



Greentree Village Community Association
KEENE FAMILY CEMETERY
Located Inside Greentree Village Community Proper
SECTION I – OVERVIEW

MURDER AT THE MILL
My Search for William H. Keene

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Located East Side of Silvervine Lane, Springfield, Virginia

A small cemetery is located on common ground beside a row of townhouses, commonly known as Greentree Village in Springfield, Virginia. A wrought iron fence surrounds the gravesite and there is evidence of additional unmarked graves to the south of the fenced area. The gravestones have all been displaced and are leaning against a tree inside the fenced area. The cemetery is periodically cleaned and maintained by the Greentree Village Community Association and its Community Members. The cemetery was refurbished in 2004 by members of the Community and more importantly, the Eagle Scouts and members of the Burke Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

A genealogical chart shows the relationships between some of the people in the cemetery. W. Keen who died in 1849 was William H. Keene's father, and Addison Keen's uncle. Addison and William H. (who owned the mill and was sent to prison for murder) were cousins. We do not know how Clarintine was related to William H., but the Keene's frequently married Dodsons. Incidentally, William H. Keene did not disappear after his trial. His sentence was commuted from hanging to 10 years in prison. I assume he went to prison, but the prison records were lost during the Union occupation of Richmond in 1865. Therefore, William H. Keene's final story remains unknown. *Jack L. Hiller¹*

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Accompanying This Document

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{ See December 2004 Issue of "The Bark" for Additional Photographs }

(Headstone)
IN MEMORY OF ADDISON KEEN
Died March 20, 1872
Aged 62 years.

(Headstone)
W. KEEN
Died Mar 27, 1849
(Roughcut fieldstone, broken)

(Headstone)
In Memory of CLARINTINE V.
Beloved wife of William Dodson
Died March 31, 1866 aged 27 years.

*Alas! She has left us, her spirit has fled, Her body
now slumbers along with the dead
Her savior hath called her to him she has gone,
Be ye also ready to follow her soon.*

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