

KEEFE

There was only one family with the surname Keefe in Blackhead. It is not clear when they arrived, but John Keefe and Mary Healy lived in Blackhead in 1847 when their son John Joseph was born. Mary could be the daughter of John Healy and Sarah Ireland born in Sept. 1823.

In March 1860, The Express reported on the inquest at Blackhead Bay on the body of William Keefe, age 16. He and another named John Power became involved in an altercation. Power hit Keefe with a beach stone. Verdict: Manslaughter against Power. William Keefe (b. 1844) was probably a son of John Keefe and Mary Healy.

John and Mary had at least 6 children between 1844 and 1865.

John Keefe is not listed in the 1871 directory. Maybe he was dead by then. Emily Keefe died in Aug. 1882. According to her obituary, she was the daughter of the late John Keefe.

Richard Keefe (son of John) married Johanna Fitzgerald in 1892. He died of consumption in 1900.

Mary (Healy) Keefe died Nov. 6 1900 in St. John's at the Lunatic Asylum. Cause of death: senile decay. She was 77 yrs.

It is not known what happened to the other children of John Keefe.

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