

4. John O. Cannon "Can" Keen, born October 9, 1871; married Ada Taylor May 23, 1907 in Lee County, Fl.

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Barnie Stafford Keen, born 1876; died June 27, 1948, buried in Alva Cemetery; married 1st, Lorena Styles, March 30, 1902 at Alva, Fl; married 2nd, Lillie Jane "Dolly" Willons, October 5, 1933 in Lee County.

6. Elza Rhoden Keen, born September 24, 1878; died August 19, 1942, buried in Sardis Cemetery; married on September 29, 1906 in DeSoto County, Elizabeth Jane (Tyson) Lowe daughter of William Tyson and Rebecca Summerall.

Herod Keen moved his family to south Florida in 1866 when Jessie Eddie Keen was only three weeks old. They first settled in an area at the head of the Little Manatee River. Dolphus Keen and the other children were born there. It was here that their young son, Benjamin or Joseph Keen died. He walked into some hot ashes while his mother was cooking. He was buried in that area probably near the Keen Cemetery.

Herod and Mary Keen were listed in the 1870 Manatee County census in the Duette area. Living with them were Hugh Keen, 14, Sarah Jane Keen, 11, Florence Keen, 8 & Washington Keen, 5, Mary's children by Nichabod, & Jesse Keen, 3 and Aldophus Keen, 1. Herod's mother, Elizabeth Keen, age 70 was living next door. Other neighbors included Jacob & Elizabeth Keen, Berry & Sidney Keen and Edmund & Temperance Chancey.

They were listed in precinct #11 (Boney) in the 1880 Manatee County census. Neighbors included Jacob Keen, Daniel Saffold, Jackson Keen, Berry Keen, Carol Raulerson, Reed Chancey, Perry Chancey, James M. Albritton & Henry Peacock. The 1885 agricultural schedule of Manatee County shows that Herod owned 80 acres of woodland, 2 oxen, 7 swine, 28 chickens and that in the past year he had grown 125 bushels of indian corn on 9 acres and 75 bushels of sweet potatoes.

The Keen family later settled in the Sandy area south of Myakka City. The children attended church and school at the Sardis Methodist Church.

Polly was visiting a neighbor when she suddenly became sick after supper. She died August 15, 1885 and was buried in the Sardis Cemetery.

Herod Keen married Eliza Boyd on December 19, 1885. She was born August 14, 1847 in Columbia County, Florida daughter of Henry and Mary Boyd. Herod & Eliza Keen had two children:

7. James Jackson Keen, born September 22, 1886 (tombstone shows 1887); died July 25, 1949 at Samoset, Fl.; buried in New Zion Cemetery; married Nannie D. Gause on February 19, 1911 in DeSoto County, Fl.

8. Lovey Keen, born October 17, 1895; died 1961; buried at Lily Cemetery; married George W. Giddens.

Eliza Keen was a mid-wife and helped to deliver many of the babies in the Myakka City and Sandy communities. Herod purchased a homestead of 80 acres in May 1888 in section 15, township 37,