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Graduated Newark High School 1942, Attended The Ohio State University 1942, 1946-1950 Volunteered for U.S. Army Air Force Pre- meteorology School Dec 1942, attended University of Virginia, attended Weather Observers School at Chanute Field Illinois, attended Remote Control Turret Mechanic School at Lowery Field, Colorado, assigned to Very Heavy Bombardment Group at Fairmont, Nebraska and McDill Airbase at Tampa, Florida, served in the American Theatre and the Pacific Theatre before honorable discharge after WW II ended. Resigned from Air Force Reserve December 1949.



Graduated from The Ohio State University March 1950 with Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering degree and member of Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering association. Hired by The Bell Aircraft Company in the Fuselage Design Group of the X-5 Project, the 1st Variable Sweep Wing Jet Aircraft in the world. Then began specializing in wind tunnel design, operation and testing contributing to the design and development of many advanced missiles, aircraft and spacecraft such as the Rascal Missile, the Redstone Missile, the Bell X-2, the McDonnell XHCH1 Helicopter, the Quail Decoy Drone, F4H-1 Fighter, F111 Crew Escape Module, F15 Fighter, FA18 Fighter, AV8-B Vertical Take-Off Fighter, Mercury and Gemini Spacecraft, and Advanced Stealth Fighter Designs. Served as McDonnell representative at the CalTech Cooperative Wind Tunnel and to The Supersonic Wind Tunnel Association. Was named as the McDonnell representative to the NATO AGARD Committee Conference at the University of Tennessee and to the Advisory Committee for selection of a National High Performance Wind Tunnel at NASA. Retired in 1985 as Chief Engineer for Aerodynamic and Propulsion Laboratory's directing all subsonic, transonic, supersonic and hypersonic test operation and programs, resulting in nickname of Polysonicus.

I was a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in October of 1966 in St. Louis Missouri. Served in Ward callings as Age Group Assistant to the YMMIA President, as 1st Counselor to the Bishop, Executive Secretary, High Priest Group Leader, Family History Consultant, Family Name Extraction Director, Sunday School President, & Ward Clerk. Served in Stake callings as a Member of the Stake High Council, Director of the Stake Family History Center, Stake Family History Consultant, Stake Missionary & Ward Mission Leader. As converts to The Church and as the only members of our ancestral lines to enjoy that blessing, I was immediately attracted to Family History and Temple work. I have been blessed with an outstanding spirit as my Eternal Companion and we cherish the years we were blessed to serve together as District Ordinance Workers at the Washington DC Temple. We are grateful for the technology we have been given to help us extend our ancestral lines ever further.

I was an avid fisherman during my active years but I now depend on fond recollections of those times I spent in that pursuit. Family History research is now my favorite past time as I fish for the names and information on my beloved ancestors.

The most memorable event of my life was the afternoon I boarded a bus in Columbus, Ohio and first saw my Eternal Companion-to-be as she boarded that bus. It was love at first sight, always has been and always will be. Franklin M. Keyes, Life Member SUP, Cotton Mission Chapter