

## Mountainy Kennedys Mailing List 5

Hello to all Mountainy Kennedys, their relatives and descendants and other interested people. The number on the mailing list is ever increasing. Please contact me if you have something to contribute to the history or if you have someone who would like to be added to the list.

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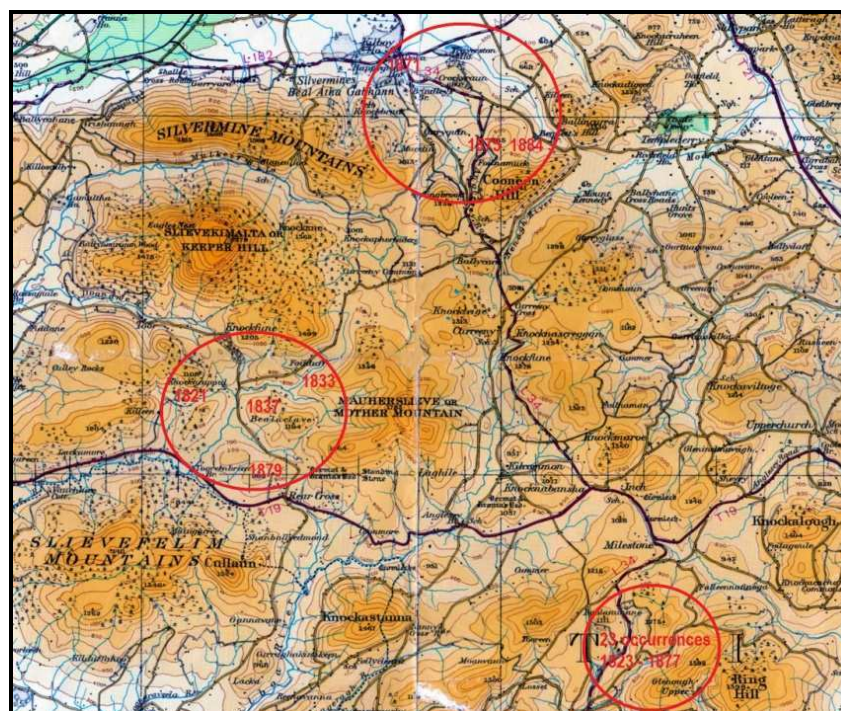
Thanks very much to Tim Lee and Michael Ryan Kitt both of whom followed up in Dublin on the will of Hugh Kennedy who died in 1766. Unfortunately any further information seems to have been lost in the Four Courts fire in 1922.

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

Attached is the list of the next in the series which is C for **Connor or Cornelius Kennedy**. The chronological list of Connor/Cornelius is from references from my books "The Irish Kennedys" and "The Mountainy Kennedys". Those who are interested may use this to compare with the generations in their own research.

Connor (Conchobar, Chone, Encoyne, Cnoghor, Conoghor are some of the variants) is a very old Irish name. Cornelius O'Kennedy appears as Cnogher alias McTigue (Connor O'Kennedy Donn) in 1567 at Ballycahill, Nenagh (not the more well known Ballycahill near Thurles). The ruin of his castle can still be seen beside the farmhouse of John and Una Ryan. An interesting link with the mountains occurs in Ormond Deed V 385-7 of 1853. In this deed Cornelius alias Knoghor is linked with Donald or Donoghe O'Kennedy and Rory O'Kennedy of Currageheighe. The townland of Curraleigh is 2 km south east of Dolla. Phillip Kenedy of Coragh Leigh and Connor Kenedy of Barnagow, Dolla parish, are recorded in the Hearth Money Records of 1665-67. Barnagore is also south east of Dolla.

When plotted on a map of the mountains, three clusters of the name become evident. On the map below three Cornelius/Connor clusters are shown with years in red.



The first appearance of the name in the Baptism Registers is in 1821 when Thomas Kennedy and Mary Guilmartin (Kilmartin) of Knockacullin named a son Connor. In 1837 Michael and Norry Kennedy across the road in Bealaclave also named a son Connor. The names Cornelius or Con Kennedy also appear as sponsors in this area near Rearcross. This cluster is very small and the name could be derived from the mother's father. (One of our correspondents had advised of some unconfirmed information about Cornelius Kennedy who was said to have been born at Knockacillan, (Knockacullin or Hollyhill) in 1830. (We don't have this in our lists). Cornelius died at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia in 1892. He was the son of Rodger Kennedy and Mary Maher (Meagher). (See p417 for Roger's baptism at Newport in 1801). Cornelius's brother John also went to Australia and was married at Ballarat).

A separate major cluster appears in the Hollyford area at Reafadda, The Mines, Boolanunane etc. The name Cornelius Kennedy appears 17 times and Connor appears 6 times between 1823 and 1877 within a confined area. This isolated cluster is a mystery as it seems to be very remote. The name may have entered the mountains from the south into Hollyford but there seems to be no record of that name to the South. It may have come from the Dolla area 16 km away to the NW or it may have come from the Kennedys of Boolabane, 10km to the NE who had the name Connor in their ancestry. There were no roads for wheel carriages before the Anglesey Road was constructed around 1830 so travel would have been on foot or horseback before then. This would have been a hazardous undertaking.

A third cluster is in the vicinity of Dolla and Foilnamuck and these seem to be related to the earlier Connors of Curraghleigh and Barnagore which are nearby. These may be descendants of Connor O'Kennedy Donn of Ballycahill. In the last issue of this mailing list we mentioned the story of the descendants of Con Kennedy, Dolla.

#### KENNEDYS TRANSPLANTED 1653-4 (or were they?)

An appendix to Irish Landed Gentry (O'Hart. 1881. M H Gill & Sons Dublin) under the heading 8.-Persons Transplanted in Ireland A.D. 1653-1654 Section (a) Transplanters' Certificates (Vol. I. E. 10. 123) are listed the following for Limerick City and County:

KENEDY, Anstace, Brien, Connor, Daniel, David, Donnogh, Ellen, Honora, John, Mathew, Margaret, Sara, Terlagh, Una.

KENNEDY, Anny, Anthonie, Brien, Cate, Daniel, Donnogh, Donnogh Oge, Ellis, Honora, Joane, Katherin, Mahon, Mary, Onora, Shylie, Terlagh, Una, Un any.

In Section (b) (Vol. I.C. 8c. 126.) the following are listed for TIPPERARY:

Donnoghe Kennedye, Killowhnyne, Donnogh Kennedy, Lackroone. Daniell O'Kennedye, Ballycreggan, Connor Kennedy, Ballyartillye, John Kennedy, Knigh, John Kennedy, Gurtoone, Donogh Kennedy, Ballyleina, Dermott Kennedy, Curragh, Ireel Kennedy, Ballyhagh, Morrigh Kennedy, Traverstown, William Kennedy, Ballyanagane, Hugh Kenedy, Ballinclohy.

These were people to whom were issued Transplanter's Certificates or people in their families. Simington (The Transplantation to Connacht 1654-58, Irish University Press. 1970) draws attention to the fact that not all who were mentioned as receiving certificates were actually transplanted when he says:

*"O'Hart's insistence on the returns printed by him being the names of persons actually transplanted is illustrated by the statement which he appends at the end of each and every county thus: 'Total 220 persons transplanted from the co. Tipperary.' While we have to be grateful to this zealous worker in other respects, it is to be feared that his obvious obsession with collecting names led him in this particular instance, to neglecting, if not abjuring, facts."*

A comparison can be made with O'Hart's lists and those who actually transplanted. See p30 of *The Mountainy Kennedys*. As an example Morragh Kennedy, Traverstown, received a transplanter's certificate but did not actually transplant. Could he be the ancestor of the Coumnagillah Kennedys and could he have gone to the mountains rather than transplant? See p142 of *The Mountainy Kennedys*. The Coumnagillah Kennedys have Ballinaclough as their burial ground. Traverstown is only 4 km from Ballinaclough. This also fits with the comment in the attachment to mailing list 4 which states that in 1659 "*Bryan Kennedy Esq., is found as 'titulado' or chief gentleman in 'Pollinormond'. 'He is Brian, son of Murrough, of the pedigree, descendant of the first marriage of Hugh of Rappagh'*" (and Ballinaclough). Pollanorman is adjacent to Traverstown.

The names in O'Hart's lists provide opportunities for further research into the Mountainy Kennedys.

### 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. As you will appreciate, reading and research takes time, but we will endeavour to keep the mailing lists coming out on a regular basis.

All the best,

Brian