

More Than Oliver Twist: Biography

Name: John Feeney

B. 1843-1847, d. 1886

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John Feeney was born between 1843 and 1847 in Ireland and moved to Leeds as a young child (1) (2). In 1851 he lived with his parents and siblings at 36 Wellington Road, North Leeds (3). The census return records him as 8 years old. His father was Michael and his mother Alice Feeney. His older siblings Thomas, James, Alice, and Michael all worked with Flax. He had a younger sibling, Bridget.

In 1861 the family had moved to 8 Cadman's Court, North Leeds and John Feeney had begun work as a Flax Dresser (4). He was single. Ten years later, in 1871, the family still lived on Cadman's Court (No. 7) and John was still working as a flax dresser (5)

By 1881, John Feeney was an inmate in Leeds Union Workhouse, he was still unmarried and was recorded as a 'Hickler in a Flax Mill' (6).

John Feeney died in 1886 probably in his early 40s, although the record has his birth as 1847 (7). He was buried from Leeds Union Infirmary on 12 June 1886, as a Non-Conformist.

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