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MARTIN KEANE 1835 to 1875

Martin Keane was the eldest child of Michael Keane and Mary Guthrie. He was born in the Parish of Ruan, near Ennis Co. Clare, Ireland in 1835.

Martin was the eldest of four Keane siblings who migrated to Australia about mid 1857. His sister Mary and brothers Andrew and Michael accompanied him. There were no shipping records identifying precisely when they arrived and the first record we have of them being in Melbourne is when his sister Mary married James Gleeson on 14 April 1858. Later, Martin's mother Mary and youngest brother Daniel joined them all in Melbourne in September 1868.

We know very little about Martin and his life in Melbourne and the only record we have located is his Death Certificate.

County of Limerick					
Leone	Martin			(1) Rupture of an	Michael Keane
Seventy second	Keane			aneurism of the	former
1875		Male		aorta	
5.45 p.m.		45		(2) Not previously	Mary Keane
Burwood		years		ill.	formerly
Road, Hawthorn				(3) Certified by the	Guthrie.
County of Bourke	Storeman			coroner. C. Candler	
				23 rd June 1875.	

Death Certificate Martin 22 June 1875 Left Hand Side

Robert Keane	John Edwards	June	William	County Clare	
Son of 2455		24 th	Henry	Ireland	
Hawthorn	(2) 23 rd June	1875	Quirk		
present at the	1875	St. Hilary	Roman		
inquest.		Convent	Catholic		
	(3) Hawthorn	John	James	17 years	unmarried
		Daley	O'Keefe	in	
			Witness	Victoria	

Death Certificate Martin 22 June 1875 Right Hand Side

Martin had obtained a job as a Storeman and never married. He died suddenly at Burwood Road Hawthorn. He had not been previously ill and an Inquest was held to determine the cause of death. The Coroner certified this as being a "rupture of an aneurism of the Aorta". He had been in Australia 17 years indicating an 1857/8 arrival.

Martin was the first of the Keane's to die in Australia and a new grave was established at the St Kilda Cemetery. On the certificate his age was shown as 45 years which implies a birth year of 1830. However, the headstone of his grave indicates his age as being 40 years. This sits more closely with the ages of his siblings and we believe it to be correct.



Headstone indicating Martin's Age



Keane Grave St Kilda Cemetery