

#### Mountainy Kennedys Mailing List 4

Thanks to all who have corresponded with me and telephoned recently. The considerable interest in The Mountainy Kennedys continues.

#### MAURA RYAN (BARRACK) R.I.P.



It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of Maura Ryan Barrack, of Nenagh and formerly of Curreeny, on July 11th. Maura was a lovely lady who was liked and admired by all. It is fortunate that some of her extensive work on the relationships of the mountain families was able to be made available. We extend our deepest condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.

#### THE MOUNTAINY MEN

Tipperary born writer in Irish Mairtin O'Corrbui provides us with a reference to the mountains in his book "Tipperary" (1991):

*A somewhat similar account is given in The Spirit of Tipperary by MacDonaill and O'Meara: "When the Cromwellian Soldiers and Stuart grantees settled in Tipperary on the lands of the O'Kennedys, the O'Dwyers, the O'Mearas and the MacEgans, etc., many of the old chiefs retreated to the wild hill country between Bearnan Eile and Newport, which was then thickly inhabited for the first time, and so founded the hardy race known today as "The mountainy men".*

(It should never be forgotten that standing beside the mountainy men were their wives and daughters who coped with the rigours of the mountains with outstanding perseverance and fortitude).

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

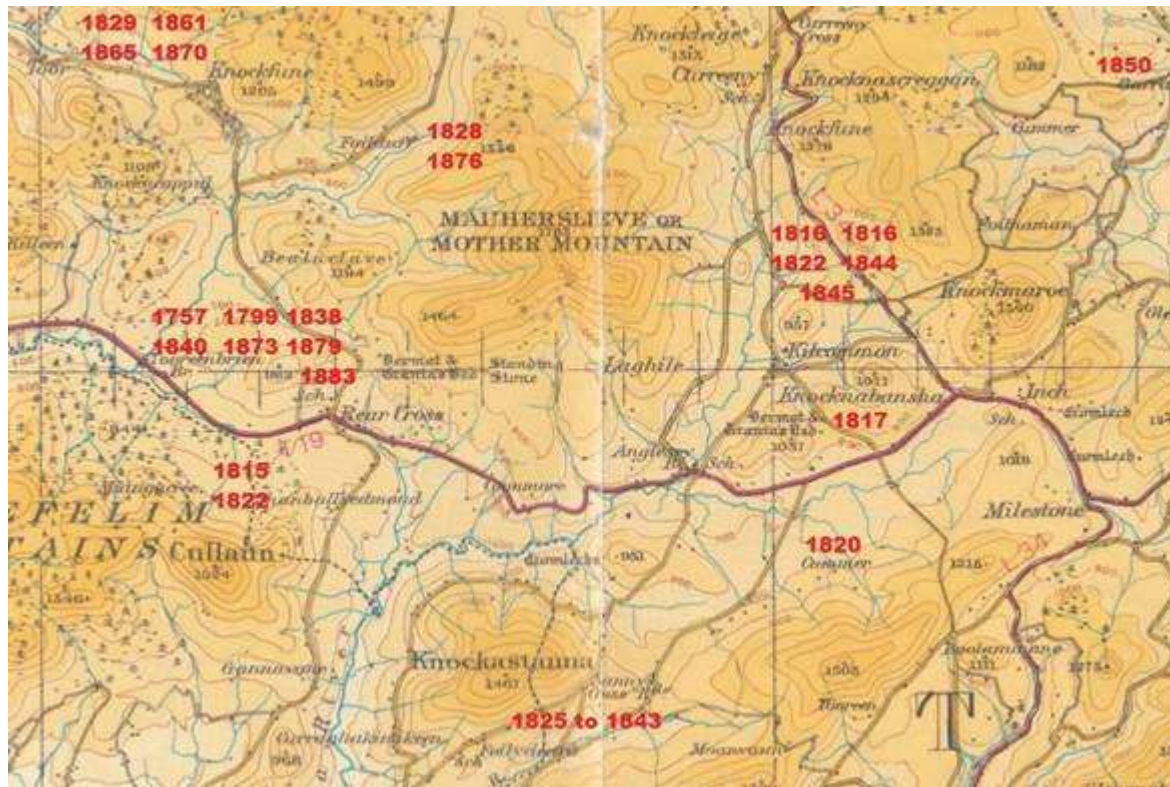
Attached is the next in the series which is B for Brian or Bryan Kennedy. The chronological list of Brian/Bryans is from references from my books.. Those who are interested may use this to compare with the generations in their own research.

Research of the occurrence of this first name over time together with plotting the dates, where locations can be identified, on a map of the mountains, provides some very interesting results.

The first in the mountains is Bryan Kennedy who was born in Toureenbrien in 1757 and died in 1823. He is buried in Templeberry old cemetery. His father Patrick came from the Templeberry area to marry a Madden woman. Fr. Rody Kennedy wrote that the name Brian came from the Maddens. However, there are only two sons listed on the headstone in Templeberry, Bryan and Bartholomew. Bryan was the oldest and would have been expected to be named after his father's father rather than the mother's father. Bartholomew would be expected to be named after his mother's father. The name Bryan can be ascertained to have

come from Ballycapple in Lower Ormond via the dispossessed Kennedys who went to Boolabane near Templederry.

There is a cluster of records of Bryan/Brian Kennedy names within 10 km of Toureenbrien. These follow a chronological order 1757, 1799, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1822, 1825, 1829, 1831 etc to 1883. These all seem to be descended from Bryan Kennedy of Toureenbrien.



An interesting will description provided by Tim Lee reads as follows.

### **Bryan Kennedy**

effect under £100. 11th March 1861.

*The Will of Bryan Kennedy late of Foileclara in the County of Tipperary.*

*Farmer, Deceased who died the 10th of July 1844 at Purtrane in the County of Limerick, was proved at Limerick by the oath of Mathew Kennedy of Ballinglan in said County.*

*Former one of Executors.*

Michael Ryan Kitt and I have been trying to place this Bryan for some time. On p328 of *The Mountainy Kennedys* you will see a picture of Michael and myself standing at the gate to what was his farm. There are townlands named Foilycleara and Foilycleary side by side with the county border in between. Foilycleara is in Limerick and Foilycleary is in Tipp. On p366 of *The Mountainy Kennedys* you will see Johny Moloney's listing of Bryan Kennedys children with Bess O'Dea. When Johny gave me this in 1994 I remember him saying either that I was not related to this man or I was not descended from him. I think it was the latter. He was obviously very close to the Foilycleara Kennedys as he appears as a sponsor in some of their births. He also seems to appear as a sponsor in the births of Kennedys of Foilnacanny near Kilcommon not far from Foilycleary. There is also a Bryan among the Glastrigan Kennedys. His name may have come from the nearby Kennedys of Knockabansha, which is only 4 km away.

My best guess is that the Bryan in the above will extract is a son of Bryan Kennedy of Toureenbrien. He would have been born in the late 1700s and died in 1844. Father Rody doesn't list any Bryans as the son of Bryan of Toureenbrien. But there should have been the third son named after the father. It is possible he was the brother of my ggfather Patrick who was born at Toureenbrien and went to Foilycleara from his brother Thomas's place at Foilduff. He may have been at Foilycleara much earlier than Patrick was at Foilycleara and may have even facilitated the marriages between his brothers Thomas and Patrick with sisters Bridget and Ellen Connors.

There is a separate cluster of Bryan/Brians within 2 km of Dolla who only appear in the mountains from 1855 to 1891. The fact that they only appear in the records after the Famine may or may not be significant. These could be descended from Bryen Kenedy of Ballinormond listed as a Chief Gentleman or "Tituilado" in the 1659 Census of Ireland. Pollanorman is adjacent to Dolla. Alternatively, they could be descended from either Bryan Kenedy of Gortnagowna in the Parish of Ballincloghy or Bryan Kenedy of Tallamyline in Dolla Parish listed in the Hearth Money Records of 1665-7.

### BORRISOLEIGH MAP

Australian Rosemary Kennedy has kindly supplied the attached map of the townlands of Borrisoleigh/Ileigh, Upperchurch/Drombane and parts of Templederry and other areas. Rosemary says that her family is part of the Kennedy family group connected to Cronovone, Ballinahow, and Castlehill. She writes that: *Some of my relatives are buried at Latteragh Cemetery e.g.. Great great grandfather Patrick Kennedy and in Templederry, Ileigh, and Upperchurch cemeteries. Patricks father Timothy Kennedy may have also been buried at Latteragh. My line of the Kennedy's may also have a Seskin link which is close to Cronovone in Upper Church. My relative who came to Australia was Timothy Kennedy and his wife Mary Delaney and sister Mary and husband Denis Darcy. They came in the 1850's; were farmers; and settled at Kangaroo Hills in Victoria and buried at Eganstown RC cemetery. My brother John has make contact with the Borrisoleigh family members in the 1990's and visited then for the first time. This was my first visit to Ireland. I have been researching this Kennedy family line in Australia for many years. I am currently I am writing what is known and creating an independent website to connect family members.*

I would be happy to put anyone with connections in touch with Rosemary.

(Note: Some years ago in an interview with "The Tipperary Star" I suggested that Kennedy history could be good for enhancing the economy of North Tipperary. Rosemary's comments together with the next article indicate that to be the case. I am constantly hearing of overseas visitors associated with the Kennedys turning up in Tipp. on the trail of ancestors)

### THE STORY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF CON KENNEDY, DOLLA (died 28 December, 1853)

Mary Kennedy of Dublin has provided me with a copy of the excellent booklet she prepared for a Dolla Kennedy Family Reunion which was held in April. This booklet is a very comprehensive record of the contributions of the family members. The William Kennedy line is concentrated on and this name carried through the generations both in Ireland and overseas. Quite a number of overseas visitors attended the reunion which was a great success.

Please refer to the website <http://kennedysofdolla.com/> for further information.

### BALLINAHINCH

We have had no responses to whether anyone knows 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/~laurieag?index.htm>

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