

The Keeney Researcher

an online genealogy newsletter

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This is going to be posted by Christmas 2014, and in past issues of other newsletters that I have had online I usually included something for Christmas this year I include a graphic and a link to my other website: <http://santadankeeney.com/CHRISTmas.html>

MERRY CHRISTMAS Greetings



Christmas is
NOT spelt

~~xmas~~

It is spelt

CHRISTMAS

Now on with the research.

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Columbia River Valley / JAMES MAYNARD KEENEY



JAMES M. KEENEY

As a prosperous rancher and hotel owner James Maynard Keeney was widely and favorably known throughout Oregon and during the period of his residence in Portland he held a secure place in the esteem of its citizens. Of resolute purpose and marked strength of character, he surmounted obstacles and difficulties which would have thoroughly discouraged the average man and pressed steadily onward to the goal of success. He was born in Brownsville, Oregon, October 15, 1865. His father, Elias Keeney, crossed the plains in an early day and settled on a donation land claim near Brownsville.

James M. Keeney was raised on the home farm where he remained until he reached the age of eighteen, experiencing many phases of pioneer life in western Oregon. For two years he was a student at the State University and next attended a business college in Portland. After the completion of his course he returned home and when he attained his majority was given one thousand dollars by his father. With this sum he purchased a flock of sheep in Arlington, Oregon, but lost most of them during the

ensuing winter, which was unusually severe. After this venture he opened a livery stable in Arlington and also served as postmaster of the town. Later he entered mercantile circles of Portland, conducting a cigar store at First and Yamhill streets, but through his partner lost the business.

During that time he was offered and accepted the management of a hotel at Shaniko, Oregon, and was so successful that he purchased the property soon afterward. For several years he conducted the business, and then went to Vale, Oregon, where he owned another, which he operated successfully for seven years.

Meanwhile he had joined J. N.

Burgess in purchasing the Cunningham ranch at Pilot Rock and for eighteen years he was active in

the cultivation and improvement of

that tract. On disposing of his holdings in eastern Oregon, Mr. Keeney located in Portland and bought a cherry orchard of one hundred acres near Salem. In 1920 he sold his interests in the ranch. His death occurred September 19, 1923, when he was nearly fifty-eight years of age. For years he fought a losing battle against disease but maintained his courageous spirit until the end, being a man of exceptional will power and determination. Mr. Keeney was married July 20, 1904, to Miss Elizabeth Mattock, a daughter of Tom J. and Mary E. Matlock. In 1853, when a child of three, Mrs. Keeney's father crossed the plains with his parents, who settled near Eugene, Oregon. In 1875 he removed to Heppner, Oregon, and embarked in the sheep business. During the great flood at Heppner in June, 1903, he was seriously injured and his wife was drowned. Their daughter Elizabeth fainted and thus narrowly escaped death by drowning. **NOTE: Photos above & the information on James below added on 09 September 2014**



SHANIKO HOTEL IN SHANIKO, ORE IN EARLY 1900'S

James Maynard Keeney October 15, 1865 - September 19, 1923



James is buried at:

Wilhelm's Portland Memorial
Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

[Find A Grave Memorial# 130734763](#)

[Link for photos of Keeneys in Oregon](#)

These appear to have come from Ralph Ray Keeney as I have seen several of them in his book *Wagon Ruts West*.

In the [Newspaper Archives of The Times](#) Brownsville, Oregon
17 June 1976

To avoid copyright violations I can not even put the headline in this newsletter. Which is strange because I put the link on [The Keeney Researcher page on Facebook](#) and it shows a thumbnail image of the newspaper page.

The article does mention Jonathan and Elias, their mother and younger brothers among others. This full page article is well worth reading. Just click on the **bold** blue text above.

Links:

Welcome to the **Keeney Family** page at [Surname Finder](#), a service of [Genealogy Today](#). Our editors have compiled this checklist of genealogical resources, combining links to commercial databases along with user-contributed information and web sites for the Keeney surname. As additional sources for vital records, original documents, vintage photographs and surname-based DNA projects are discovered, this page is updated to offer the best list for researching Keeney ancestry.

[AccessGenealogy](#) has been online since 1999. What started out as a small 50 page website has evolved over the years to one of the leading websites in providing free genealogy. With over 240,000 links it is also one of the largest directories of genealogy websites found online.

http://www.manchesterhistory.org/reprints/MHS3_Keeney.html

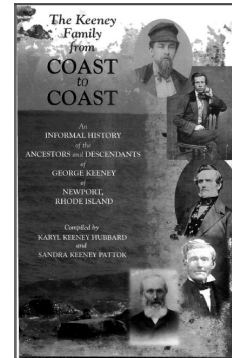


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[The Keeney Family from Coast to Coast; An informal history of the ancestors and descendants of George Keeney of Newport, Rhode Island](#)

Karyl Keeney Hubbard and Sandra Keeney Pattok
320 pp. Published: 2008

A history and genealogy of the family of George Keeney from Newport Rhode Island through New York, Ontario Canada, Michigan, and beyond. Source notes, maps, charts, and family pictures. Families include Robertson, Lovell, Wonch, White, Godfrey, Lamberton, Martin, and Dean.



DNA and Genealogy

On 20 October 2014 I received 2 emails that both mentioned DNA. Strange only in that I got 2 in one day.

But it brought about a question for me. Should we have a DNA page where we can compare markers on the site?

I'm not sure if the different companies that do the testing share results with each other I'll check with Georgia Kinney Bopp and see what she knows about it.
Her answer: Yes and no. It's too hard for me to do long email about this and I'm retiring from active dna. Have company today but send me phone number and time zone and I will call you explain the yes and no part.
In the past I have had the following information posted on the site:

Genetic Genealogy DNA SURNAME PROJECT

CANNEY CANNY KEANEY KEENEY KENNA KENNEY KENNY KINNE KINNE
KINNIE KINNY McKENNA McKENNEY McKINNEY & Other Variations

A DNA surname project has been established for Keeney, Kinney and variations. This is the beginning of a long-term, international project to develop a DNA database for all researchers interested in these surnames. All males with the Keeney surname - or any of the other spelling variations - are invited to participate. The study involves testing a portion of the Y chromosome. This chromosome remains relatively unchanged for hundreds of years as it passes from father to son. Only males have the Y chromosome but female family historians are able to participate by submitting DNA from a male family member with the surname (father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, etc.).

By comparing your test results (a series of numbers) with others in the project, you can determine with a high degree of probability if you share a common ancestor (but not who that ancestor is). Testing is used in conjunction with traditional genealogy and participants are often able to focus their research efforts after testing. For example, testing could reveal if all the southern Keeney lines are related to one another, and/or to the northern Keeney lines. Eventually the study will establish DNA "signatures" for different lines - such as the "Dutch" line, the Henry Kinne of MA line, Scottish lines, Irish lines, etc. DNA results, including patterns that have emerged to date, can be viewed at the [Participants ~ Results](#) link at the project

website.

The cost is \$99 or \$169 (plus mailing fee) depending on which test you choose. This is a special group rate; the project administrator is a volunteer and receives no compensation. You can order the test online, take it at home, and return it directly to the testing company. It is not a blood test, not a paternity test, not a forensic (crime) test, does not uniquely identify you, and reveals nothing about health matters.

Genetic genealogy is a new, fascinating, and complicated subject. If you are interested in learning more, start with the Frequently Asked Questions link at the project website. If you have additional questions, or are interested in participating now, email the group project administrator.

Georgia Kinney Bopp gkbopp@hawaii.rr.com

DNA Project Website <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gkbopp/KINNEY/Research>



Roscoe C. Keeney, Jr.'s KEENEY UPDATE

The Keeney Update project is ongoing thanks to Mary Winner but some of the issues on hand are at least 3rd generation photocopies and very hard to read let alone the pictures tend to be either too dark to see clearly or too faded. Even some of the originals on hand have dark muddy pictures.

Please see the PDF files we have on the Keeney Update @ <http://k-f-g-online.info/RoscoeCKeeneyJr/default.html#Issues> from there click on the last column for each original copy or photocopy PDF we have, if your copy is better we would like to borrow it as some of the text is very muddy and the pictures are faded or too dark because of being photo copies.

Or if you have good copies of the original photos we would like to get scans of them. Leave message on the board here or Contact Mary or Dan both of us. I will provide instructions for scanning if you need help we would like high resolution scans if you can make them if not you can send the photos to Dan for scanning, they can be returned if you like.

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We need to borrow original copies of the following Keeney Updates

(if you have copies not listed here we could really use them to).

V1n1 December 1983 V5n2 June 1988 V10n2 May 1993 V11n1 January 1994 V12n1 March 1995 V13n1 March 1996 V13n2 June 1996 V13n4 December 1996 V15n4 December 1998 V16n1 March 1999 V16n2 June 1999 V16n3 September 1999 V16n4 December 1999 V17n2 Spring 2000 V17n3 August 2000	V17n4 December 2000 V18n1 March 2001 V18n2 June 2001 V18n3 September 2001 V18n4 December 2001 V19n1 March 2002 V19n2 June 2002 V19n3 Summer 2002 (this one says Volume Six, Number 3 Summer 2002 on it) V20n3 June 2003 V21n3 June 2004 V21n3 September 2004 V21n4 December 2004 V23 Bonus Issue #4 Summer 2006
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Mary has the following 30 originals on hand:

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***Note: Duplicates**

Dan has the following 30 originals on hand:

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Fort Arbuckle

Some email from 29 October 2014

Tom Keeney <tkeeney@knology.net>

5:43 PM

to me

Many Keeney researchers know that there was a colonial era fort on John Keeney's land in what is now Greenbrier County West Virginia. The fort was built by Capt. Matthew Arbuckle in 1774-5. It was part of a system of neighborhood forts on the frontier. From about 1990 onward there has been intermittent archaeological and anthropological activity at Fort Arbuckle (called Keeney's fort by the local inhabitants). This effort has been summarized into a well-researched booklet called "Frontier Defense". The authors are Kim McBride, Ph.D. and Stephen McBride, Ph.D. It was published by the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Kentucky Archaeological Survey. The booklet offers an insight into life on the American frontier in the late 1700s and the role of the Keeney family in the Muddy Creek community. Keeney family researchers may find it interesting and possibly useful.

The booklet can be obtained by downloading online at the WV Archives Commission. The URL is <http://www.wvculture.org/history/settlement/frontierdefense.pdf>

Tom Keeney

Tom Keeney

6:25 PM

to me

Daniell,

Thank you for the response. I wasn't sure that the email address was still good.

My wife and I spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the archaeological dig on John Keeney's land. Michael Keeney's cabin is still standing across the street and Keeney Knob is in the distance. The cabin is not in very good shape but the gun ports in the loft are still visible. The monument erected on the hearth of the blockhouse at Fort Arbuckle (erected ca 1903) is starting to fall apart but the outline of the fort and its bastions are still visible.

I am glad I had the opportunity stand on his land in the middle of what was a small community and think about what life was like for him and the other families.

Tom



Wagon ruts West, John Keeney, Jr. Family

by Ralph Ray Keeney

Has been an on going project and we finally have all the text typed out thanks to David Keeney. I am in the process of reformatting the section of the site where this is [located](#).

(<http://k-f-g-online.info/RalphRayKeeney/default.html>) In 2001 Ralph gave me permission to include the contents of the book on my website which at the time was keeney.net so long as I included the following with each posting:

Acknowledgment

The following selection is taken from "Wagon Ruts West" written & published by Ralph Ray Keeney in 1983. The book is currently out of print. This section is published with the kind permission of Ralph Ray Keeney. The book this selection is drawn from is under copyright and permission has been granted for educational purposes and it is not to be used in any way for any profit or commercial venture.

I intend to use the same basic formatting as the rest of the site with the exception of the mast header from:



to:



Though I plan on having all of the pages set before I change the site this section may disappear for a while (a matter of minutes hopefully) but will be back up asap.



Angela Follett Nolan Merry Christmas from Keeney kin in Michigan! Haven't had a chance to study all the documents on your site but look forward to doing it soon!



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Daniel Jackson Keeney

Daniel Jackson Keeney a 4th great grandson of Andrew Jackson Keeney



Please consider sharing information you may have. It may help someone hurdle a brick wall and they will appreciate it. And you never know they may even have something that they can share with you. Even sharing a photograph of an ancestor is a step in the right direction.



Send items to either [Dan Keeney](#) or [Mary Winner](#) using 'The Keeney Family Researcher' for the subject line.

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