

Mountainy Kennedys Mailing List 8

Welcome to all who are interested in the history of the Mountainy Kennedys and especially to our new mailing list members. Also a big thank you to those who have contributed information for this edition. It's grand to see the sharing.

We generally describe the territory of the Mountainy Kennedys as being above 200 metres elevation adjacent to Keeper Hill, Slieve Felim, Mother Mountain and other areas in North Tipperary. The area was described by Richard Griffith, the engineer responsible for building the first road in 1828-30, as about 24 miles in length and 20 in breadth throughout the whole of which was no road possible for wheeled carriages. So, if our ancestors had a horse to ride they were lucky, otherwise they had to walk.

BALLINAHINCH PARISH RECORDS

Paul has returned from China and has responded: *Yes, time is what it will take for sure. I have been using the Roots Ireland website for access to the Newport and Ballinahinch records. The inconsistencies in the compilation however is a pain, as the three variations to the baptisms for Andrew Kennedy and Maria Carey, Mary Carey and Mary Carew, leaves just that amount of doubt, with the other difficulties, can be frustrating. Especially for the puritans.*

You are right, time will help tell the story. All this input from so many. Convinced the extended lives will assist the story to unfold.

There were so many that came to Australia. One day I will finally get back to studying these families arriving in the mid 1800's to Australian shores. They are such a colourful bunch, with the fresh start in a new colony. The understanding of their origins in Ireland and the affect that coming to Australia had on their lives has been what has held my interest. Including finding the priest associated with Hugh Kennedy's family. If only they had identified the photos left in Andrew's bible. Life would be a bit more easy.

GURTEENAVALLA QUERY

Christina has written:

According to the Rental Ledger/Book for the Otway Estate, a Rodger Kennedy paid 5 shillings an acre? plus 5 shillings in rental for a garden at Gurteenavalla in 1779. That land was probably added to Riverfield - as 22 acres at Gurteenavalla is now owned by the present owners of Riverfield, Loughane Lower, Templeberry where our Kennedys used to live.

Do you have information on the Kennedys of Gurteenavalla?

Also, I am now fairly certain that our Kennedys were evicted from Riverfield, Loughane Lower between 1809 when Condy Kennedy was born and 1817 - (Condy is son of John and Mary Kennedy). The workers in Otway Estate were paid 5 pennies a day and the rental was approx. 10 shillings an acre at that time, so it is no wonder they were not able to pay the rent.

I am wondering is there any connection between Rodger Kennedy of Gurteenavalla and the Kennedys of Riverfield, Loughane Lower, Templeberry as Condy Kennedy had a brother Rodger. He may have been his older brother as he is listed with his mother Mary on a rent book after her husband died. The Christian name Rodger continued right down to an uncle of mine.

I replied to Christina as follows:

I have James Kennedy listed with a house and land from Robt. Otway-Cave at Gorteenavalla in 1842. Does this raise more questions? Was James a descendant of Rodger? Was he on the same property as Rodger?

Miriam Lambe's book shows that arrears on the Otway Estate lands grew from £79 in 1811 to £1,179 in 1816. During that period the total rental did not change very much so the income must have dropped to the point where the tenants could not pay. It seems your Kennedys may have been caught up in this loss of income.

I will leave the Rodger questions until later as I have been trying to keep to the alphabetical order of first names to keep everyone informed of when their particular interest may be available. I am also aware that the Rogers/Rodgers/Rodys/Roderics etc have the potential to become very complicated.

I will put out your thoughts in the next mailing list just in case anyone may have something on them.

REQUEST FROM LORRAINE FROM DUBLIN

Following a referral from John O Kennedy on the Dolla Kennedys website we were able to pinpoint Lorraine's Mountainy Kennedy ancestry very quickly. It is great to see young people interested in researching their ancestry. This is what she wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me! Well this is the info I have so far.

My dad: Stephen Kennedy, born in Drimnagh 1958

His dad: Michael Kennedy, born in Phibsboro 1927

My granddad Michaels parents are both from Tip. His mother was Winifred Hughes born in Tip in 1904, parents are Michael Hughes and Margaret Harrington.

His father was Thomas Kennedy born in Tip approx. 1908. Thomas's parents were William Kennedy born in Tip 1869 and Mary McCormack 1865. William was born to Patrick Kennedy and Ellen Carey, but I have no other info on them.

This is as far as I can trace on the Kennedy line, any info you can help me with would be great! I also got a reply from Mary Kennedy so I will forward this info on to her as well and see if she can also be of assistance.

Now, for a research exercise, have a look in The Mountainy Kennedys to see if you can find Lorraine's ancestry.

REQUEST FROM GAIL FROM VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

My ancestors are Bridget Carey married 22 February 1838 Kilcommon Tipperary to John Kennedy. Witnesses to the marriage Patrick Ryan and Dan Sullivan

4 children that I know of

1.) Winnifred Kennedy b 1842 Ballyhane m 30 April 1860 Borrisoleigh, Tipperary, Martin O'Brien, witnesses to marriage Margaret Bolan and James Quinlan, she died 26 April 1912 Bald Hills, Victoria

2.) Mary Kennedy b 1843 Ballyhane m 9 August 1867 Ballarat, to John Stapleton she d 23 Jan 1916 Camperdown, Vic. These are my direct ancestors

3.) John Kennedy b 1848 Ballyhane m 17 oct 1877 Creswick to Mary Ann Wright, he d 25 May 1929 Creswick, Vic

4.) Catherine Kennedy b 1866 Ballyhane m 1888 USA James Hugh Finn, she d 11 April 1933 Massachusetts, USA

If you have any contacts who are researching this family I would be very interested to get in touch and share research.

Can anyone help Gail?

A MESSAGE FROM FRANCIS O'DWYER

Francis has provided a great deal of his research for The Mountainy Kennedys. His latest input is:

Thanks for the latest Kennedy information, the more sources the better and everyone gains from shared information. Good stuff.

Some additional information re Kennedy's buried in Kilkeary Graveyard; this info may be useful to some of our fellow researchers. The lettering is faint on the headstone. The Headstone adjacent to the [New] Kennedy of Foilduff Headstone i.e. [Kennedy Danny's] that I had erected in 2010 reads as follows;

Old [partly eroded] Headstone in Kilkeary graveyard:

- *Erected by Thomas Kennedy in memory of his mother, Mary Kennedy, alias Dwyer, who departed this life on 27th August 1802, aged 78 years. May her soul rest in peace.*

I may have the details on the adjacent headstone, if I locate the details, I will fwd them onto you.

A MESSAGE FROM PHYLL KENNEDY OF TOOMYVARA

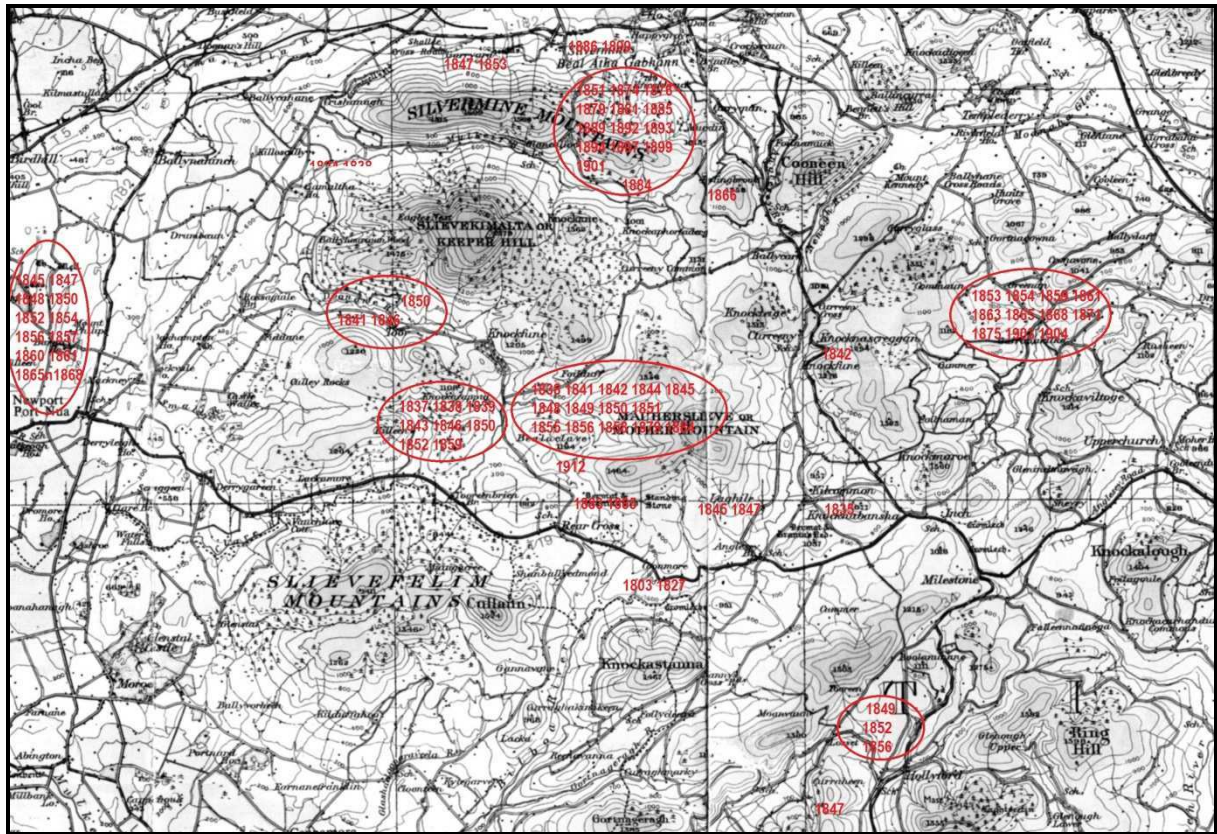
Thank you for your e mails they were very interesting reading. Pat and myself went to Lorrha Abbey last Sunday and found 7 headstones to the Kennedys. 3 different Pauls. First one departed life 1729 aged 49. Second - We think it might be our GGG Grandparents. We share the same Paul died 1806 aged 63 years and Ann 1830 aged 80 years. Third, I think I may have given to you Brian. Erected by Paul Kennedy in memory of his father Dennis who died in 1832 aged 39. Next very interesting a Daniel from Derrinsallah - came across in your book - he died in 1787 aged 63 years. Then on to Philip and Mary and it reads, This tomb was erected by Philip and Mary, Memory of them and their posterity in 1757. Next a Bridget who died 1791 aged 35 and last a Thomas Kennedy. I think its Thomas who died in anno1799 aged 74 years.

While this information is from outside the mountain area it is most welcome. Phyll and her husband Pat have strong links with the Lorrha area which figures largely in Kennedy history.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

We now move on to our alphabetical listing of **D for Denis Kennedy**. "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.

We have plotted occurrences of the name Denis by year on a map of the mountains. On the map that follows the Denis clusters are shown with years in red.



Denis Kennedy

Denis is the modern name for Donnogh or Donnchadh. The name appears three times in the Civil Survey for upper Ormond and 32 times in the baptism registers for Templederry, Kilcommon, Newport and Kilmore.

Donogh Kennedy of Ballincotta is listed as having been transplanted to Connacht. (Simington: 1970) but is not recorded in the Civil Survey. Donnogh Kennedy of Currhine (Curraheen) is from within 1 km of Ballintotty. Donogh Kennedy of Poulenormaine (Pollanorman) and Crossylangy is from within 5 km of Ballintotty but may be the same Donogh Kennedy of Ballinclohy (Ballinaclough) mentioned in the Hearth Money Records of 1665-7 who did not relocate. Another Donnogh Kennedy was of Culline (Cooleen) 1 km from Silvermines.

Six of the eight Denis Kennedy baptisms for Kilcommon are in the Foilduff – Rearcross area while another for Kilmore is in Bolingbrook. A headstone in Kilkeary graveyard 2 km from Ballintotty indicates that the burial ground for the Foilduff Kennedys is Kilkeary and, as a consequence, they probably have Ballintotty origins. The appearance of the name Denis in Newport Parish may indicate an extension of the move into the Rearcross area.

Donogh Kennedy of Cooleen near Silvermines may have been the ancestor of the Denis Kennedys of Lahid and Capparoe.

The cluster of the references to the name Denis for Cragg is well away from the mountains to the north of Newport. The name Denis may have come into this area from north of the Silvermines Mountains by skirting around them along the main road between Nenagh and Limerick.

The cluster at Grennan, south of Templederry, can be traced to the marriage of Denis Kennedy of Foilduff and Mary Butler of Greenane in 1853. Family – Patrick, James, William and Michael. Daughters – Margaret, Ballinahow and Mrs Small, Gortnacrana.

There is a small cluster in the Toor area. Dinny Kennedy is the last of a line of Denis Kennedys at Bunkimalta. He relates a family tradition that his Kennedys came from Lower Ormond. His ancestor Long Andrew Kennedy is buried in the old graveyard at Templeberry and this could be an indicator of Lower Ormond origins.

Fr. Rody Kennedy wrote that Long Andrew Kennedy built a house in Toor, near Bun Ciamalta, in 1802. He indicated that Long Andrew's son, William, got Keeper which was later divided between his two sons William and Denis. William senior died aged 71 in 1838.

Denis and William Kennedy were tenants in Bunkimalta (also known as Keeper) in 1844. By a 21 year lease from George Kinahan dated 23 August, 1844, Denis was tenant of about 11 acres of arable land and meadow with about 250 acres of pasturable bog. William also had a lease from George Kinahan of the same date and period for about 12 acres of pasturable and meadow land and about 50 acres of pasturable bog. Griffiths Valuation (1847-1864) makes no mention of William Kennedy occupying land in Bunkimalta. Denis Kennedy is listed as occupying section 1 of 262 acres while John Ryan and partners held the rest of the townland.

The two major clusters of references to the name Denis in the Foilduff/Knockacapull/Hollyhill areas indicate close family ties. It appears that the name has been in these formerly remote areas since the Cromwellian dispossession in 1652. The burials at Kilkeary indicate a link with Donogh Kennedy of Ballintotty.

The small cluster at Curraghfoil along the Anglesey road from Rearcross can also be linked to the Hollyhill area by the marriage of John Kennedy to Margt. Kilmartin. The name is interchangeable with Gilmartin which appears with Kilmartin in Hollyhill.

We have our usual small outlier cluster in the Hollyford area. This could be an indicator of Kennedys who worked in the mines in that area around 1850.

THE TRIAL OF HUGH KENNEDY

Many Australian Kennedys are descended from Hugh, son of Long Andrew Kennedy, who was born in 1814. Hugh lived at Darkisland near Doon and in 1848 he was indicted with two others for a midnight raid on a house at Brittas near Cappamore. He was found guilty and transported to Australia for seven years. His wife Jane with her children later made the long journey to Australia to join him.

If anyone is interested I have a copy of the transcript of the trial.

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