

## MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 12

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Happy New Year to the descendants of the Mountainy Kennedys and to our growing list of new members and other interested people.

Thank you for the many encouraging messages received recently. These included:

- I am following your emails with great interest. At this moment I haven't found any new info to give you. Keep up the good work.
- I am happy to have linked up with your newsletter as keeps me in the loop with the broader picture in Kennedys research and what other lines are doing.
- Good stuff, keep the good work going.
- I've been following your updates with huge interest. My bet is they will gradually uncover more pieces of the jigsaw. We will never have a complete picture of that missing 200 years but we already have a much better sense of context and a more honest perspective, thanks significantly to your research.
- Thank you for all your good work and looking forward to meeting you in 2013
- Thank you for your e-mail, which as always makes interesting reading as well as being immensely informative.
- Lovely end of year update, Brian, thanks.
- A very big thank you for all the lovely material you send during the year. Keep it coming.

### KENNEDY EVENTS IN IRELAND THIS YEAR

Events relating to the Irish Kennedys will be held in conjunction with The Gathering in Ireland this year:

#### [Annual Kennedy Gathering at Rearcross](#)

The third annual Kennedy Gathering will be held at Rody Kennedy's lounge at Rearcross on a date in July to be notified. All are welcome. Field trips to historical Kennedy sites will be organised to follow this event.

### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY FIRST NAMES

This time we will look at the name Hugh which is a relatively uncommon name among the mountainy Kennedys although it is a fairly common ancient O'Kennedy name elsewhere.

There was a Hugh Kennedy listed for Tyremoyle (4km north of Templederry) in the Civil Survey of 1654 and another for Greenane (4km south of Templederry) in the Hearth Money Records of 1665-7.

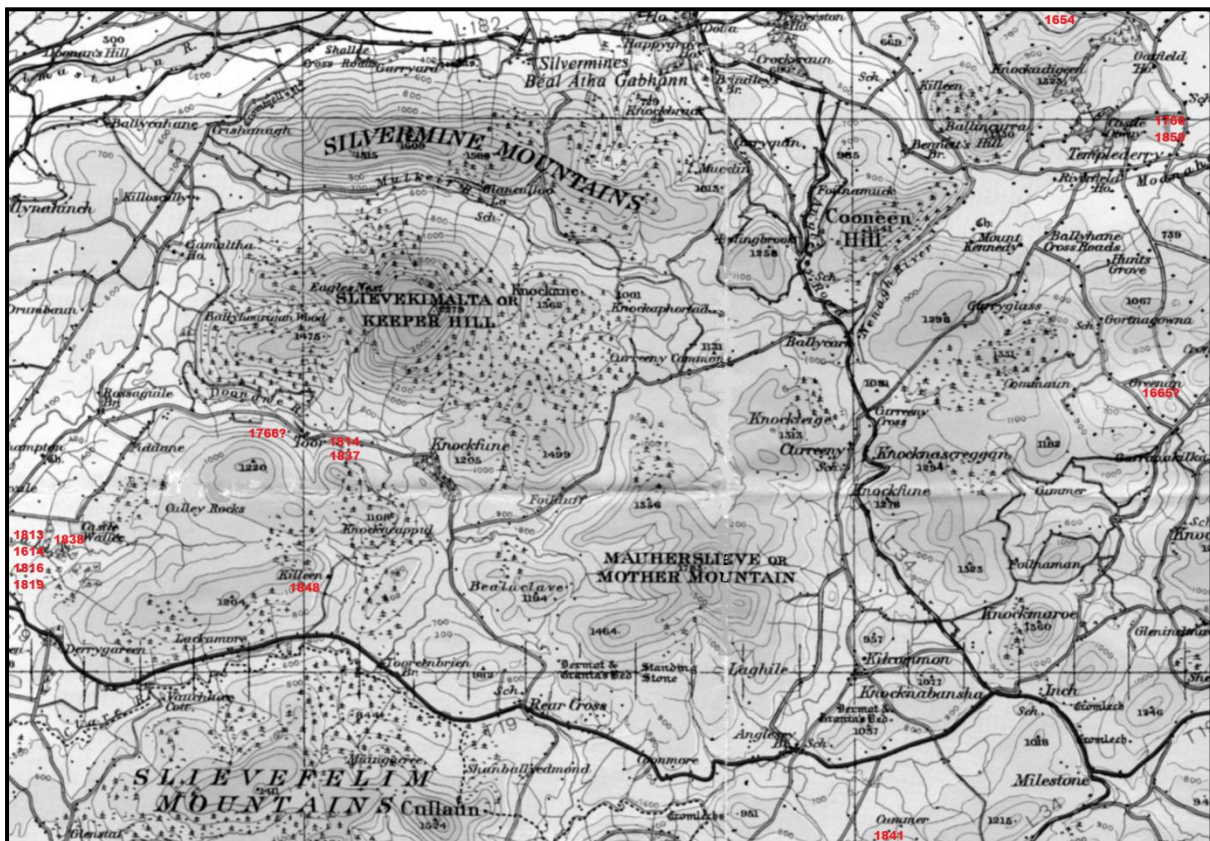
Griffiths Valuation circa 1850 lists a Hugh Kennedy at Middleplow. This Hugh was apparently a schoolmaster. A stone wall separates Middleplow from the old Templederry graveyard. Lying against the stone wall in the graveyard is the headstone of Hugh Kennedy d April 7<sup>th</sup> 1766. A few metres away is the graveslab of Long Andrew Kennedy of Toor who Father Rody Kennedy suggests may be the son or uncle of Hugh Kennedy of Glencroe which is adjacent to Toor on the other side of the mountains. The Templederry graveyard Hugh Kennedy and date of his death are also inscribed on the bottom of the nearby headstone of the Kennedys of Gleninchaveigh near Upperchurch. This inscription appears to have been made much later but there seems to be no obvious connection.

The name Hugh Kennedy, father of Mal, appears in Ballymackeogh near Newport in 1813 in the birth registers. Long Andrew Kennedy and his wife Mary Carew had a son they named Hugh in 1814.

An extract from Thrift's Index of Diocesan Wills shows Hugh Kennedy of Glenroe in 1766. Whether this is the same Hugh as he who is buried in old Templeberry and/or whether he is Hugh of Glencroe needs further investigation.

<p><b>Thrift's Index of Diocesan Wills</b>  <b>T = Co. Tipperary: L = Co. Limerick</b>  <i>(* = denotes date of making: otherwise date given is date of probate).</i></p>	
Kennedy, Hugh, Glenroe. T.	1766

Extracts of Hugh Kennedy location records from my books are attached.



A REAFADDA KENNEDY REFERENCE

Perusal of the list members of the Irish Ossianic Society (A society dedicated to studying the ancient history of Ireland) for 1853-1857 provides the following reference:

O'Kenedy, Thomas, Esq., Reafadda,  
 Place, Hollyford, Co. Tipperary.  
 1853-1858 Ossianic Society

It is interesting to see Thomas using the old form of O'Kenedy. He may have resumed this form as the result of his interest in Irish history. If we consult Chapter 90 in "The Mountainy Kennedys" we find Thomas Kennedy, born 1841.07.02, listed as the son of Patrick Kennedy and Mary Murphy of Reafadda. This Thomas is obviously too young to be the Thomas mentioned above who is possibly his grandfather or uncle. The name continued in the Reafadda Kennedys as we see another Thomas, son of Cornelius Kennedy and Mary Lyons born 1861.10.12 and a further Thomas, son of John Kennedy and Anne Carey, who was born 1876.03.01.

The origins of the Reafadda Kennedys remain a mystery but we will continue to be alert for any references.

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE REMAINS OF A BOOLEY?

The importance of the booley is covered in detail in Chapter 5 of "The Mountainy Kennedys". The names of places in the mountains like Boolanunane and Boolabane bear witness that they were the sites of booleys.

Estyn Evans ("Irish Folk Ways", 1957) wrote:

*The observant walker in the hills will notice the sheltered hollows by the banks of streams clusters of grassy mounds set in a green sward, or it may be small piles of stones under some rocky outcrop. These are the only tangible relics of the booley houses. – Only where the huts were stone-built are the remains easily recognisable. – Circular hut-foundations are also found, some built of stones, others of sods, and the former may well have had corbelled stone roofs. The huts are generally in groups from five to twenty, either clustered or spaced within calling distance of each other. They are nearly always located near running water, usually near the headwaters of mountain streams, where patches of bright green grass and such characteristic flowers as tormentil may reveal their sites when almost all trace has gone.*

On page 275 of "The Mountainy Kennedys" we have a picture of Dan Kennedy of Reafadda, which is adjacent to Boolanunane, pointing out the stones where his Kennedys lit the first fire at Reafadda. Is it possible that these stones are the only trace that remains of a booley?

On page 40 we refer to the Cabin Field at Foilduff as the possible site of a booley. It would be interesting to walk this area to see if there were any discernable signs of a booley.

If you have any other ideas where booleys may be located in the mountains please let us know.

### A REQUEST FROM TIM LEE

Tim wrote as follows:

*I'm looking for your help, at the moment, I'm tracing the Lee Family and I'm looking to find out more about a John Kennedy Toorataggart. He helped the Lee Family when they were evicted from their home in Pallasgreen Co Limerick. They moved to Toor when John Lee the father died of cholera and as the mother could not pay the rent she moved with her family to her sister or cousin who was married to John Kennedy Toorataggart. John Lee's wife was Honora O Dwyer from Pallasgreen. She was pregnant when she came to Toor and had a son Michael who was baptised in Newport. The Godparents were John Kennedy and Margaret Kennedy. I'm not sure if Margaret was John Kennedy's wife or not as I couldn't find a marriage of John Kennedy and Margaret. I did find a John Kennedy married to Mary Moloney who I think is related to Long Andrew Kennedy. I know that the O Dwyer and Moloney names are popular names in Pallasgreen even to this day. He was in the list to pay tithes on the land in 1824-27 to the Church of Ireland.*

*If you could give me any help on this matter I would appreciate it.*

I replied: Re your query – If you check on page 386 of The Mountainy Kennedys in the Newport Female Kennedy Marriages you will find that on 1826.02.19 (should be 1828) Margaret Kennedy of Knocknamoreagh married John Kennedy. Witnesses were And. Kennedy, Con Ryan and John Ryan. This all seems to tie up. And. Kennedy is probably Long Andrew. John Kennedy and Andrew Kennedy (son of Long Andrew?) were neighbours in Toorataggart in Griffiths Valuation.

I can't locate a baptism for Margaret but, as she was married in 1826, she may have been born before registration commenced. I have a hunch that she was a daughter of Long Andrew.

I hope this will be helpful for you.

Tim answered:

*Thanks for your help.*

*Yes you are right that Margaret Kennedy Knocknamoheragh was a daughter of Long Andrews but she was married to John Kennedy of Toorenbrien, his first wife. This John was a brother to Thomas and Patrick Foilduff our ancestors. The John Kennedy I'm talking about could have been a son to Long Andrew that moved to Toorataggart and a brother to Andrew that married Carey that got Knocknamoheragh. This John Kennedy Toorataggart married Mary Moloney. In Fr Rodys book he says Long Andrew's son John succeeded him in Toor. This leads me to believe that the John Kennedy that helped the Lees was a son of Long Andrew that moved to Toorataggart and John moved with him and left the home place to his son Andrew that married Carey.*

*Maybe some of the people on your mailing list might have some insight into this subject.*

Do any of our mailing list members have any further information that may be useful for Tim in his research?

## KENNEDY DNA

We occasionally receive queries about the DNA of the Kennedys. On p35 of my book "John F Kennedy's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors" we read that:

Recent DNA studies have confirmed that there are two distinct and separate Kennedy families, Irish and Scottish.

*The Irish Kennedys match well with other names from the O'Brien group of families as would be expected and thus confirm the Kennedy history from the Irish annals that places them in the family of Brian Boru. The Scottish Kennedys are demonstrably separate from the Irish, thus disproving certain old histories claiming that they came from Ireland.*

(Iain Kennedy: 2008)

There is a challenge for non-scientists like myself to explain DNA research in non-scientific everyday language. Therefore, I invite you read the following abstract and conclusion from a paper by Dennis M. Wright. This paper relates to a study or meta-analysis of Y-chromosome population studies in public databases such as Ysearch, Ybase and SMGF,

### **ABSTRACT**

*Analysis of 25-marker short tandem repeat haplotypes in the Ysearch database reveals a distinctive Y-DNA signature that peaks in frequency in the Irish counties of Tipperary, Clare and Limerick. These counties were the hereditary homelands of the Dál gCais families, also called Dalcassian, septs descended from Cas, born CE 347, sixth in descent from Cormac Cas, King of Munster. Dalcassian surnames are more strongly represented with this signature than other surnames. A Y-STR signature for the northern Uí Néill lineages was previously identified. In the present paper, we present evidence for the signature of the Dál gCais, presently referred to as "Irish Type III."*

## **CONCLUSION**

*An R1b cluster with a distinctive Y-STR modal haplotype has been identified, which is commonly referred to as "Irish Type III" by genetic genealogy researchers. It is shown in Ysearch as ID NT4BZ.*

*This modal haplotype is shown to have its origins in the counties of Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, the hereditary lands of the Dál gCais and their principal family, the O'Brien. The Y-STR signature of the cluster is found in many descendants of the Dál gCais sept including, O'Brien and its variations Bryan and Bryant, Casey, Hogan, Kennedy, and McGrath.*

*A set of distinctive marker values has been shown to exist that defines the Y-DNA STR Signature for Gaelic Dalcassian Families.*

We may not agree that the name Kennedy is a variation of O'Brien as stated above. As we know, Cineide (Kennedy) was the father of Brian Boru who is recorded as mc Cineide in the genealogies. If you wish to read the entire paper click on the following link:

<http://www.jogg.info/51/files/Wright.htm>

## **JIM AND BRIAN KENNEDY'S RESEARCH PROJECT**

Jim Kennedy of Pallaskenry, Limerick, (formerly of Toureenbrien) and his son Brian have a research project underway. If they have similar success to what they did in locating Long Andrew Kennedy's grave it will be a further tribute to the achievements of father/son research team capability. Jim wrote as follows:

*Brian and I got on to the [find my past.ie](http://findmypast.ie) site to look up records from 1865 to 1910 with no luck so far. We are in the process of doing a search of Nenagh and Clonmel records. Some interesting info there. [find my past.ie](http://findmypast.ie) costs 39.95 euro for 6 months so good.*

We wish them every success in their project.

## **BOOKS**

We have received reports that copies of "The Mountainy Kennedys" and "The Irish Kennedys" have been selling out. Hopefully that situation has now been rectified and copies can be obtained in Ireland.

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