Before the Last Crown is discovered... BLACKENROCK

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Keeper's Cottage hides on the westerly edge of Blackenrock Island. It's your first 'port of call' when exploring the islands of Ulcombe Bay. It is a ragged, rocky, wave beaten place, which few care to visit.

Some say it's haunted, others say it's cursed. Only the lonely, ignorant sheep dwell there now, many of which fall from the cliffs, into the sea, where they slowly drown in the briny waters.





A hundred years ago the Cottage was the scene of a terrible tragedy; a respected Victorian family were found dead Mostly. I say mostly, as two of the inhabitants of Keeper's Cottage disappeared, without trace! Father was found hanging from the rafters. Mother was discovered in the bath, an apparent suicide, death by laudanum overdose. One of the twins, Edward, was found smothered in his bed. But, no-one knows what happened to Peter, he vanished, never to be seen again.

So too did the resident maid, Anne Whittle, who was rumoured to be a witch!





Blackenrock Island

In mythology, this ragged, rocky remnant of old Ulcombe is thought to contain the remains of an ancient Anglo Saxon landowner, or baron. Folklore suggests the ashes of Baron Lammana are hidden from the weather, and treasure hunters, in the caves that honeycomb the interior of the island. Few have sought to locate the tomb, as the caves are notoriously disorientating, with local people stating that they are endless.



