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Dr.Keelan

From Montgomery The History of a Town

“An important bit of country life history as related by Dr Keelan’s daughter, Agatha Keelan Blodgett.

In 1905 Daniel Keelan arrived in Montgomery to be the doctor for the Town and surrounding areas. He ministered to the townspeople for forty-four years. As was the case for country doctors in those days, he advised and nurtured the spirit as well as the body of whole families. He had his finger on the pulse of three generations of residents and is still remembered fondly by today’s only citizens.”

Article and Obit from St Albans Messenger follows:

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## Dr. Keelan Laid to Rest Monday In St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Nov. 21-1949

MONTGOMERY—Funeral services for Dr. D. J. Keelan, who died in his chair at his late home Thursday evening after several months illness, were held Monday morning at 10 with the requiem high mass sung by Rev. Leo Gingras.

The bearers were Staff Sgt. Phil Louis of Montgomery, and Craig Sylvester, Arthur Marston, John Kennett, Henry Godin, and Carmi Potwin of Montgomery Center.

Among those from out of town attending were Charles Keelan, and Mrs. M. A. Diana, son and daughter, of New York City; Mrs. M. Carroll Buckley, a niece, and Mr. Buckley of Isceola, N. Y., seven Doctors of the Franklin County Medical Society and Dr. Fred Brown.

Drs. E. A. Morton, F. F. Swisler, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Baby of St. Albans; Drs. Lester Judd and Howard Hinman of Enosburg Falls; and Drs. F. J. Lawliss and E. J. Swinyer of Richford.

Also, Tobin Haggerty of Richford, the directors of the National Bank of Enosburg Falls including Guy Hubbard and E. M. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lafley, Mrs. Maria Depatie of Enosburg Falls, Mr. and Mrs. George Stufflebeam of Bakersfield, Watts Shattuck of Johnson, Mrs. Josephine Jacobs and Mrs. Ellen LaPointe of Enosburg Falls.

The League of the Sacred Heart and Montgomery Grange attended in a body.

Interment was in St. John the

Baptist Cemetery in Enosburg Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Angeline Peronto Keelan; one son; Charles, and three daughters, Mrs. Richard Feix, Mrs. M. A. Diana, and Warren Blodgett.

Grateful patients of the town made his last summer a memorable one, however, by overreaching their quota in the Kerbs Memorial Hospital Equipment Fund Drive by raising \$3,920 to be used as a memorial to him when the new building opens.

A native of county Momahan, Eire, he had immigrated to this country at the age of nine, settling with his family in Utica, N. Y. A graduate of UVM College of Medicine he opened his practice in this community in 1905 and was recognized as the dean of county physicians.

Through the past 44 years, he has braved every sort of Montgomery weather to tend to the needs of his growing family of patients in the town, wearing out nine cars on the roads that lead to every home after giving up the horse and buggy with which he started practice. A man of broad interests, he became a leader in many other phases of community life, worked for better schools as a member of the board and town help officer, served as president of the Enosburg Falls National Bank, One of the country's most respected physicians, he is a past president of the County Medical Society, a devout parishioner of St. Isidore's Catholic Church, he was active in its interest, and took part in local grange activity.

Besides his wife, the former Augustine Peronto whom he in 1910, his immediate survivors include a son, Charles, a business executive with Johns-Manville, Inc., N. Y. C.; three daughters, Mrs. William Felix of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Michael Diana of N. Y. C. and Mrs. Warren Blodgett of Montgomery and six grandchildren.

Stricken seriously ill with a heart condition early this year, he rallied after treatment at Mary Fletcher Hospital and again had become a familiar figure around the village although he was unable to resume his medical practice.

## Dr. Keelan Succumbs at Montgomery Nov 17-1949 Beloved Doctor Dies Last Night Of Heart Attack

MONTGOMERY—Dr. Daniel J. Keelan, beloved physician who brought into the world and cared for the ills of three generations of townspeople, died peacefully in his chair at his home about 8 Thursday evening after several months of ill health.

Although his heart condition was known to be critical, he had been increasingly active during the summer months, resuming some of his various interests, and his death came as a shock to the community although it knew his time was limited.

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