

# Timeline for Keen Field, Gibson County, Indiana

Age	Name:	Keen* Field Sr. <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	
	Parents:	Abraham* Field <sup>73,74,75,76</sup> (1744-1822) and Elizabeth* <sup>77</sup> (-After 1825)	
41	Life Range	Abt 1774- Abt 22 January 1815	
-1	1773	Spouse:	Anna* Lewis (1773-After 1850). Died after 1850 in Greene County, Illinois (Prob.). <sup>2,4,18,26</sup>
	Abt 1774	Birth:	Culpeper County, Virginia. <sup>6,7</sup>
15	1789 June 2	Court Appearance:	Proved his attendance in Court for Field v. Scott. Jefferson County, Kentucky. <sup>17</sup>
18	1792	Tax List 1792:	Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>15</sup>
19	1793 March 29	Marriage:	Anna* Lewis (1773-After 1850). In Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>2, 4, 24, 25</sup>
19	1793 December 27	Son born (#1):	Abraham* Field (1793-1870). <sup>2,18,29,30,31</sup> Born in Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>2,11,29,32,33,34,35,36,37,38</sup> Died on 12 April 1870 in White River Twp., Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>2,11,35,36,38,39,40</sup>
21	Abt 1795	Daughter born (#2):	Elizabeth Field (Abt 1795-1860). <sup>2,30,41</sup> Born in Kentucky (Prob.). <sup>2</sup> Died on 28 June 1860. <sup>42</sup>
21	1795	Census 1795:	Listed in the Kentucky state census. Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>5</sup>
25	1799	Immigration:	from Shelby County, Kentucky. Knox County, Indiana. The area to which he immigrated is now located in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>18</sup>
25	1799 February 16	Son born (#3):	Benjamin R. Field (1799-Between 1830/1840). <sup>2,30,41</sup> Born in Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>2,12</sup> Died between 1830 and 1840 in Pike County, Indiana (Prob.). <sup>43</sup>
26	1800	Census 1800:	Listed in the 1800 Census, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Jefferson County, Kentucky. He may have already moved to Knox (later Gibson) County, Indiana. He is listed as Cain. <sup>16</sup>
27	1801 June 16	Daughter born (#4):	Cynthia Field (1801-1843). <sup>2,30,41,44</sup> Born in Shelby County, Kentucky. <sup>2,12</sup> Died on 14 May 1843 in Gibson County, Indiana (Prob.). <sup>2,45</sup>
29	1803 January 22	Son born (#5):	Joseph Riley Field (1803-1881). <sup>30,41,46,47,48,49,50,51</sup> Born in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. <sup>2,12,46,47,50,52,53</sup> Died on 28 September 1881 in Patterson Twp., Greene County, Illinois. <sup>47,50,54,55,56</sup>
30	1804 November 20	Son born (#6):	Stephen Lewis Field (1804-Abt 1845). <sup>2,30,41,57,58</sup> Born in Knox (Now Gibson) County, Indiana (Prob.). <sup>12</sup> Died about February 1845 in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>57</sup>

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32	1806 December 11	<b>Son born (#7):</b>	<b>Thomas Withers Field</b> (1806- ). <sup>29,30,41,59,60</sup> Born in Knox (Now Gibson) County, Indiana (Prob.). <sup>12,29</sup>
33	1807	<b>Census 1807:</b>	Listed on the Indiana Territory Census (tax list) in Knox County (later split and Gibson County was formed from it.) and not listed in the 1810 Census, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Knox County, Indiana. Listed as Cain Fields. <sup>19</sup>
34	1808-1810	<b>Civic Duty:</b>	Served as a juror. Knox (Now Gibson) County, Indiana. He served on a jury at some point between 1808 and 1810. <sup>21</sup>
34	1808 March 7	<b>Son born (#8):</b>	<b>Reuben R. Field</b> (1808-1857). <sup>2,29,30,41,61</sup> Born in Knox (Now Gibson) County, Indiana (Prob.). <sup>2,12,29</sup> Died on 19 February 1857 in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>37</sup>
35	1809	<b>Election Poll:</b>	Keen Fields listed. White River Twp., Knox County, (Now Gibson) Indiana. <sup>20</sup>
36	1810	<b>Civic Duty:</b>	Appears on list of County Road viewers, surveyors and supervisors for 1810. Knox (Now Gibson) County, Indiana. <sup>21</sup>
39	1813 April 28	<b>Son born (#9):</b>	<b>Ezekiel Field</b> (1813-Between 1877/1880). <sup>2,30,41,62,63,64,65,66,67</sup> Born in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>2,12,62</sup> Died between 1877 and 1880 in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>34,68</sup>
39	1813 November 8	<b>Fined:</b>	Fined \$1.00 for breach of the peace. Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>22</sup>
41	1815	<b>Tombstone Inscription:</b>	KF x 1815. Field-Morrison Cemetery, MD 11, White River Twp., Gibson County, Indiana. This is the original marker on the grave of Keen Field in the Field/Morrison Cemetery, Steelman Road, Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>8</sup>
41	1815	<b>Tombstone Inscription:</b>	Keen Field/ Died-1815/Husband Of Anna Lewis/Immigrated/CA.-1799. Field-Morrison Cemetery, MD 11, White River Twp., Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>23</sup>
41	Abt 1815 January 22	<b>Death:</b>	White River Twp. Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>2,8,9,10,11,12</sup>
41	1815	<b>Burial:</b>	Field-Morrison Cemetery, MD 11, White River Twp., Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>2,8</sup>
41	1815 February 18	<b>Estate:</b>	Estate 39-4 Gibson County Courthouse. Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana. (Princeton Public Library)
41	1815 August 15	<b>Son born (#10):</b>	<b>Keen Wither Field Jr.</b> (1815-1894). <sup>2,26,30,37,41,59,69,70,71</sup> Born in Gibson County, Indiana. <sup>2,12,72</sup> Died on

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	<p>24 October 1894 in Wyandotte, Ottawa County, Oklahoma (Indian Territory).<sup>2,37,72</sup></p>
	<p><b>Other Spellings:</b> Cane, Cain.<sup>15,16</sup></p>
	<p><b>Middle Name:</b> No reference to Keen's middle name has ever been found. However, Anna named his last son Keen Wither Field Jr. after Keen had died. From this we conjecture that Keen's middle name was most likely Wither or Withers. The middle name of Withers was used in several generations of the family.</p>
<p>General Notes: <b>From: Stormont, Gil R., History of Gibson County. Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen, 1914.</b>          "The first grist mill in White River Township was of round logs and built by Keen Fields. It was run by horse power and was provided with one set of buhrs. Each customer furnished his own power during those days and provided his own bolt. The first style of bolt was a box-shaped invention, with straight handle and wire bottom, and was termed a "sarch." The ground grist was placed in this sarch and was pushed by hand back and forth across the top of an open trough a hollowed log, which held the flour after being sifted out.</p> <p><b>Biography of Keen Field:</b>          Keen (Cain) Field, was born about 1774, in Culpeper County, Virginia. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth Field. He was the second of seven children. When he was 10 years old his family moved to the Falls of the Ohio. They followed George Rogers Clark who founded Louisville in 1778. Only one of his siblings was born after the family settled in Kentucky. Two of his younger brothers, Joseph and Reuben, are remembered for being members of the Corps of Discovery (The Lewis and Clark Expedition). Little is known of his childhood. His father was a hunter and surveyor and without a doubt he accompanied his father on some of these activities. Having been raised in the Kentucky wilderness he gained the skills need to survive in sparsely inhabited southern Indiana. At the age of 19, in 1793, he married Anna Lewis in Shelby County, Kentucky.</p> <p>Their first child, Abraham, was born just nine months after they were married. Their first five children, Abraham, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Cynthia and Joseph were born in Kentucky. The last five, Stephen, Thomas, Reuben, Ezekiel and Keen were born after they moved to Indiana. The last child, Keen Wither Jr., was born about seven months after his father's death.</p> <p>In 1799 he claimed land in Knox County now Gibson County, Indiana. Prior to this Keen may have moved up the Mississippi to the area of St. Louis. Keen and Anna eventually settled their family on Military Donation No. 11. Here he farmed and built the first grist mill in White River Township. Again, little is known about his life. In 1810 he was one of a group of county road viewers, surveyors and supervisors. Prior to this he served on a jury. In 1813 in what was the first incident of its kind in the county Keen was fined \$1.00 for a breach of the peace.</p> <p>He died relatively young at about the age of 45, in 1815. He is buried at the south east corner of his property in the Field/Morrison Cemetery. His grave was at first marked by a simple triangular stone from the surrounding field with "KF 1815" carved into it. A list of his processions was one of the first to be filed with the county courthouse. In September of 1999, Eugene and Lucie Field placed a new tombstone next to the original one.</p>	

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Even less is known about the life of Anna Lewis. She was born in 1773 and her father may have been Stephen Lewis of Loudon County, Virginia. After Keen's death Anna appeared in court several times to gain guardianship of her minor children. In 1838 she moved with the family of her son Keen Withers Field to Wilmington Precinct, Greene County, Illinois. She died sometime after 1850, the last time her name appears in a Green County census with the family of her son Keen.

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