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A short sketch of the life
and wanderings of W. W. Keeling
written by himself July 7 1915—
I was born on the 10th day
of October 1831 in a log cabin
in Noble Township Shelby County
Indiana, Situate on the banks
of Flat-Rock river about $\frac{3}{4}$
of a mile up stream from the
Snake Hill and Elserm miles
a little E of S from Shelbyville
the county seat, on a beautiful
Sight of ground, our spring
from which we used water
for many purposes was at
the foot of a hill near cliffs
which was about 30 feet high
receding from the bottom of

we carried the water up that hill for house use, this was very laborious to me, yet most of the time we did the work with pleasure as the surrounding country was beautiful and as well as my Parents, my sisters and brother were kind to me I enjoyed my life most of the time and was happy comparatively speaking.

My Father was a farmer and before he was married he had had saved up money and bought eighty acres of land which was heavily timbered which he improved cultivated until I was eighteen

years old, during this time
 I was educated in the common
 schools. at the age of 17 years
 I secured through friends &
 acquaintances a "Subscription
 school" and taught for three
 months, after which I went
 to Greensburg, Indiana and
 studied medicine under the
 tutelage of Dr Newberry
 Wheelton, after which I locat-
 ed with Dr Randolph in the
 county wherein I was born.
 in winter of 1851 I was
 married to Miss Marilla Mit-
 chell lived with until she
 died in year 1855. in the
 time of our wedlock we had

born to us One son and one
 daughter, both died in Infancy
 Soon after my son died my
~~wife~~ wife was taken down
 with Typhoid fever and died

In August ¹⁸⁵⁵ I moved alone
 to Winterset Iowa where I
 practiced medicine until June
 1857, after which in company
 with Dr C. F. Stevards ^{husband} and
 Sister Ann Saw Emigrated to
 Keosauqua City arriving there
 on the 5th day of July 1857
 where I practiced my Profession
 until the fall of 1863 at which
 time I move to Indiana:
 in the winter 1863 & 1864

but returned to New York, New
 2 yr later.

In June 1858 was married
 to Marion R Spiers who was
 born in Indiana. She was
 of a daughter of Robert and
 Marion Spiers who had emigrated
 for Scotland in an early
 the result of this marriage was
 the birth of five children 4
 of whom were Boys and
 Daughter who died 25 years
 ago last February.

Two of my sons are Physicians
 doing a lucrative business,
 One son is a Merchant in
 Shelbyville Indiana and one
 is with the Chicago Milwaukee &
 St Paul Rail Road located
 at Warrmorth N.D.

after attending a course of
Lectures in the E. M. Institute
(Eclectic Medical Institute) of
Cincinnati Ohio where I
graduated and received my
Diploma after which I
practised medicine until the
fall of 1891; and since that
time have practised my Profession
until the present time. When
I came to this place in 1857
the country was comparatively new
settled by people from many
parts of the world, also by
native Indians Half-Breeds
Quarter breeds & other mixed
Bloods, people mostly poor
financially filled with prejudices

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full of life and ambition mostly
persons who came here to
make homes a good very good
class of people. Our town has
not improve much in number
of inhabitants but the town
is built-up with good streets
and cement sidewalk and feel
that we are progressive and
well contented and happy

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