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Hello to all who are interested in the history of the Mountainy Kennedys.

There are many people who are descended from those hardy souls who took to the mountains rather than to obey the dictates of the Cromwellian confiscations of 1652 and transplant to Connacht. They were tough, self-reliant people who withstood the rigours of the mountains and reared many sons and daughters who were our ancestors.

BALLINAHINCH PARISH RECORDS

Margaret Friend of Murrumbateman, Australia, (see p111 of The Mountainy Kennedys) has kindly provided us with the following results of her research into the Ballinahinch records:

A fellow in one of your recent updates was asking about Ballinahinch parish records and why they can't be used to locate Long Andrew K's ancestors. I can tell you that in the course of my research I have visited that parish and discovered that those parish records do not precede 1839 because the parish had changed boundaries. Some of the prior records are located at Newport parish but there are many gap years. What happened to the missing records. I don't know.

Thanks to Margaret for this information. Does anyone have anything to add to Margaret's comments?

MARY KENNEDY'S BOOKLET

The Story of the Descendants of Con Kennedy, Dolla (died 28 December, 1853) provided by Mary Kennedy of Dublin has been very popular. A number of our correspondents have requested the digital copy of this excellent booklet.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

We are now resuming our alphabetical listing of **D** for **Daniel Kennedy** following my diversion to Philip. "The Irish Kennedys" and "The Mountainy Kennedys" have provided the references. Those who are interested may use this to compare with the generations in their own research.

It is very interesting to note that Donchd (Daniel) O'Kennedy of Ballintotty was from the same lineage as the Philips in our last mailing list.

McGilla Kevin Buide O'Kennedy (c 1300)

Donchd Mor O'Kennedy

Philip O'Kennedy

Domnall O'Kennedy

Philip O'Kennedy

Rory O'Kennedy

Hugh O'Kennedy

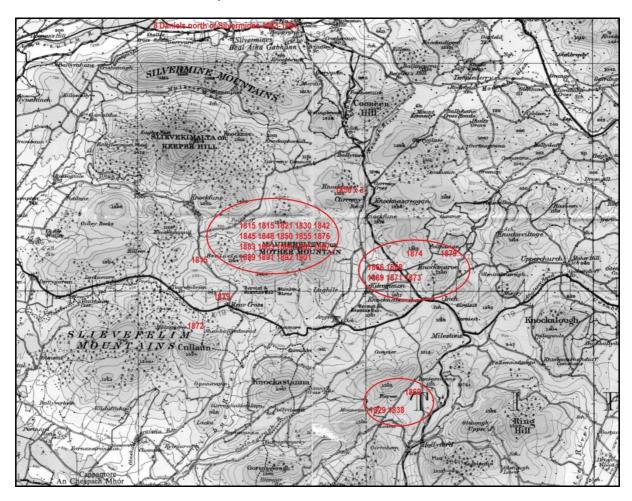
Philip O'Kennedy (This is the only Philip, son of Hugh, listed anywhere in the RIA genealogies)

Rory O'Kennedy

Donchd (Daniel) O'Kennedy, Tiege O'Kennedy, Edmund Bwy O'Kennedy – all of Ballintotty were brothers.

Sons of Edmund Bwy (died 1622) were Matthew and Daniel.

We have plotted all of the Daniels on a map of the mountains. On the map that follows the Daniel clusters are shown with years in red.



The Kilcommon Baptism Records began in 1813. The large Foilduff Daniel Kennedy cluster also begins around that time. We also know (p165 The Mountainy Kennedys) that Daniel Kennedy and Philip Dwyer leased 1660 acres of Foyleduft from Lord Rous in 1805. This area was not even surveyed until the late 1700s so the extent of the area was not known. These lessees were probably in Foilduff for many years before that time. Foilduff is a remote area between Keeper Hill and Mother Mountain and there were no roads until after 1830 so they would have used mountain tracks. Daniel Kennedy was probably a direct descendant of one of the sons of Daniel O'Kennedy of Ballintotty who was the largest single landowner in Upper Ormond before the Cromwellian confiscations. The Foilduff Kennedy Dans have Kilkeary as their burial ground and this appears to indicate a very long term connection with the O'Kennedys of Ballintotty.

The outlier Daniels at Hollyhill, Rea and Muingacree appear to be associated with the Foilduff Dans as does the small occupancy at Curreeny in Griffiths Valuation.

The Kilcommon, Foilnaman, Grouse Hall Daniel Kennedy cluster is of a much later date from 1866 to 1878. They are mostly in one family or are close relatives and probably have Foilduff connections.

It is interesting to note the small Daniel cluster at Birchgrove near Hollyford dating from 1829. Birchgrove is only 2 km from Reafadda where the name Dan Kennedy continues to

this day. As with the name Cornelius in this group, it is difficult to establish their possible origins.

The eight Daniel Kennedys from 1843-1891 from areas north of Silvermines appear to be descendants of Kennedys who were exempted from transplantation in the 1600s.

THE ELUSIVE HUGH KENNEDY BURIED IN OLD TEMPLEDERRY

Christina Gorman is still on the trail of Hugh (died 1766):

Thanks Brian for your email and the information contained therein. Once again, I am confirmed in the belief that if we can unravel Hugh Kennedy's ancestors and indeed his descendants it will give us a great insight into the (our) 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