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Hello to all Mountainy Kennedy Mailing List members and welcome to our new members,

Thanks to all who have corresponded with me (including Paul from China) and also those who have visited me here at my home here on the Gold Coast in Australia. This demonstrates the tremendous amount of interest in The Mountainy Kennedys.

OLD MAP OF UPPER ORMOND

Phyll and Pat Kennedy of Garnafarna, Toomyvara, welcomed me into their home on my recent visit to Ireland. I would like to share with you one of the interesting documents they showed me. Attached is a copy of a very old map of Upper Ormond. This old map does not use the conventional north-south axis that maps have used in recent years. This one has the east-west axis where we would expect to see the north-south axis. This was last used in the 1800s so we have a map of Upper Ormond as it was then or before. You need to rotate the map one turn clockwise to get the normal orientation. I have printed it out and use a magnifying glass to read it as using the computer zoom is literally a pain in the neck.

ANDREW KENNEDY QUESTIONS

An interesting speculation concerns the first Andrew on the list (he who bought the lands of Kilgarvin near Coolbaun in Lower Ormond for £300 in 1666 [see The Irish Kennedys p 311]). How did this Andrew manage to avoid transplantation and why was he allowed to buy land a few years later? After this Andrew died John Kennedy acquired Kilgarvin. In 1737 John Kennedy became anxious about whether his siblings might be able to claim a share of Kilgarvin under the old Irish law of Gavelkind. He turned Protestant in 1740 just to be sure. However, through oversight or avoidance he failed to take the required oath until 1762.

Is our first Andrew of 1666 related to the Kennedys in the following Betham Extract will record? Could he be the father of Hugh and the grandfather of John and Andrew?:

Vol. 39. P27. 1737. Jul. 2; 1739. May. 2. Hugh Kennedy of Polenorman, Tipp., gent. Sons - John and Andrew Kennedy.

These Kennedys seem to have been able to hold on to their assets in spite of the Cromwellian confiscations. In 1704 Capt. John Kennedy of Polenorman was a Catholic licensed to keep arms. The Kilboy papers contain an undated declaration of loyalty to Queen Anne (ruled 1702-1714) signed by Joan (probably John) Kennedy, Connor Kennedy, Henry Kennedy, Con. Kennedy and Andrew Kennedy. It seems the landlord Henry Prittie (Lord Dunally) requested (pressured?) his local tenants to sign the declaration which appears to have been undated and remained in the estate papers unused.

Do these Andrews have a connection with Long Andrew Kennedy and his many descendants? Sometimes we are surprised at what is discovered in our research. Is this one of those cases?

Tim Lee reports that he found Long Andrew in the Gravestone inscription records as Name; Andrew Kennedy, Age; 80, Address; Keeper, Occupation; not recorded, Graveyard; Templeberry C of I, Date of death; 11-Nov 1170, Parish / District; Templeberry, County; of Tipperary, Denomination; Church of Ireland, Sex; Male, Plot no; Page 6, Notes; Long Andrew Kennedy (date indecipherable) Erected by Jermiah Kennedy - son.

The date 1170 was obviously transcribed incorrectly. However, Denomination can be interpreted in different ways. Was Long Andrew Church of Ireland (Protestant)? It seems unlikely in view of his Catholic descendants. Does Church of Ireland refer to the denomination of the church in the graveyard of which other Catholic Kennedys are buried?

The above records need further research to see if answers can be found. All that can be established now is that names and dates have a correlation, that a John Kennedy became a Protestant in 1740 to protect his holding of Kilgarvin and that there are Lower Ormond connections. The 1737 will of Hugh Kennedy may be informative.

Your suggestions for further research in this area would be appreciated.

LOUGHANE UPPER AND LOWER

John J Kennedy of Victoria in Australia has provided us with the following interesting information about Loughane Upper and Lower. We have several correspondents who are interested in these Kennedys:

My great grandfather, Stephen Kennedy, left Ireland for Australia in or about 1868. He was born in Loughane Upper, next to Castle Otway in 1847 and left behind one brother and four sisters. They were orphans. Stephen's parents were Philip Kennedy and Elizabeth (nee Murray - from Ballincurry/Grennanstown). Philip Kennedy was Bailiff at Castle Otway some time between about 1845 and 1859 and is the very same Philip Kennedy recorded in Loughane Upper in the Griffith Valuation and referred to in your latest book. Philip and his wife Elizabeth died within about one year of each other, when their children were still very young. We don't have records, however, based on when the last child was born, and a newspaper clipping from the Nenagh Guardian, we can be pretty sure Philip died about mid-1859 to late 1859 and that Elizabeth died either giving birth to their last child or shortly after, between November 1859 and early to mid-1860. When Philip and Elizabeth died, Stephen was only about 12 and his eldest sister Johanna about 14. Johanna and the other 4 children were all under 10 years of age, including a baby of less than 1 year old. Captain Otway allowed the children to stay on the family land at Loughane Upper, despite the death of their parents. We think this was partly because their uncle John Kennedy lived on an adjoining holding in Loughane Upper, and was able to act as their guardian. We think this uncle was John Kennedy (James) from Loughane Upper, not John Kennedy (Frank), who was also from Loughane Upper (both are referred to in the Griffith Valuation). We believe Philip's father was probably a James Kennedy who lived in Loughane Lower/Upper in the late 1700's to early 1800's.

BALLINAHINCH

We have the following question from Paul Barrett in China:

Can you explain about Ballinahinch church. Why did father Rhody choose not to use it, as it seems to hold many of the records of the children of Long Andrews children.

I don't have an answer for Paul. Perhaps someone else has. Ballinahinch is about 6km north of Newport and about 4km west of Killoscully. Does anyone know about the descendants of Long Andrew Kennedy in Ballinahinch?

BOOKS

Copies of "The Mountainy Kennedys" and "The Irish Kennedys" can be obtained Internationally from the website at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieaq?index.htm>

Welcome to the new people who have been added to this mailing list.

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

All the best,

Brian