

## MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 15

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This mailing list engages in further research into the Mountainy Kennedys – those Kennedys and other related families whose ancestors chose not to go “To Hell or to Connacht” as dictated by Cromwell in 1652 but who sought refuge in the mountains of the Upper Ormond area instead. Their descendants have spread far and wide and our list is growing with new members and other interested people.

### ANNUAL KENNEDY GATHERING AT REARCROSS

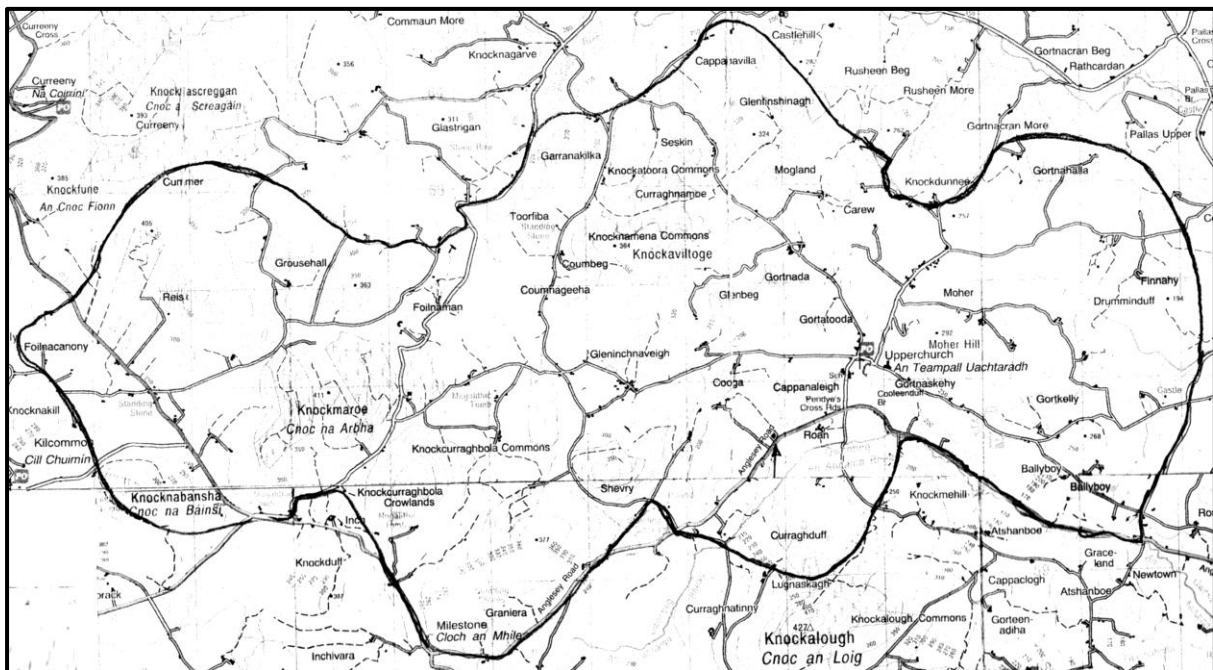
The third annual Kennedy Gathering will be held at Rody Kennedy’s Anglesey Lounge at Rearcross on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July commencing at 8:00 pm**. All are welcome.

### UPPERCHURCH PARISH – A MISSING LINK

It was unfortunate that time and space did not permit the inclusion in “The Mountainy Kennedys” of other than brief details of the townlands and Kennedys of Upperchurch Parish.

With many thanks to Michael Ryan (Kitt) we are now able to rectify this situation. We are very grateful to Michael for obtaining pictures of the birth and marriage registers for Upperchurch covering the period 1830-1900. After much typing, transferring and collating these are now available for consultation.

Unfortunately the registers do not have individual townlands recorded so the location of individuals provides a challenge. The original handwritten registers at Upperchurch do have townlands included and a visit to the parochial house would be required to confirm the townlands in which the various Kennedys resided. The following map shows the townlands within Upperchurch Parish.



Upperchurch Parish Map

Information from the baptism and marriage registers and from other sources has been summarised to provide the following table of Upperchurch Parish family groups. Where it has

been possible to cross-reference with other information, that has also been included. Some deductions have been made about possible townlands for various families.

If you have further information that can be added to this table it would be much appreciated. Also, if you would like to query the detail of baptisms and marriages that is not provided in this table we may be able to help.

It will be obvious from this table that there is additional information about the location and dates of Kennedy first names that needs to go on the various maps previously published.

Additionally (dare I say it), there are 23 more Kennedy - Ryan marriages to add to the previous list.

**UPPERCHURCH KENNEDY FAMILY GROUPS 1830-1900**  
Based on Baptisms in Parish

Kennedy First Name	Wife's Name	Marriage Date (Upperchurch is Bride's parish)	Marriage Date (From Husband's Parish records)	Baptism Dates	No. Male Children	No. Female Children	Possible Townlands
Andrew	Mary Ryan			1831-34	1	1	
Andrew	Bgt Murphy	1868.01.30		1869-83	5	3	
Bat	Mary Ryan			1843	-	-	
Brian	Mary Perkin			1830-34	2	1	Reisk
Cornelius	Ellen Hanly Reisk		1855.02.18 Kilcommon	1855-69	5	4	Gleninchnaveigh
Edmund	Bridget Stapleton			1857	-	1	
Edmund	Cath Gleeson			1897-1900	1	2	
Edward	Mary Ryan			1888	1	-	
James	Minne (Anne?) Slattery	1832.10.10		1831	1	-	
James	Mary Burke			1832-35	1	1	
Hugh	Bridget Phelan	1834.02.11		1834-43	4	3	Shevry
James	Mary Slattery			1835	1	-	
James	Margaret Long			1836-1849	1	4	
James	Mary Gleeson			1837	1	1	
James	Nancy Slattery			1839	1	-	
James	Judy Leamy	1839.02.05		1840-56	2	1	Grousehall
James	Mary Burke			1841	1	-	
James	Mary Landers	1863.02.12		1862-73	4	4	
James	Margaret Ryan	1869.09.26		1870-93	9	4	
James	Cath Ryan	1871.02.12		1872	-	1	
James	Mary Ryan			1890	-	1	
John	Mary Shanahan			1830-34	1	2	
John	Mary Cleary			1832	-	1	
John	Margaret Leamy			1835-42	3	1	
John	Norry Ryan			1838	1	-	
John	Mary Dwyer			1843-60	3	3	Knockatoora Commons
John	Ellen Aherne	1861.07.26		1863-72	4	1	
John	Ellen Purcell	1870.03.01		1871-89	7	5	
John	Cath Ryan	1873.02.17		1874-81	2	4	
Matthew	Ally Ryan			1833-44	4	3	
Michael b1800	Ellen Martin (Mary Gilmartin?)		1830.02.03 Kilcommon	1831-43	3	2	
Michael	Ellen Ryan			1833-37	2	-	
Michael	Onny McGrath			1835	1	-	
Michael	Cath (Kitty?) Kennedy			1842-59	1	3	Grousehall, Cummer
Michael	Margaret Ryan			1841-43	1	1	
Michael	Margaret Stapleton	1856.05.11		1855-64	3	2	

Patrick	Ellen Phelan			1844-50	-	2	
Patrick	Mary Callaghan (Callinan?)			1831-41	3	3	Knocknamena Commons
Patrick	Margaret Ryan			1841-54	2	2	
Patrick	Kitty (Cath) Ryan			1851-56	1	2	Gleninchnaveigh
Patrick	Margaret Landers	1850.11.25		1851-64	2	5	Glenfinshina
Patrick 1831-1908	Bridget Fahy	1858.01.13		1858-60	1	1	Went to Australia 1862
Patrick	Kitty Ryan			1860-65	3	-	
Patrick	Judy (Julia?) Leamy			1862-74	-	4	
Patrick	Mary Sullivan	1864.04.05		1865-67	1	1	
Patrick	Mary Kennedy		1858.11.01 Templederry	1866	2	-	
Patrick	Johanna Kennedy		1867.02.21 Templederry	1867-74	3	2	
Patrick	Catherine Kennedy Reisk		1866.10.24 Templederry	1869	-	1	Knockfune (Cummer)
Patrick	Johanna Carew	1876.08.26		1878-90	3	6	
Patrick	Bridget Cahill			1890	-	1	
Philip	Anne Kennedy	1839.02.24		1840	1	-	
Philip	Mary Quinn	1849.02.18		1854-57	1	1	Knockatoora Commons
Philip	Judith Brien Reisk		1854.02.28 Kilcommon	1855-79	3	9	Curreeny Commons
Philip	Margaret Lambe			1893-99	4	1	
Rody	Cath Shanahan			1831-41	2	2	Knockatoora Commons
Rody	Mary Fanning	1838.02.10		1843-53	1	1	
Simon	Cath Griffin			1838	1	-	
Simon	Mary Dunne	1842.02.17		1843	1	-	
Stephen	Bridget Connell (Connors, Connolly) Knockbrittas		1879.02.25 Kilcommon	1879-89	4	1	
Thomas	Honora Ryan			1831	1	-	
Thomas	Nancy Shanahan			1832	-	2	
Thomas	Margaret Moroney			1832	-	1	
Thomas	Margaret Shanahan	1833.03.06?		1835	-	1	
Thomas	Mary Ryan			1836	-	1	
Thomas	Winnie Ryan	1835.02.12		1836-38	-	2	
Thomas	Bridget Dwyer	1836.02.13		1838	-	1	
Thomas	Norry Ryan			1841-52	1	1	Graniera
Thomas	Bridget Hayes			1844	1	-	
Thomas	---- Burke			1851	1	-	Graniera
Thomas	Cath Walsh	1854.02.28		1855	-	1	
Thomas	Nancy Ryan			1855	-	1	
Thomas	Hanora Ryan			1858	1	-	
Thomas	Ann Scanlan Reisk		1862.03.03 Kilcommon	1862-77	6	3	
Thomas	Winnie Burke	1862.11.19		1863	1	-	
Thomas	Margaret McCarthy	1883.01.16		1883-92	6	2	
Thomas	Bridget Quinlan	1884.02.18		1884-97	2	5	Knocknamena Commons
Thomas	Margaret Clifford			1887	-	1	
Timothy	Judy Quirke			1833-43	6	1	Cappanavilla, Seskin
Timothy	Mary Moroney			1835	-	1	
Timothy	Margaret Ryan			1854-71	2	3	
Timothy	Mary Ryan (Widow Rooney)			1874	-	1	
William	Bridget Walsh			1830	1	1	
William	Ellen Ryan			1840	1	-	
William	Betsy Burke			1844-54	-	3	Graniera
William	Cath Ryan			1875-82	4	3	

## **DARBY OR JEREMIAH – JOHANNA, JUDITH OR JULIA?**

The keeping of personal records in Ireland has always provided some interesting and, at times puzzling, interchangeability and translation.

In an attempt to provide guidance for registration officers and the public in searching the indexes of births, deaths and marriages, Robert E. Matheson has provided a valuable reference published in 1901.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>VARIETIES AND SYNONYMES of SURNAMES AND CHRISTIAN NAMES IN IRELAND</b></p>
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Some of the abbreviations that apply to both male and female are:

- “Phil” for Philip and Philomena  
(or Phyllis such as our regular correspondent Phyll Kennedy of Toomyvara)
- “Kitty” for Catherine or Christopher

Some abbreviations that are materially different from the original name are:

- “Bat” for Bartholomew
- “Larry” for Laurence
- “Rody, Rory” for Roderick
- “Nancy” for Anne
- “Honor, Norah, Noey, Onny” for Honorah
- “Polly, Molly” for Mary
- “Peggy” for Margaret

Examples of different names used interchangeably are:

- Edward or Edmond
- Owen or Eugene
- Peter or Pierce
- Connor or Cornelius
- Johanna, Joanna or Jane
- Julia or Judith
- Julia or Johanna
- Winifred or Unity, Una, Uny

Examples of Irish equivalents for English names are given as:

- Bernard or Bryan
- Daniel or Dhonal
- Edmund or Aimon, Eamon, Mon
- Jeremiah or Darby, Dermot, Diarmid, Diarmud
- John or Shane
- Timothy or Teigue, Thiag, Thigue, Theigue
- Michael or Meehal, Meehall
- Patrick or Paudrick, Phadrig

- Philip or Phelim
- Denis or Dinogha
- Susan, Johanna or Shovaun
- Bridget or Brideen, Breeda
- Mary or Maura, Maureen, Moira, Moya

The full text may be found at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/varietiessynonym00math#page/n0/mode/2up>

## **CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MOUNTAINY KENNEDY MALE FIRST NAMES**

Irish first names are said to follow the generations. The naming convention on p 43 of “The Mountainy Kennedys” shows how they are passed from one generation to the next and provides a means of tracing the descent of individual families. Female names are applied to other family names through marriage and this makes them harder to follow than male names. On page 370 of “The Irish Kennedys” is provided an example of a naming convention table that demonstrates how the names are passed on.

This time we are examining the occurrence in the mountains of the name **Michael**. This is a Hebrew name that only came into popular use in Ireland after the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The name Michael was not applied to any of the Kennedys in the Civil Survey of Upper Ormond in 1654. As we can see in the table on p47 of “The Mountainy Kennedys”, Michael is the third most common male name in the baptism registers for the mountains. There are 114 occurrences (including an extra 10 for the newly collated Upperchurch parish records) between 1797 and approximately 1900.

The first appearance of the name Michael for a child in the baptism registers was in 1797 for Newport followed by 1821 for Kilcommon, 1841 for Kilmore, 1843 for Templederry and 1855 for Upperchurch. The pronunciation of the name in Irish as “Meehaul” continues in the mountains to the present day.

Fathers named Michael Kennedy first appeared in the baptism registers in 1814 at Foilnacany (near Kilcommon) and Curraghfoil (near Rearcross) in the same year. In 1821 the name appeared at Bealaclave near Rearcross. The name may have been in the mountains much earlier than when it appeared in the baptism registers. The attachment lists the occurrence of the name Michael extracted from my books.

Evidence of the names for which Michael was substituted is not able to be found so far. This is similar to the name Patrick which only came into general use in the early 1700s. Whether there was a convention to use either of these names instead of, for example, the mother’s father’s name (2<sup>nd</sup> son) is not able to be ascertained so far. It would seem that the grandfather’s name and the father’s name would still have been applied to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sons respectively. If you have any referenced information on this it would be very welcome.

The attached map of the distribution of fathers named Michael Kennedy appearing in the baptism registers indicates that a majority of the names appeared in the vicinity of the Anglesey Road which linked Newport and Thurles. There were a few near Templederry and in Foilnamuck. The Anglesey Road was finished around 1832 and the reason for the gradual appearance of the name Michael along its length is not immediately apparent.

## **BOOKS**

Copies of “The Mountainy Kennedys” and “The Irish Kennedys” can be obtained Internationally, books can be obtained from the Irish Kennedys 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