

JERSEY CITY MAN AND BROTHER PERISH

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John Kieran, who boarded with James Tierney at Grove and Second streets perished, along with his brother Phillip, in the wreck of the Titanic. John was 23 years old and was employed as a bartender at 268 Varick Street. He was a citizen of the United States. He had saved up some money and made up his mind about six months ago to go back to his native town, Foster, County Longford, Ireland, to visit his parents. His rosy description of the new world caused his brother Phillip to develop a longing to come to this country with him, and the father and mother reluctantly consented to their youngest son's departure from the old home. Phillip was scarcely 19 years old when he sailed with his brother for New York.

Phillip Keleher, of Grand and Henderson streets, uncle of the young men, was on hand Thursday night, hoping against hope that his nephews might be among the saved. He left uncomforted and the revised list of the survivors of the wreck and those who went down with it finally convinced him that both young men had perished. They were cousins of Thomas McCormack, of Bayonne, who was among the rescued.

In addition to their parents the Kiernan boys are survived by their sisters, Annie, Mary, Katherine, Margaret and Bridget.

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