

MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 10

Welcome to all of the descendants of the Mountainy Kennedys and other interested people and especially to our new mailing list members.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GLENFINSHINA KENNEDYS?

On page 217 of The Mountainy Kennedys we show the Griffiths Valuation listing of Patrick Kennedy as the occupier of 35 acres including a house, office (outbuilding) and land at Glenfinshina 3 km northwest of Upperchurch. There were no Kennedys subsequently listed for Glenfinshina.

However, in 1851, Patrick Kennedy of Glenfinchinnan aged 39, son of Philip and Honora Kennedy, sailed for Australia on the ship "Emperor". With Patrick was Mary Kennedy, aged 38, daughter of James and Nancy Callinan. Also with them was Bridget Kennedy aged 21, daughter of Patrick and Mary Kennedy. Patrick would have been 18 and Mary 17 when Bridget was born in 1830. (Note: The only Philip and Honora Kennedy we can locate were at Gannavane, Rearcross. Philip was related to Long Andrew Kennedy. [Interestingly enough, Honora was nee Callahan] They have baptisms listed in Gannavane from 1815, when the Kilcommon records began, to 1817).

Do any of our many Australian mailing list members have any connections with the Kennedys who left Glenfinshina to embark on the three months passage to Australia in 1851?

A NOTE FROM LAWRENCE KENNEDY

Brian

I am Lawrence Kennedy and I live in London. I would be grateful if you could kindly add me to the mailing list. I spent the first 7 years of my life in Glenculloo [Glown]. I think I was probably one of the 15 children that attended Glown school referred to on page 216 of your book. Mary Hughes took me to school on my first day.

My relatives {or some of them} are buried in Killoscully graveyard. I joke with the locals that I know more people in Killoscully graveyard than I do in the local townlands!

Thanks to your book the Mountainy Kennedys [I have an autographed copy which you kindly signed for my 2nd cousin Therese Doyle (nee Kennedy)] I have traced my ancestors back to my great/great/great/grandparents Michael Kennedy = Bridget Stapleton who lived in Grousehall.

My grandfather Lawrence Kennedy is buried in Killoscully and there is a photograph of his headstone on page 74 of your book "Glenculloo Kennedys"

When I visited Ann Kennedy at Rearcross (Rody's wife) she did not have a copy of John F Kennedy's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors.

I hope to visit Tipperary again next summer for my annual visit and hopefully I will be able to purchase a copy then. The bookshop in Nenagh is very keen to obtain copies of all your books. The Irish Kennedys is also a very interesting book.

Like nearly everyone else I have relatives in the US of A and it was interesting looking at details of their arrival at Ellis Island New York, when I was there last March.

I also have a copy of the late Fr Rody Kennedy's book. Thank you for the many hours of pleasure your books have given me in learning about my/our ancestors

With all good wishes

Lawrence

I was very pleased to receive this from Lawrence and followed up with a few questions which he has answered as follows:

Hi Brian

I believe the following shows the link between the Glenculloo Kennedys and Grousehall.

1. My grandfather Laurence Kennedy died on the 11th February 1962 aged 89 years and is buried in Killoscully graveyard. A picture of his gravestone is on page 74 of your book. He would therefore have been born in 1872/3

2. On page 412 of your book there is an entry 9 spaces from foot of page showing that a Laurence Kennedy was born on the 21 July 1873. His parents were Lawrence Kennedy and Mary Spillane. [I have a photograph of them] I knew my grandfather was related to the Spillanes.

3. On page 404 of your book there is an entry 11 entries from the top of the page showing Lawrence Kennedy was born on the 17 April 1836. His parents were James Kennedy and Norry Flannagan

4. On page 399 of your book entry number 3 shows that James Kennedy was born on the 9th August 1814 his parents were Michael Kennedy and Bgt Stapleton. Unfortunately I believe it will be difficult to find details of the birth of Michael. He would have been born probably in the last quarter of the 18th century.

5. On page 234 of your book, the chapter dealing with Grousehall, the last 8 entries relate to my grandfather and great uncles and aunts. Laurence Kennedy is shown as being born on the 21 July 1873 and in the Grousehall 1901 census he is shown as aged 26 unmarried with the Grousehall address.

6. The John Kennedy shown in the Baptism registry is the grandfather of Therese. He married a Mary Ann Ryan from Hollyford. At some stage he went to Dublin and eventually acquired a pub at 10 George's Quay which is still in the family and is owned by his grandson, also a Kennedy. I believe the J Kennedy sign is still over the door.

7. Both Patrick and Michael went to the USA. Patrick died on the 9th September 1939 at Indian Point Knox Illinois. Therese believes Michael was murdered in New York.

8. My Grandfather married Ann Farrell on the 30 August 1902 {page 395 of your book 5 entries from bottom of page.]

I think my grandfather ended up in Glown because he received some land from the Land Commission after the break up of the English estates. I believe Glown formed part of the Power Lalor estate. Glenculloo lodge was a former shooting lodge used by Power Lalor and there is an old lime kiln at the beginning of the avenue leading to the lodge.

I have visited Kilkeary graveyard and the also Ballinaclough graveyard/church and could find no Kennedy from Glenculloo buried in either cemetery. Glenculloo is in the parish of Killoscully and I do not know if you had to be buried in your parish. Kilkeary is a long trek from Glenculloo in a horse drawn vehicle. It is near Toomeveara which is about 19 km from Glenculloo.

Therese and I visited Killoscully, Kilcommon and the old Templederry graveyard. We found Long Andrew's grave slab.

I do not know the Kennedys of Ballyclave.

In your book the Irish Kennedys there is a chapter on the Silvermines. The village has recently produced a new parish Journal "Mining the Past"

There was also a celebration recently in Sydney to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Patrick Gleeson [1796-1862] the 1st person from the Silvermines to reach Australia as an involuntary migrant. He was sentenced to 7 years for stealing 2 heifers. He received his certificate of freedom in 1834

Have you ever considered writing another book to complete the missing link between the 2 books about the Kennedys and the Mountainy Kennedys.?

Lawrence

Watch this space! We are currently undertaking some research which has strong possibilities of linking Lawrence's Kennedys closely with another Kennedy family group.

(By the way, I would like to thank Rody and Ann Kennedy of Rearcross Shop and Bar for all of their great support in acting as the focal point for the Mountainy Kennedys in the mountain area. Take the opportunity to drop in to see them on the way through Rearcross. Brian).

CURREENY HEDGE SCHOOL

Many thanks to Mattie Ryan Larry of Windy Gap for the picture and details of the heritage hedge school at Curreeny. This hedge school was reinstated as a monument to the hedge school movement in 2006 with a considerable amount of work by a volunteer group.

The occasional records we come across handwritten by Kennedys or containing their signatures indicate that they received schooling long ago when it was forbidden for them to be taught. Perhaps some of your ancestors received their schooling at the hedge school.



Curreeny Hedge School Monument

THIS MONUMENT IS THE IMMORTALISATION IN STONE OF THE ESTEEM, HONOUR AND GRATITUDE FOR THE HEROES AND HEROINES OF THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES WHO KEPT EDUCATION AND IRISH RELIGIOUS WORSHIP ALIVE IN DEFIANCE OF THE PENAL LAWS.

THE PENAL LAWS WERE PASSED IN IRELAND BETWEEN 1702 AND 1719 BY THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT AND INTENDED TO DESTROY THE IRISH CULTURE, IRISH LANGUAGE AND CATHOLIC RELIGION. THE IRISH WERE FORBIDDEN TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN EXCEPT IN THE ENGLISH SPONSORED SCHOOLS. THUS THE HEDGE SCHOOLS WERE SET UP SECRETLY, CLASSES WERE HELD IN THE OPENAIR BEHIND A HEDGE. EVENTUALLY A CABIN OR SHED WAS BUILT WITH STONE WALLS AND A THATCHED ROOF.

THE RUIN WALLS OF THIS LOCAL HEDGE SCHOOL ARE EXTANT. TO THIS SCHOOL STUDENTS CAME FROM COOLECARRA, KNOCKFUNE, BALLYCARRON, COONEEN, KNOCKAHOPPLE, REA, COUMNAGELLA, WINDYGAP, AND GLENDUFF.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT WERE READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC, GREEK, AND SOMETIMES LATIN.

THIS HEDGE SCHOOL WAS ALSO USED AS A MASS CENTRE FOR MANY YEARS EVEN AFTER CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION IN 1829.

THE HEDGE SCHOOL WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION UNPARALLELED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN TIMES OF PERSECUTION AND DEATH THREATS.

ERECTED IN THE YEAR 2006

NEW SILVERMINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY LAUNCHES ITS FIRST ANNUAL JOURNAL

The Silvermines Historical Society, led by its President John Kennedy of Pollanorman, Dolla, was formed in January of this year. It has demonstrated its enthusiasm and energy by publishing its first annual journal "Mining the Past – The History, People and Places of Silvermines District". This is a wonderful effort from a fledgling society. The new 164 page journal was appropriately launched at "The Eagles Nest, Dolla", on November 9th. Details can be found on the following links:

<http://www.nenaghguardian.ie/news-detail.php?article=4605CZ>

<http://www.nenaghguardian.ie/news-detail.php?article=BTMRQ1>

THE KENNEDY DRUMMERS OF FOILDUFF, BEALACLAVE AND GLENCULLOO

The nickname "Drummer" came to this Kennedy family because Michael Kennedy, 1886 - 1957, played the drum in the Knockfune Fife and Drum Band. Michael's father, Bryan, was born at Bealaclave in 1854. Where they lived at Bealaclave is now covered by forest. Michael married Winifred Caplis at Ballinahinch on 13th July, 1902. They moved to Foilduff and occupied the cottage pictured here which remained in the family and was renovated in 2007. Michael's son, Bryan (born 1922 and now deceased), visited Killoscully graveyard and pointed out to family members the stone of Michael Kennedy of Glenculloo, who died in 1790, as their ancestral grave.

Please Note: The age of Michael Kennedy when he died is shown on p73 "The Mountainy Kennedys" as 63 years. This age was discerned from a recent photograph of the headstone. An older photograph has been discovered which shows that his age was actually 83 years. This means Michael was born in 1707. This was only 55 years after Cromwell's edict and places him within one or two generations of the banishment to Connacht.



Renovated Kennedy Drummer Cottage at Foilduff

THE 1920 HUNGER-STRIKERS

From Cork Prison document dated 2/6/20 signed by Under Secretary MacDermot:

Released hunger-strikers

<i>Timothy Kennedy</i>	<i>Foilduff</i>	<i>Rearcross (See p15, The Mountainy Kennedys)</i>
<i>Patrick Kennedy</i>	<i>Foilduff</i>	<i>Rearcross</i>
<i>Michael Kennedy</i>	<i>Foilduff</i>	<i>Rearcross (See p372)</i>
<i>Roger Kennedy</i>	<i>Foilduff</i>	<i>Rearcross</i>
<i>James Armshaw</i>	<i>Barnadoomey</i>	<i>Rearcross</i>
<i>Martin Ryan</i>	<i>Knockfune</i>	<i>Rearcross</i>
<i>Philip Flannery</i>		<i>Rearcross</i>
<i>Thomas Caplis</i>	<i>Coonmore</i>	<i>Kilcommon</i>
<i>John Caplis</i>	<i>Coonmore</i>	<i>Kilcommon</i>

The page contains the following minutes:

General Prisons Board

Will you please be good enough to furnish a report as to the conditions of the release of the men named in the opposite margin, and where they now are. (Intd) W.P.J.C.

18/5/1920

Govr.

For report

(intd) M.

19/5/1920

I beg to report that the ten prisoners referred to above were released on parole, in accordance with Govt. Minute and telegram, for special treatment on the Med. Officer certifying their life in immediate danger.

It is presumed that they returned to their native place as they have left the Cork district hospital.

(sd) J. King. Govr.

31/5/20

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

Christina Gorman has asked for a list of the first names dealt with to date. The names and mailing list issues are as follows:

Andrew. No.3, 28 June.

Bryan/Brian. No.4, 19 July

Conor/Cornelius. No.5, 14 August

Philip. No.6, 6 September

Daniel. No.7, 25 September

Denis. No.8, 17 October

Edward/Edmond/Edmund No.9, 9 November

We will continue to deal with the names in alphabetical order covering all of the mountain area. However, in the meantime, if you have questions about specific individuals they are always welcome.

There will no doubt be some challenges with the numerous Michaels, Johns, Patricks, Thomases, Rogers and Williams etc.

We now move on to our alphabetical listing of **F for Francis/Frank Kennedy**. "The Mountainy Kennedys" has 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 names Francis/Frank by year on a map of the mountains. On the map that follows the Frank/Francis clusters are shown with years in red.

Francis/Frank Kennedy

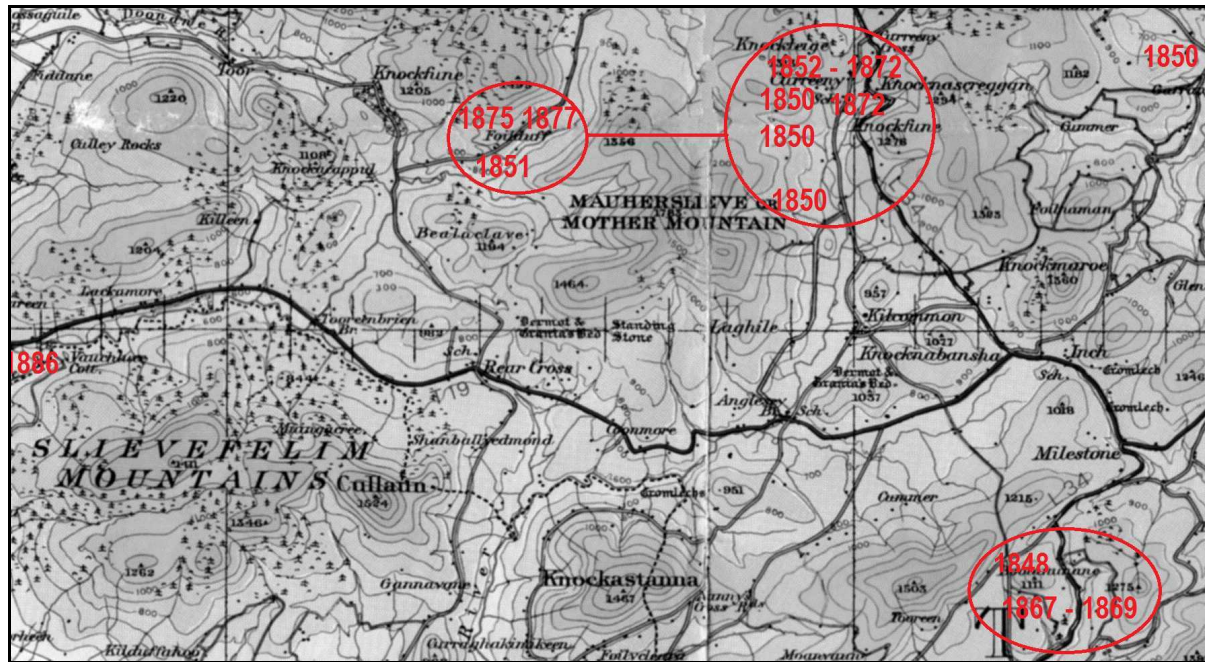
The name Francis Kennedy first appeared in the mountains in 1816 when Francis Kennedy married Honora Ryan at Kilcommon. It is not known where this Francis was from but it would have been within Kilcommon parish as he was listed in the male Kennedy marriages for there.

There are three main clusters of the name with the Foilduff, Windygap, Curreeny and Coumnaquilla Franks all being related (some being known as Kennedy Franks). However,

they are not related to the Glastrigan Kennedys who have different origins although there is an outlier Francis in Glastrigan.

The cluster in the Reafadda, The Mines, Hollyford area provides us with the usual questions about where these Kennedys may have originated.

Interestingly enough, my Australian father was named Francis as was my second oldest brother. There are no connections that I can identify.



FRANCIS O'DWYER'S REQUEST

Francis is one of the younger people on our mailing list and continues with his excellent work on the Kennedys of Foilduff of whom his mother, Brigid, is a member of the Kennedy Dans family. He writes as follows:

I was wondering if you could circulate the Kennedy family [siblings of my great grandfather] as per the attached; I am compiling data on that family and I am wondering if anyone knows of what became of any of the family members listed, (except for Daniel who inherited the Kennedy family farm in Foilduff). Does anyone know did any of them emigrate, say to U.S.A./Australia? Possibly England? I Expect some of them did as they grew up in post famine Ireland when times were grim [esp. In the mountains/Foilduff/Rearcross area].

Denis Kennedy – Elizabeth Dwyer's family member details.

Baptismal/Family Christening Records - Kilcommon Parish Church Records

Mary, b. 14th Dec. 1839, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Bess Dwyer, Foilduff

Sponsors - Dan Kennedy/Mary Gilmartin

Mary died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. No info to the contrary?

M.L. Ryan Kitt lists [in TMK] a Mary Kennedy of Foilduff marrying Martin Ryan of Mienvee on 11.2.1867; however, as there is reference to Mary having a brother Thomas Kennedy, this Mary may be discounted [belonged to separate Kennedy family] as there is no Thomas listed for Denis and Elizabeth Kennedy's family.

The Kilcommon parish records also show a Mary Kennedy of Foilduff married a John Ryan on 3rd Feb. 1857, [witnesses Patrick Ryan/Bgt. Kennedy]; this requires clarification. If it's the correct Mary Kennedy of Foilduff, she would have been 17 years old in 1857.

Bridget, b. 4th June 1841, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff

Sponsors - James Kennedy, Nancy Dwyer
Bridget died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Daniel, b. 19th Oct 1842 L.s. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors; Dan Kennedy and Amy Kennedy.
Daniel Kennedy, Foilduff died 29.12.1930 and interred at Kilkeary Graveyard
Daniel Kennedy's family history in Foilduff is known and is listed elsewhere.

Timothy, b. 30th April 1844, L.s. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Laurence Berkery/Onny Brien.
Timothy died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Note; as there was a subsequent son christened with the name Timothy on 22.4.1850, it may be assumed that this person may have died in early childhood, i.e. prior to 1850.

Margaret, 5th Dec. 1845, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Bess Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Daniel Kennedy/Hanora Kennedy.
Margaret died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Rodger, b. 19th May 1847, L.s. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Daniel Kennedy/Nanno Dwyer
Rodger died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Susanna, b. 5th Feb. 1849, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Betsy Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - John Ryan/Susana Dwyer
Susana died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?
The Kilcommon parish records lists a Susan Kennedy of Foilduff was married to Francis Meagher, [no address listed] on 20th Feb. 1882, [witnesses are listed as – Patrick Frawley and Sarah Kennedy]; this requires clarification. Assuming the above is correct re Susan Kennedy of Foilduff, she was 33 years old in 1882.

- Wedding Cert required verifying the above.
- Meaghers's Buried? Possibly in Kilkeary?
- Death Cert required to verify the above.

Timothy, b. 22nd April 1850, L.s. of Denis Kennedy and Betsy Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Patrick Humphrey/Bridget Carew
Timothy died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Sarah, b. 16th Oct. 1851, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Patrick Ryan/Mary Care [possibly should have been recorded as Carew].
Sarah died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?
The Kilcommon parish records lists a Sarah A Kennedy of Foilduff was married to Patrick Frawley of Newport on 16th Feb. 1885, [only 1 witness is listed -Mgt. Kennedy]; this requires clarification. Tommy Ryan Barracks indicated that Danny Kennedy Foilduff had a sister that married a Patrick Frawley and that they had no family. Assuming the above is correct re Sarah Kennedy of Foilduff, she was 33 years old in 1885.

- Wedding Cert required verifying the above.
- Death Cert required to verify. Frawley's Buried? Possibly in Newport??

Anne, b. 19th Feb. 1853, L.d. of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff
Sponsors - Dan Kennedy/Bridget Carew
Anne died _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Denis, b. 18th Feb. 1855, L.s. of Denis Kennedy and Brigid Kennedy, Foilduff
Sponsors - John Kennedy/Mary Kennedy.
Denis died ? _____, presumed interred at Kilkeary Graveyard. Any info to contrary?

Timothy, b. 30th April 1844, son of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff; *as there was a subsequent son christened with the name Timothy on 22nd April 1850, it may be assumed that this person may have died in early childhood, with a younger sibling called after him [to keep the name alive and as mark of respect].*

Sarah, b. 16th Oct. 1851, daughter of Denis Kennedy and Eliz. Dwyer, Foilduff – *the female Sponsor is listed as being Mary Care, this may be an error in the recording of the surname and possibly should have been recorded as Carew, similar to Bridget Carew – Sponsor of Anne Kennedy b. 19th Feb. 1853.*

Abbreviations/notes on the Church Records transcribed:

**3 variations of the name spelling for Elizabeth Dwyer appears on the records; Elizabeth, Betsy and Bess.*

If anyone has any information that may help Francis it would be much appreciated.

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