

Bio of Isaac Keepers II

Born: Est 1765

Probably Frederick County, Maryland, USA

Died: 1804

Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, USA

Isaac Keeper II's birthdate is only estimated as 1765, in a historical document and in various trees. He is widely believed to have been born in Frederick County, Md.

He died in 1804 in a hunting accident.

Isaac Keepers II was the eldest child of Isaac Keepers (1st) (d 1799) and Catherine (d 1815) of Frederick County, Maryland. The elder Isaac Keepers fought in the Revolutionary War for the colonies.

The elder Isaac and Catherine's other 7 children were: Michael, James, Mary, Eleanor, John, Joseph, and Monica.

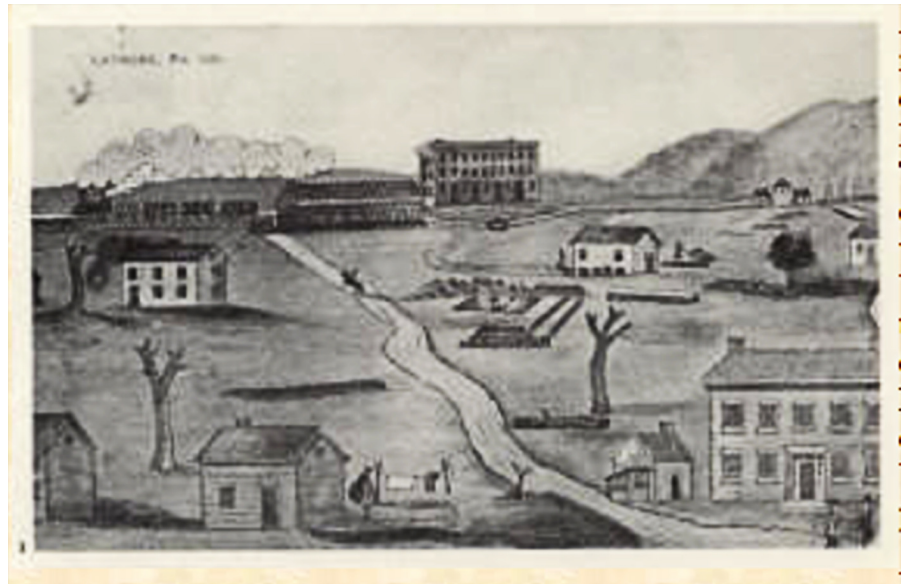
Isaac Keepers II had his first communion at Mount St. Mary's Catholic Church in Frederick County, Md., which is one reason it is believed he was born there.

Isaac Keepers II married Hellen Livers (b abt 1769) by October 1792, when the couple was mentioned in a deed. They were married in Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Md.

Hellen Livers Keepers was the daughter of Arnold Livers "the 2nd son" and Mary Ann Owings.

The Arnold Livers (b 1737) who was this Hellen's father is the 2nd namesake son of Arnold Livers (prob b 1699 in Belgium), who was the progenitor of the Livers family in America. The elder Arnold Livers immigrated from England to America as an adult, after he grew up in the household of England's King James II.

The progenitor Arnold Livers had two sons with his name. The first was the Rev. Arnold Livers (by his 2nd wife Hellen Gordon) - who was not likely to pass on the name as a Jesuit priest who never married. His 2nd son named Arnold Livers (b 1737) was by progenitor's 3rd wife, Mary Ann ("Anna") Drane (b 1702).



This is an unidentified artist's rendering of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, probably in the early 1800s. Isaac Keepers II was killed in 1804 when his family was living in Latrobe.

Arnold Livers (the 2nd son) was born Sept. 24, 1737, in Emmitsburg, Frederick County, Md. He died in 1779, although some sources say in 1777, probably because his will was written then.

Children of Hellen (nee Livers) Keepers and Isaac Keepers II included: Isaac M. Keepers (III), Joseph, single; James; Mary Ann (wed J.W. Elder); Catherine, who died young; and John B., the youngest, who was born shortly after his father's death. Their first son, Isaac M. Keepers (III), is not mentioned in all accounts, but a letter documents that they had four sons when he died.

When Isaac Keepers II was killed in a hunting accident in 1804 in Pennsylvania, his family was living on a farm on the site where the city of Latrobe, Pa., now stands. According to a letter written by a Keepers descendant in 1966, Sr. Stella Merle, he died near Latrobe. (Thanks to FindAGrave member Debra Henke for pointing out the letter's city of death mention.)

Excerpts from Sr. Stella's letter:

"Great-grandfather Keepers was killed while hunting in Pennsylvania, near where the city of Latrobe now stands ... The fifth son, my Grandfather, John B. Keepers, was born after his father's death."

When he died, family accounts say that Hellen, with four young sons, returned to Frederick County, Maryland, her former home, to live with her widowed mother, Mary Ann Owings Livers. Hellen's father, Arnold Livers (the 2nd son) had died by then.

Hellen Livers Keepers died in 1823.

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