

Branch 5 of 7

Bridget Keohane

January 22, 1860 — July 10, 1959

Great Grandaunt

Born in 1860, Bridget Keohane was the fifth child and third daughter of Denis Keohane and Catherine Sullivan. On February 26, 1889, Bridget married Daniel Minehane (1848–1925), a native of the nearby townland of Derrynakilla. Following their marriage, the couple relocated slightly inland from the Bantry coast, settling in the historic market town of Dunmanway, County Cork.

The 1901 Census of Ireland records the family residing on Cat Lane in Dunmanway. At that time, Daniel was employed as a general laborer, working hard to support Bridget and their children. A decade later, the 1911 Census shows the family had moved to a new home on High Street in Dunmanway.

This later census records a poignant, heartbreaking statistic common to the era: over the course of their marriage, Bridget had given birth to six children, but only three had survived infancy.

Bridget's life in Dunmanway was frequently mentioned in the cross-Atlantic letters sent by the Keohane siblings to their sister Julia in New York. These letters offer a fascinating, deeply human look into the enduring complexities of family relationships. In September 1902, her brother Jeremiah shared a warm, connected update after a summer visit: *"Bridget was here on 15 August to see us. She is in Dunmanway. She has 3 in family."*

Eleven years later, in April 1913, sister-in-law Mary Ryan Keohane echoed this steady status, writing simply that *"Bridget and her family is in Dunmanway an is well."* However, by the winter of 1918, their sister Kate (Keohane) Harrington offered a much sharper, slightly snarkier perspective on Bridget's visits home to the family land, writing to Julia: *"About sister Bridget, she was here in August. She is far better. She wanted some potatoes. She want lots of things. Dan is living still. Her 3 children are working, so she can't be badly off."*

This candid glimpse across the generations serves as a comforting reminder that the intricate dynamics of sibling relationships—complete with underlying judgments, localized gossip, and hidden frustrations—are nothing new.

Bridget outlived almost all of her contemporaries, navigating the grand sweep of the 20th century with extraordinary endurance. She was a remarkable ninety-nine years old when she passed away in 1959. Bringing her journey completely full circle, she was brought back from Dunmanway to her ancestral home and buried at St. Finbarr's Catholic Church in Bantry, County Cork.



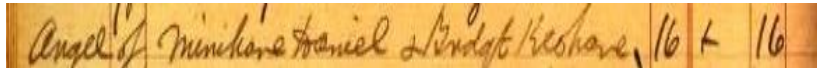
The Next Generation: An overview of Branch 5...Descendants of Bridget and Daniel Minehane.

Family Branch: KEOHANE | SULLIVAN

1. Angel Minnehane

February 16, 1890

1st cousin 2x removed



The firstborn child of Bridget and Daniel, this infant was born and baptized in a swift race against mortality. Passing away on the exact same day she entered the world, she was laid to rest without a formal earthly Christian name; instead, she was beautifully recorded in the parish registry simply as "Angel."

2. John Minnehane

May 11, 1893 — April 30, 1966

1st cousin 2x removed

Growing up on Cat Lane, John entered the workforce early, laboring alongside his father to help support the household. In September 1925, John married Ellen Murphy in Blarney, County Cork. He built a steady life there, passing away in Blarney at the age of seventy-two.

Children: Jeremiah (?—1996), Daniel (?—1977), and Bridget (?—2016).



3. Mary Ellen Minnehane

May 28, 1896— June 1923

1st cousin 2x removed

Mary Ellen appears with her family as a student on both the 1901 and 1911 Dunmanway Censuses. Tragically, her life was cut short in her twenties. She passed away in June 1923 at the age of twenty-seven, just a few months after the passing of her aunt, Mary Ryan Keohane, at Carran.

Children: None

4. Bridget Minnehane

November 4, 1898—?

1st cousin 2x removed

The youngest surviving child, Bridget grew up on the streets of Dunmanway and was recorded as an active student in the family's High Street home on the 1911 Census. As an adult, she was one of the three working children whose wages helped secure the household's financial stability, as noted in Aunt Kate's 1918 letter.

Children: ?

