

A short walk was all it took. Brother Pancratius, the author of the short life of **Brother**

Jeremiah Keefe, lay blame for his demise on a cold caught while Brother Jeremiah walked from the garden to the greenhouse of St. Peter's in St. John's, New Brunswick. Soon "typhoid pneumonia" set in and could not be reversed by any means. Within a week he was dead.

Brother Jeremiah was born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, on March 16, 1852 or 1856. The date of birth given in the Province



Annals is the latter, and this is the date repeated by Father William Barry's card index. Brother Pancratius, in his write up of Brother Jeremiah's life, uses the earlier date. He was invested at Annapolis on August 2, 1876—though there is no record of this in the annals for St. Mary's, only a mention in Province Investiture Book. The date of admission is incorrectly recorded (February 2, 1876) in the Province Annals and repeated by the card index of Father William Barry. Brother

Jeremiah professed on April 11, 1883—though there is no record of this in the Province Profession Book, only a mention in the annals for St. Mary's. In the following year, according to the General Catalog, he was stationed at St. Patrick's in Toronto—though there is no mention of him being assigned there in the Province Annals. However, in the last two years of his life, 1888-1889, he is listed in the familia domus section of the Province Annals for the community of St. Peter's in St. John's, New Brunswick. Nor, finally, is there agreement on the date of death. Brother Pancratius' obit claims October 15, 1889, while the Province Annals mark it two days later, October 17, 1889. One thing can be confirmed by all, however: all sources consulted are silent on where he is buried.

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