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Thank you for writing in regards to your A.H. Fox double barrel shotgun.

This past week, I was able to search the original Fox serial records and locate the record card that is particular to your double bearing S/N 29976. The record card tells us that your double was originally built as follows:

Grade-	CE grade
Gauge-	12 gauge
Barrels-	28", choked Cylinder(R) & Imp. Cylinder(L)
Stock-	14"length of pull, 3-1/4" drop at heel
Weight-	7 lb., 2 oz.
Notes-	full pistol grip, light colored wood in stock & forend, no safety

This double was shipped from the Fox factory in Philadelphia, PA. on November 1, 1924. The original consignee is listed to be J.W. Keifer. No address or location was provided.

The CE Grade Fox is considered a high grade shotgun. It is engraved with fine scroll and game scenes that were always popular and had a definite English flavor of quality and elegance. This grade could also be built to your own specifications with regard to barrels, stocks, triggers, ejectors, etc. Stocks could be specified in half or full pistol grip. A straight grip could also be had at no additional cost. The basic price for this grade in 1924 was \$115.00.

I hope this information is interesting and helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "John T. Callahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John T. Callahan

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Died
4-22-1932

CLARK COUNTY

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1420 census
says born in PA
1400 census
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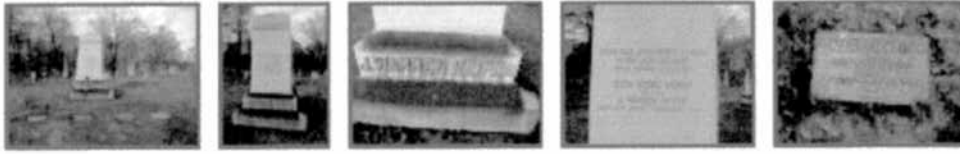
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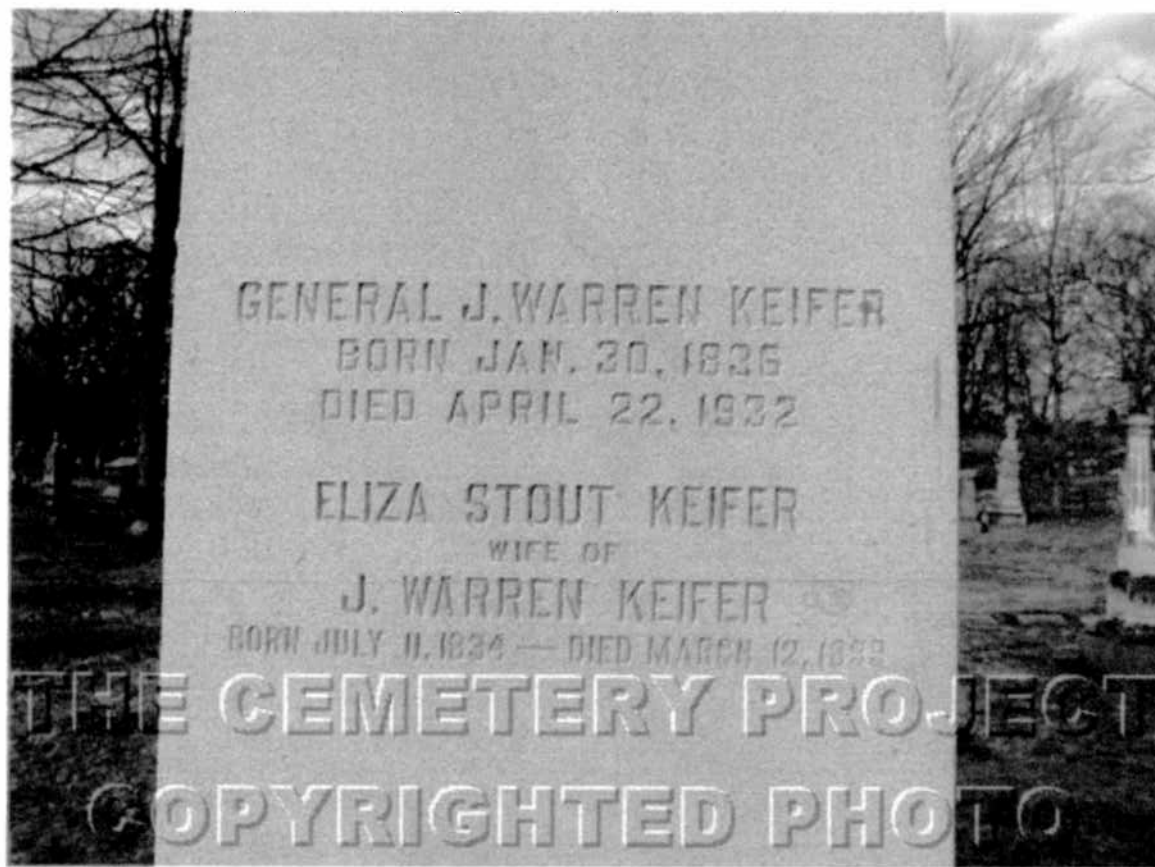
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Name: J. Warren Keifer (1836 - 1932)
Category: Speaker of the US House of Representatives (Ohio)
Burial Location: Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio, USA.



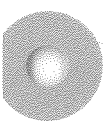
Mike's Notes: Joseph Warren Keifer was a US Congressman from Ohio who served as the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1881 to 1883.

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