

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST

This list provides a means of circulating information about the descendants of the Kennedys who went into the mountains of North Tipperary after being dispossessed of their lands in the Cromwellian confiscations of 1652.

A considerable amount of information is provided in the book "The Mountainy Kennedys – Tipperary Stayputs" which was launched at Rody Kennedy's Lounge at Rearcross on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Many Kennedys and their relatives attended from as far away as England.

Since the launch the following information has become available:

R.I.P:

The funeral of Joan Kennedy of Reafadda was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our sympathies are extended to her brothers Dan and Paddy. See p.274.

ERRATA:

p.62. Caption to photograph of Ellie Murray should read (nee Ryan)

p.195. Picture provided as of Lizzie Kennedy is of another person.

BREAKTHROUGH

p212. Following some earlier investigative work by Jim Kennedy and his son Brian of Pallaskenry Co. Limerick and formerly of Toureenbrien, I visited Templederry old cemetery with Jim on May 15<sup>th</sup>. After some searching and removal of soil and vegetation covering an old graveslab the following was revealed:

IHS  
ERECTED BY JEREMIAH  
IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER  
LONG ANDREW KENNEDY  
OF KEEPER WHO  
(the rest is indistinct – possibly aged 81 yrs)  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE  
AMEN

Further searching revealed a finely carved headstone pushed up against the wall and covered in vegetation. This read:

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HERE LIETH THE BODY OF  
HUGH KENNEDY WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL  
Y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1766 AGED 70 Yrs  
THE LORD BE MERCIFUL TO HIS SOUL  
AMEN

This is absolute confirmation of the story that Long Andrew Kennedy is buried in old Templederry graveyard. It also leads to the opportunity for further investigation into whether Hugh Kennedy of Glencroe was his father or uncle as proposed by Fr. Rody Kennedy. The Templederry burials are also an indication of Lower Ormond origins. Another interesting aspect of the inscription on Hugh's stone is that the same person and date are inscribed on the bottom of the nearby headstone of the Kennedys of

Gleninchaveigh (Glown) near Upperchurch. This is all the more interesting as the Glown Kennedys went there after being evicted from Loughane Lower which is 1km west of Templeberry village.

Ongoing research is proposed into the possibility that the various Kennedys buried in old Templeberry cemetery may be closely related transferees from Lower Ormond. This may exclude the Kennedys who married into the Harringtons from elsewhere in the mountains.

### CRONAVONE KENNEDYS

Fergus O'Dwyer and his father Paddy of Boherlahan, Cashel, have thrown some light on the Kennedys of Cronavone (see p 145). It appears that there were two Kennedy families in Cronavone who were not closely related. Fergus's mother's Kennedys were connected with the Kennedys of Shanballyard and are buried in Latteragh. These Kennedys were from Castle Hill Ballynahow and Seskin a short distance south east of Cronavone. The other Kennedy family of Cronavone is related to the Glastrigan Kennedys. More research will clarify this further.

### KILNANEAVE

There is always more information to be found. Kilnaneave graveyard was omitted from the book because there seemed to be no relevant Kennedy headstones. I am now informed by Michael Kennedy of Killyloughnane, north of Nenagh, that his ancestor William Kennedy went there after being evicted from Sragh near Kilnaneave. The family burial ground is Kilnaneave. What is very interesting is that William is a significant name among the Kennedys of Pollanorman which is adjacent to Sragh. P135 discusses the history of the name William Kennedy in these areas.

### VISITS

While in Ireland I had many enjoyable visits to Irish houses. The total is now 53. Included was a conversation-filled evening at the home of John and Grace Kennedy, Loran, Roscrea. Tim Lee's story of the move from Toor to Loran provided a great background to the visit. Many old friends were visited together with some newer ones. I'm very sorry that limited time prevented me from visiting many other friends.

### BOOKS

Thanks to all who purchased "The Mountainy Kennedys" and "The Irish Kennedys". The proceeds are a start on defraying the expense of printing and travelling to Ireland although I have been glad to pay for the privilege. Further copies can be obtained in Ireland from:

RODY KENNEDY'S BAR AND SHOP. REARCROSS. TIPPERARY Ph. 062 79104

Or internationally from the website at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>

If you have any further information about the Mountainy Kennedys that you would like to share your contribution would be most welcome.