeney,  
with spns Thurston 1918-1992  
and Carl Roy 1923-1977; Carl W  
was the only son (six daughters)  
of HARRISON COLUMBUS &  
Nettie Estep Keeney of Clay WV

**KENTUCKY DESCENDANTS AND HISTORY OF EDWARD DANIEL KEENEY, SON OF ELIAS**

Edward & Elizabeth bought 350 acres of land near Ryland, Ky. Edward ran a "Mill" where he ground flour and corn meal for his family and the neighbors. The grain was ground by water from Steep Creek, which ran through their property.

Their home was considered spacious and beautiful. It had 2 large bedrooms upstairs, two parlors downstairs, with a kitchen & dining room separate from the house, but adjoining. This was to keep the cooking odors from the main house. Above the kitchen and dining rooms were two more bedrooms, one each for the hired girl and hired man. Edward was quite well-off and he was often seen in later years, walking with his cane, overseeing his land and hired hands. He was never known to work. Elizabeth always wore black silk dresses and both she and Edward were always "dressed up". Jessie Keeney Terlau remembers her grandmother, Elizabeth Taylor Keeney, as a refined, sweet, lady-like woman sitting in "ma's rocking chair in the family living room knitting/crocheting. Jessie spent several summers visiting them and always enjoyed being in the country with them. Elizabeth died when Jessie was 12 years of age, 1905. Edward died in 1914.

EDWARD DANIEL KEENEY, son of Elias and Ann Streeter Keeney, was born in 1835. He married Elizabeth Taylor and settled in Ky. Their children were:

Henry Taylor, born August 23, 1864; m. Sarah Catharine (Sallie) Petty. They had 7 children. Henry died 12-2-1927. Sallie died 3-28-1944.

Charles married Fannie Pruitt, 3 sons, Marvin & Leslie & ? All deceased. Lived in Covington, Ky.

Nina married Madison Adams; 2 sons, Lester & Edgar, all deceased.

Richard married Ida Petty. Richard, b. 12-10-1871; Ida M. o. 6-1-1880; lived in Kenton Co., 2 children: Olin & Thelma. Richard & Ida were married 10-31-1901. Richard died  
Ida died

Edward, born 8-16-1842 married Goldie Wayman 10-27-1902; 3 children: Reginald, Aubrey & Earl. Edward was a Dentist until his death

Edith Keeney, born 12-3-1835, married Charles Stephens; 5 children: Nina, Audrey, Bradford, Alma & Russell. Charles died in Cincinnati, OH.

Harold C. Keeney, youngest, born 3-3-1883 at Ryland, Ky. M. Lida M. Senour, 3-9-1904, 4 daughters, Margueritte, Mildred, Lida Catherine & Glenna Rose. Moved to Erlanger, Ky. where Harold practiced Dentistry until his death, 6-5-1952. All deceased except Lida C. & Marguerite.