

Wm. Murphy, one of the earliest settlers, hailed from Tipperary, Ireland, while his 20-year-old wife, Jane McCaughan Murphy was born in County Antrim. The couple first settled at St. Kilda but during the 70's made their home at "Mt. Erin" in the hills and it is a point of interest that their selection originally included the present One Tree Hill Reserve, later resumed by the Crown in exchange for other land. Wm. Murphy was ~~employed~~ employed as a Crown Lands Bailiff and received the princely sum of £1 per week (including the keep of a horse) for patrolling an area extending as far as Kalorama. Due to his frequent ~~absences~~ absence, Mrs Murphy was compelled to play a major part in managing the farm and rearing a large family. ~~and~~ Picturesque tales are told of Mrs. Murphy, whose name became a byword in the hills: tales of her stren