

MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 11

Compliments of the Season to all of the descendants of the Mountainy Kennedys and to our growing list of new members and other interested people.

ELEVEN GENERATIONS AGO

We are gradually pushing back through the generations to the origins of the Mountainy Kennedys. Eleven generations ago there were 62 Kennedy landholders listed in Upper Ormond and 77 in Lower Ormond. The Cromwellian dispossession of 1652 ordered that those with land above £10 value were to transplant to Connacht. Twenty-seven were listed as having transplanted with 13 recorded from Lower Ormond and five as Upper Ormond with locations of the other nine not being determined. Extensive discussion about what may have happened with those who did not transplant is contained in "The Mountainy Kennedys".

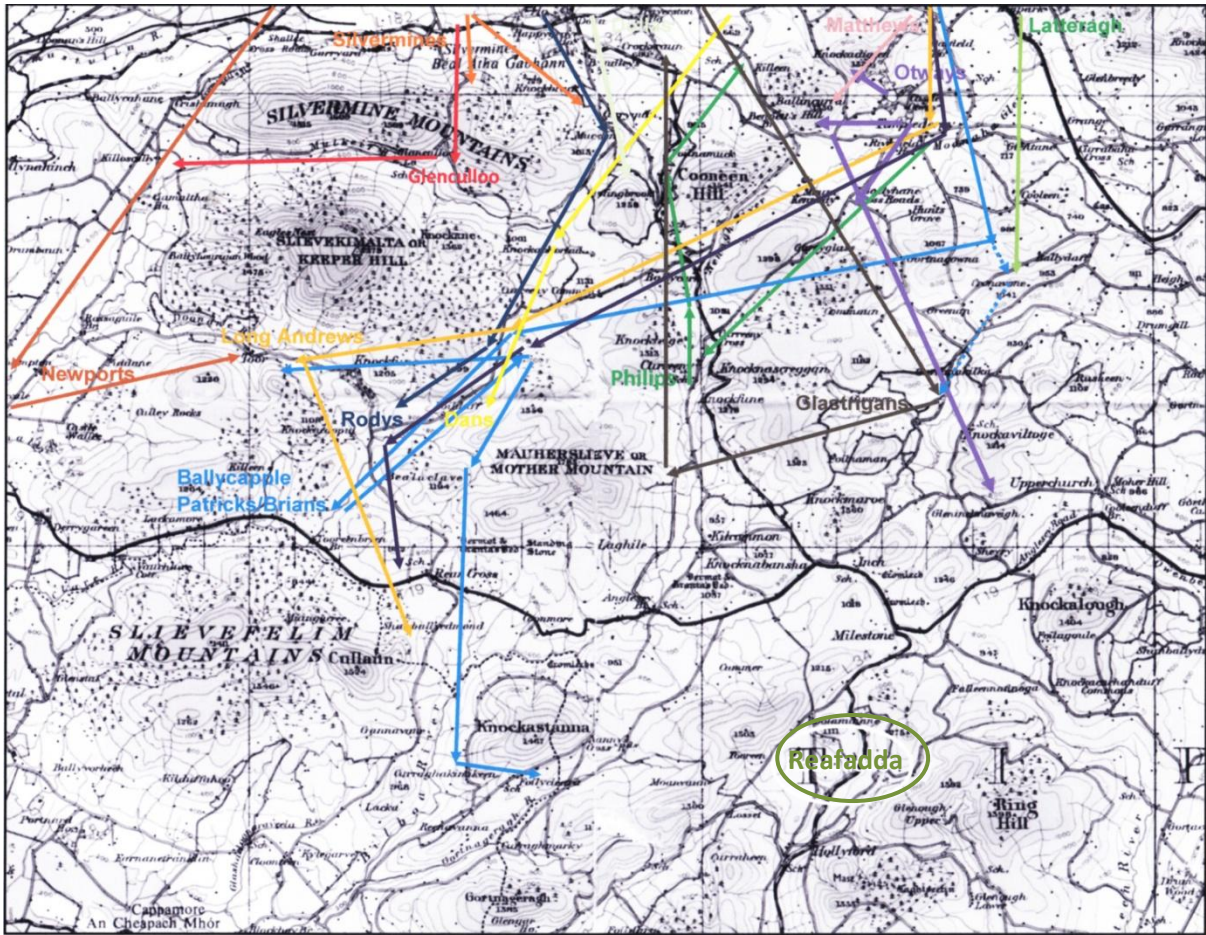
In the process of our research we have discovered information about Kennedys who went into the mountains in the baronies of Upper Ormond and Owey and Arra at various times since 1652. Some of their descendants are still there today while others have dispersed far and wide.

This research is ongoing and more and more people are contributing to it. However, if we wait until it is complete before providing some results, that may never happen. Therefore, to stimulate discussion and to elicit further information, I have put together a document – "Thoughts on a Preliminary Classification of Mountainy Kennedy Groups", from which extracts are attached.

The following map is a visual indication of my thoughts of the movements, over time, of various family groups. These are thoughts on preliminary movements only. I have not attempted to depict the spread of Kennedy families or their intermarriages with other families at this point. I have not put dates on this map yet but will do so as it develops. As we know from the records, Kennedy women from some families married Kennedy men from other families who may have been distantly related and vice versa. However, it is generally the men whose names can be traced. Kennedys of both sexes also intermarried with members of other mountain families and the intermixture is a challenge to unravel.

The map also provides you with opportunities to ask questions, to add to what is known and also to disagree with anything for which you have anecdotal or factual evidence to the contrary.

I have colour coded the arrows and names to make it more readable. While not following the contours exactly, the arrows indicate the routes that our ancestors may have taken in their movements into the mountains and further on.



Glenculloo →

This Kennedy family appears to have moved to Glenculloo soon after Cromwell. Michael Kennedy of Glenculloo was born in 1707 possibly at Glenculloo and was buried at Killoscully.

Philips →

This family appears to be descended from Philip Kennedy of Cloughinch, a landholder in the Civil Survey of 1654.

Dans →

The Kennedy Dans appear to be descendants of Daniel Kennedy of Ballintotty who moved to the Foilduff area after Cromwell, perhaps to a booley.

Rodys →

Rody Kennedy of Hollyhill may have moved there directly from Ballynenagh near Ballinaclough at a later date.

Glastrigans →

The tradition of the Glastrigan Kennedys is that they came from Traverstown in the Dolla area after Cromwell. Their burial ground is Ballinaclough. Further research is needed to determine whether the Grousehall Kennedys who share first names are related.

Patricks/Brians →

This family moved from Ballycapple, Lower Ormond, to Templederry/Boolabane area after Cromwell and then across to Toureenbrien area around 1750. Descendant Patricks may possibly be associated with Cronavone and Glastrigan.

Cronavone Patricks

Two separate Patrick Kennedy families lived at Cronavone. One came down from Latteragh at some time. The other may have come from Boolabane and/or Glastrigan.

Long Andrews

This family may have come from Lower Ormond to Templeberry area after Cromwell and then moved across to Toor area in late 1700s. This was followed by a move to Gannavane. Long Andrew Kennedy is buried in Templeberry old cemetery.

Otways

Various Kennedy families were tenants of the Otways in the Templeberry area. They may not previously have been landholders or they may be descendants of Philip Kennedy of Cloghinch.

Matthews

This Kennedy family appears to have moved from Tiermoyle to Ballincurra after Cromwell.

Newports

A Kennedy family appears to have moved from south of Nenagh and come down the road from Nenagh to Newport from where they later entered the mountains.

Rearcross

These Kennedys may have originated in Lower Ormond and were possibly original relocators after Cromwell. They arrived in Reardnogy, Beaclave, Baunadomeeny and Foilduff at subsequent stages.

Reafaddas

The Reafadda Kennedys in the Hollyford area are somewhat of a mystery group. Further research is needed to find their origins.

Dollas

Various Kennedy families remained in the Dolla area after Cromwell and spread to adjoining areas over time. Research into their ancestry is ongoing.

JFK MEMORIAL UNVEILED IN AUSTRALIA

I was recently invited by Australian billionaire Clive Palmer to the unveiling of a memorial to US President John F Kennedy. Interestingly enough, the memorial is located beside the 9th tee at the Palmer Coolum Resort in my home state of Queensland. It has various scenes of JFK playing golf. It was jointly unveiled by Stephen Smith, son of JFK's younger sister Jean and Clive himself.

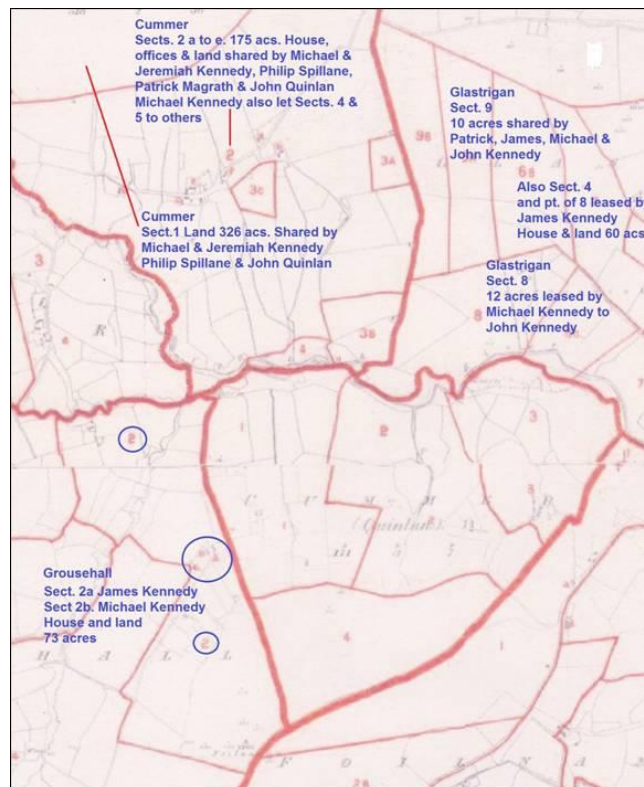
Also unveiled was a monument beside the newly-named John F Kennedy Peace Lake beside which Clive has plans to build a John F Kennedy visitor centre to accommodate his large collection of JFK memorabilia. Clive is a long term admirer of JFK and wishes to foster his memory. He is also a director of the John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.



Pictured are Stephen Smith and Clive Palmer after the unveiling.

MORE ON THE GROUSEHALL KENNEDYS

The close proximity of Grousehall to Cummer and Glastrigan poses questions about whether the families in this area were related or whether, in some cases, they may have been the same people who were occupiers in two or more townlands. The names James and Michael Kennedy may be referring to the same persons. Preliminary investigations have been inconclusive but Lawrence Kennedy has advised that his Kennedys of Grousehall were related to the Spillanes who appear in Cummer. The research continues.



SILVERMINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Kennedy of Pollanorman, chairman of the Silvermines Historical Society, has written as follows:

It's great to hear that the journal has such appeal, we are now sold out, having printed 1,000, we thought we would go with 500 initially, we hope that this will be an annual publication but we will have to see if the interest remains. It's also encouraging that you enjoyed it, as this is the purpose of it, to spark interest and communication so we feel we've already achieved our ambition, now we need to keep it going.

We are planning a web site so that people that are away can keep up contact so it's great to have an international dimension and interest.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

As available time has run out for this edition, further work on the Kennedy first names in alphabetical order will be provided in following editions.

A REQUEST FROM FRANK HANLEY

I read with great interest your information on the "Mountainy Kennedys" as you call them. I am a descendant of the Kennedys of Portnard, Cappamore, Co Limerick. Cappamore parish was once called the parish of Tuogh, and some historical documents are referenced to Tuogh.

My cousin Frieda Ryan and I have done an extensive amount of research on our Kennedys, and we are wondering if you could circulate our request for information to your readers with the hope of we all being the same Kennedys. Our Kennedys were living at times in Portnard, Castlemungret, Shanaboola, Ross, Mountcatherine, Ballybricken. We think we are related to John Kennedy from Newport who attended a funeral of Richard O'Kennedy in 1906.

My address is Frank Hanley, 34 Ballykeeffe Estate, Dooradoyle, Limerick 0035361226820, email frankhaney1@eircom.net

(NOTE: The name "The Mountainy Kennedys" was derived from the poem "The Mountainy Men" by Dr. Dermot F. Gleeson and references to the "Mountainy Men" by Father Rody Kennedy and others. The term is also inclusive of the Kennedy women.)

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 for a great 2013.

Brian

