



Frederick Bittle Kegley
1877-1968

Frederick Bittle Kegley was born on the old home farm, July seven at the foot of historic Old Queen's Knob, eighteen seventy-seven. The third of eight children born to Stephen and Sarah Umberger Kegley. Who later sought a new abode. Snugly sheltered by hill and tree. Attended public and private schools. At Roanoke College graduated with A.B. and Master's Degree. Doctor of Literature conferred. Taught at Roanoke College. Later four years at Wytheville High. Then Vice President of State Teacher's Association, nineteen hundred ten. In nineteen fourteen took for his bride, Miss Fannie Pinckney Withers. At historic old Rose Hill Farm. They lived for many happy years. First Agri. Agent of our section. He for many years chose to keep upon his fertile farm. Holstein Dairy cattle and Hampshire sheep. At work with books, stacks of papers upon his desk, by day by night. Of history and hand drawn maps. Truly was his greatest delight. Author of "Kegley's Virginia Frontier," of James and Roanoke River country, of Western Virginia's colonial period from seventeen-forty to eighty-three. Of people, places, early events. He had a wonderful memory. His home was the mecca for ones who went looking up their ancestry. He was farmer, civic leader, Wythe County's best informed Historian. Efficient teacher and County Agent. He was a Virginia Gentleman.

In Memory HOMER B. UMBERGER

Homer Umberger of Wytheville wrote this for the *South West Virginia Enterprise* soon after the death of Mr. Kegley. Mr. Umberger is a cousin of F.B. Kegley. This picture of "Uncle Bittle" and the poem was furnished by his nephew George Kegley of the *Roanoke Times*.

ELIZABETH WALLER WILKINS

This much missing

Washington Co VA Bicentennial History

Pg. 71

Pennington CARVA 11

MAP
 SHOWING THE EARLY COUNTY
 BOUNDARIES IN THE TERRITORY
 WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE
 AND THE
 PRESENT COUNTY LINES IN
 THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE

BY F. B. KEGLEY.
 WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA.



COPYRIGHT 1974
MARY B. KEGLEY

This map is the work of Frederick Bittle Kegley author of *Kegley's Virginia Frontier*. (Roanoke, Virginia: The Southwest Virginia Historical Society, 1938). Mr. Kegley was a multi-talented personality — author, farmer, and teacher. In this latter capacity he served Emory and Henry College, of this he later wrote, "Certainly a great deal of progress has been made since my experiences there through the years of 1912-14. That was a period of transition. Dr. Weaver appeared to be somewhat overwhelmed with the many problems arising. (J. P.) McConnell, (J. S.) Miller, (J. R.) Hunter, and (J. L.) McGhee were carrying the burden." F. B. Kegley was born July 7, 1877 and died May 4, 1968. He is buried at the old St. John's Lutheran Church north of Wytheville. This is a classic example of Mr. Kegley's map making and is reproduced here with permission of a relative, Mary B. Kegley. In the words of Mary B. Kegley this is the "Mountain Empire Map." (Mary B. Kegley aided F. B. Kegley in his research and is an extremely able writer in her own right.)