## **WESTBROOK, John**

John Westbrook was born abt. 1850 – details unknown

He married Bernardina (father: Guerrero) – details unknown1

[No trace of any children]

In 1894 he settled at Murray Farm Road – lot 41b, about 5 acres, of Murray’s Farm Estate, subdivided 1882, previously having been owned or occupied by John Stewart (1888-1914).2

On 1st February 1903 Bernardina Westbrook, of Murray's-road, Beecroft, died, at the age of 51 years, after a protracted illness. She was much respected in the district. The funeral took place at the Anglican burial ground, Carlingford.3

On 25th October 1906 John Westbrook, widower, aged 66 years, of Murray’s Road, Beecroft, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver. Henry Bevan, a labourer, residing next door, gave evidence that he heard two shots fired, and, on going over to ascertain the cause, found the deceased lying on the ground, near his house, bleeding profusely from a wound in the head. The deceased had been suffering for three years with a stone in the bladder, and told several that he would shoot himself if he did not get better.4

In December 1906, in the will of John Westbrook, late of Beecroft, orchardist, it was published that any claims against Mr. Westbrook’s estate would need to notify the curator of the estate.5

In January 1907 it was reported that Thomas Bellamy, of Beecroft, had purchased Mr. Westbrook’s property on the Murray Farm road.6

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