

Keen Robert Ross

Keene  
1722 dec exon customs robt coal

KEENE  
1731 mar adm 7/78 Robt "mary" 40/6/- guns tpshm - oporto/home

KEEN  
1757 w/teign ROBT son wm/eliz

Kane  
1776 mar st jns ang robt son of edm buried

kane  
1776 aug st jns ang robt son of edw/ann baptised privately

KEEN  
1788 sep efp Robt Esq of Dawlish gets game cert.

KEAN  
1805 b/vista plant bk Capt of the NAVY owns Keans room Bonavista built by  
his ancestors leased now to thos street of Poole 2 stages stores etc

KEEN  
1805 b/vista plant ESQ of Britaian own KEANS ROOM ON SHIP ISLAND GREENSPOND HR  
now leased to thos street of Poole; BUILT BY KEAN FAMIY 1775  
one stage

KEEN  
by 1807 co 199/18 his plant (KEENS nth side hr grace cleared  
total stage wharf 3 flakes 3 houses 5 gardens meadow  
1792 leased to wm joran part. 1800 pt leased to d harty  
180-2 pt leased to thos crane total L30 p/a

KEEN  
1811 16 oct col recs CAPT ROBT /others own land in st jns occ by mr jas gilk  
(robinson acts as agent for Keen)

KAINE  
1824 CO 194/68 ROBT st jns jurors pro atty genl.

KEEN  
1836 nov gzz . CAPT ROBT OF KE DAWLISH. DECD estate in nfld debts to be paid to  
Emerson or Morris.  
WM KEEN administriator.

KEEN family - Dawlish.

In 1836 Captain ROBERT of Dawlish had died and his estate ~~in Newfoundland~~ included a large amount of property in the towns of St Johns and Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. He must have been a descendent of a very prominent man in Newfoundland History. I refer to WILLIAM Keen of Boston in New England, who came to settle as a merchant and factor in St Johns around 1706. He played a very prominent role in Newfoundland - see the "Dictionary of Canadian Biography" for the period, and while the chief magistrate of the Islands was murdered by robbers in 1754. He had a son WILLIAM, who moved the centre of his trade to Bonavista Bay in Northern Newfoundland, and who moved his family to TEIGNMOUTH where he resided until his death in around 1776. He had two sons BENJAMIN and ~~ROBERT~~ WILLIAM who carried on the trade for a few years. However William Keen junior was drowned while coming from Teignmouth to Newfoundland in about the year 1784, and the family wound it business up. However they continued to own the "plantations" from which their trade had been carried on, and leased ~~it~~ <sup>THEY</sup> out to other merchants and fishermen. Captain Robert (above) must have been the son of either William or Benjamin. He had two sons apparently, William and Robert, and they continued to own the property at least up to 1860. For all that I know they may still possess it.

KEEN  
1839 may gaz SALE OF "Keens" plant- ROBERTS heir. part occ by Hunters and co  
at £50p.a. Eliz Colman at £60 p.a. and houses at £12 p.a.  
also "Keen plant" in H/G occ Thos FOLEY at £20.p.a.

KEEN  
1839 jun nflder his plantation in st jns sold on water front- now  
leased by Hunters and co at L50 ppa. 54' frontage.  
ROBT land between duckworth and another leased to eliz calver  
at L60 p.a. incl 3 houses  
and house on nth side duckworth rented for L12 p.a.  
and KEENS PLANT H/G now by thos foley at L20 p.a.

KEAN  
1856 JHA 1857 p 494 robt estate land on chaepel st/queens rd expriated  
for 20 years purchase L500