

Wayne County Pioneer # 20

Simon Keeney (1790- 1879)

Simon Keeney was born 29 September 1790 in East Hartford, Connecticut. He came to Wayne County in the fall of 1822. He married twice. The first marriage was to Polly Daniels. Two children were born to this union. Polly died and Simon married second Sarah Shanklin. Sarah was a native of Oswego County, New York. Five children were born to this union.

Sarah Keeney (1822-1844)

Thomas Keeney (1823-1913)

Urilla Keeney (1825-1919)

John J. Keeney (1827-1909)

Champion Keeney (1830-1909)

Simon Keeney was listed in the Ben Douglas' History of Wayne County as serving in War of 1812. The same history book indicates he was an early settler of Canaan Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Simon Keeney died 1 April 1879. He was buried at Canaan Center Cemetery in Canaan Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

In 1825, Simon Keeney purchased 80 acres in the west half of the southeast quarter of section 27 of Canaan Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He is listed in the 1826 Wayne County, Ohio Tax List as owning 1 horse, and 5 cows. He did not pay taxes on real estate.

Simon Keeney was entered in the Wayne County Pioneers in 1987

Simon Keeney (1790-1879) married Sarah Shanklin (2nd wife)

John J. Keeney (1827-1909) married Eliza Rice

Jeanette Keeney (1879-1961) married Samuel M. Whitmore

Mary Whitmore (1879-1961) married Frank A. Snell

Martha Gene Snell Cehrs (1915-2009) and Mary Snell Soliday (sisters)

Note: Children stated above were not clarified in report, whether they were from first or second marriage.