

MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 20
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The ancestors of the Mountainy Kennedys chose not to go "To Hell or to Connacht" as dictated by Cromwell in 1652. They ignored the dictate, on pain of death, and went to their booleys in the mountains of the Upper Ormond area of Tipperary. Their descendants have spread far and wide.

More descendants and other interested people are regularly joining this mailing list. If this message is passed on to you by a member and you would like your own copy to be sent to you directly please contact me at: brianpatrickkennedy@bigpond.com

BACK IN AUSTRALIA

We have survived the rigours of the Continent and are now safely back in Australia. Somehow we have managed to avoid winter and are now enjoying spring weather in twenties^c temperatures.

NEW KENNEDY CONTACT

Descendants of the Mountainy Kennedys continue to get in touch. The following email from Joan Kennedy came in to the website recently from Paris:

Kennedys of Athnid

Dear Mr Kennedy,

I was in Dunganstown visting the Kennedy Homestead recently and found your book "The Mountainy Kennedys - Tipperary Stayputs". I had heard years ago from an uncle who was a priest in Clonoulty parish where he is now buried, Fr. Timothy Kennedy, that we were descended from the Kennedys of Glastrigen and I always wished to know more and I found it all in your book. I gave it to my brother, Pat Kennedy, (when I had read it). Pat's base and family are in Portland, Victoria, Australia but he and his wife are working in Saudi Arabia at the present time.

Then I managed to get down again to Dunganstown and get another copy of the book for my brother Tim Kennedy who lives in Kilkenny, Ireland and I got the other one, i.e. "John F Kennedys Irish O Kennedy Ancesters" and I am half way through this and wish to thank you so much for these.

I was passing by Loughmore last Saturday and took the photo below as in the book, you thought these Kennedys were buried in Moyne. If you need more information, I could try and find it for you. We heard lots of stories from our father, Denis, who passed away a few years ago. He is buried in Thurles but the Dr. John T. Kennedy on this grave was his brother who lived in the UK most of his life.

At the present time, I live in Paris but hope to go back to Ireland eventually.

Again thanks for that wealth of information.

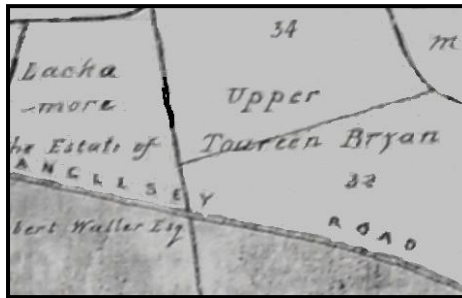
*Joan Kennedy
Paris,
France.*



A CONUNDRUM

At the Kennedy Gathering in Rearcross in July, Denis O'Malley brought along a large 1769 surveyor's map of the Warter Wilson Estate prior to it being acquired by Lord John Rous (later the Earl of Stradbroke) by his marriage to Elizabeth Warter Wilson. This estate covered all of the mountain areas from the Rearcross area down to the Doon area.

Close examination of this map has brought about a conundrum. Clearly shown on this map are two sections marked "Anglesey Road" joined by dotted lines. Our previous information was that this road was built around 1830 (referred to in the English House of Commons) but part of it is depicted on the map dated 1769. Either the road was added to the map at a later date or it was semi-completed well before 1830. Perhaps a part of history needs to be rewritten.



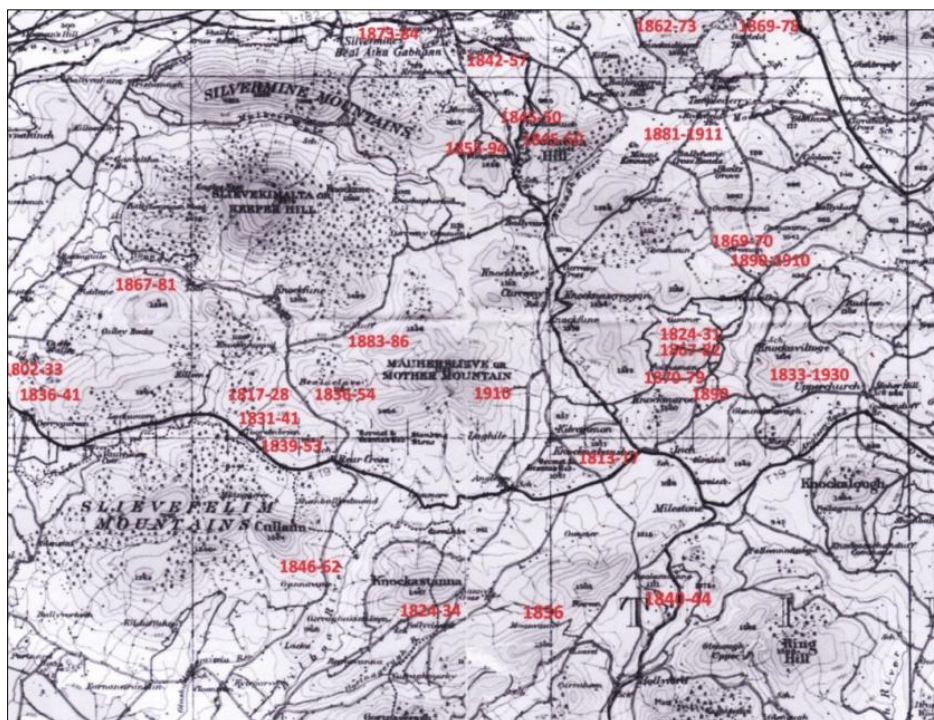
Detail from 1769 Surveyor's Map

KENNEDY CHIEF REVIVAL

A show of hands at the Kennedy gathering at Rearcross in July indicated virtually unanimous approval of a proposal to revive the chieftainship of the O'Kennedys after a lapse of 430 years. The suggestion by Michael Ryan Kitt that this be advanced by the establishment of a small committee to take the matter forward is now underway. Details will be advised in due course.

MOUNTAINY KENNEDY MALE FIRST NAMES

As would naturally be suspected, the name Patrick Kennedy was widespread across the mountains. The location and dates attributable to fathers named Patrick Kennedy (where a townland or area can be ascertained) are shown on the following map.



THE YOUNGER KENNEDY GENERATION



Rory, Michael and Patrick Kennedy of Addane

Michael and Alice Kennedy of Addane are raising a fine young group of Kennedys to carry on their family traditions. Michael is a keen student of his family history and believes that his lineage may go back to Rory O’Kennedy of Killowney, a senior chief of the O’Kennedys, who built Killowney Castle.

On the morning we visited their farm Michael had some urgent farm duties to attend to. For a while we were left to be entertained by young Rory, Michael and Patrick who had been allocated the task of completing the icing of the éclairs that Alice had baked. They not only did a great job of completing the éclairs but then put on a grand morning tea and animated conversation to go with them.

... AND THE OLDER GENERATION

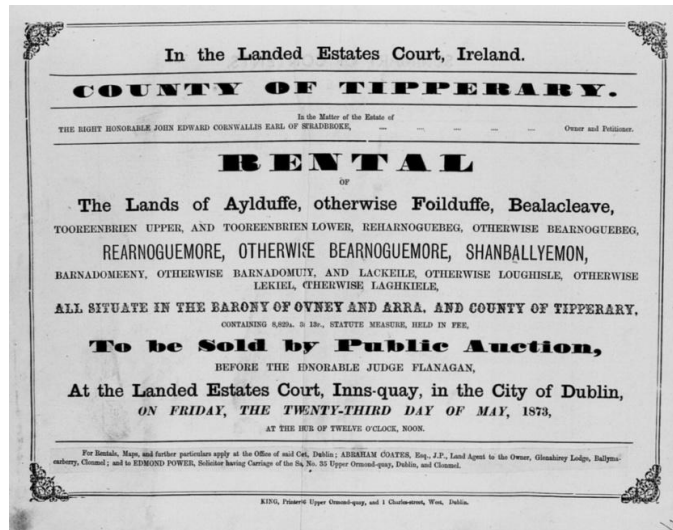


Tim Kennedy of Gannavane

After over 200 years of the occupancy of Gannavane (pron. Garravane) near Rearcross by Kennedys, Tim Kennedy is the last of the name to live there. Now in his early seventies, Tim is a descendant of Long Andrew Kennedy. He can be seen riding around the roads in the area every day. When I asked at Rearcross where to find him I was told “Just drive around – you will see him”.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

The Mountainy Kennedys were usually tenants of the lands on which they lived up until the late 1800s. As it became gradually safer to do so, the mountain areas were gradually surveyed on behalf of the descendants of the Cromwellian grantees and other landlords who had acquired an interest in them. As we have seen above, the Rearcross area was surveyed in 1769. Other areas were not surveyed until the 1820s. While Kennedys may be recorded as having “bought” particular areas, they were actually buying a lease of those areas. In the matter of the Stradbroke Estates the following extracts from 1873 documents show an advertisement for rental of various lands and the lessees, the areas and the annual rent.



LOT 1—continued.

No. or map.	Description.	Tenant's name.	Quantity of land statute measure.		Yearly rent.	Date sale.	Terms of lease.	Observations.
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4	AYLDUFFE, otherwise FOILDUFFE—continued.	John Shanahan, —	27	1 22	4 10 0	1st May and 1st Nov.	Lease from owner to John Shanahan, dated 1st February, 1871, of 25 acres Irish, more or less, contains a reservation of royalties, &c., a saving of all game to the lessor, his heirs and assigns. Covenants not to erect huts or cabins on the premises, nor to sell hay, straw, or turnips grown thereon, and against sub-letting; also liberty given to lessee to cut and sell turf for manuring the farm.	
5 & 6a		Thomas Kennedy, —	539	2 24	67 0 0	1st May and 1st Nov.	Lease from owner to Thomas Kennedy, dated 1st February, 1871, for 31 years from 1st May, 1871, of 320 acres Irish, more or less, contains a reservation of royalties, &c., a saving of all game to the lessor, his heirs and assigns. Covenants not to erect huts or cabins on the premises, nor to sell hay, straw, or turnips grown thereon, and against sub-letting.	
6		Jeremiah Dwyer, —	348	1 19	24 0 0	1st May and 1st Nov.	Lease from owner to Jeremiah Dwyer, dated 1st February, 1871, for 31 years from 1st May, 1871, of 230 acres Irish, more or less, contains a reservation of all royalties, &c., a saving of all game to the lessor, his heirs and assigns. Covenants not to erect huts or cabins on the premises, nor to sell hay, straw, clover, or turnips grown thereon, and against sub-letting.	
7 & 7a		Denis Ryan, —	161	3 12	8 12 6	1st May and 1st Nov.	Lease from owner to Denis Ryan, dated 1st February, 1871, for 31 years from 1st May, 1871, of 95 acres Irish, more or less, contains a reservation of all royalties, &c., a saving of all game to the lessor, his heirs and assigns. Covenants not to erect huts or cabins on the premises, nor to sell hay, straw, clover, or turnips grown thereon, and against sub-letting.	
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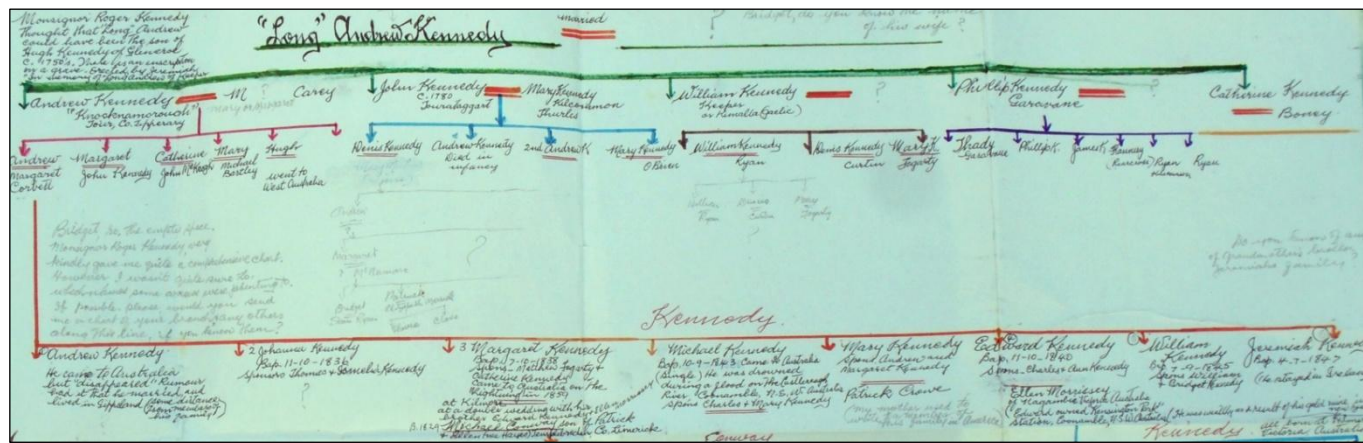
AUSTRALIAN DESCENDANTS OF LONG ANDREW KENNEDY

Eileen Vaughan (nee Cattanach) put a lot of time and effort into compiling an uncompleted chart of the Australian descendants of Long Andrew Kennedy of Knocknamoheragh. I was able to obtain a photograph of this chart at the Kennedy gathering at Rearcross.

It appears from Eileen's chart that these Australian Kennedys are descended from the children of Andrew, the son of Long Andrew. Andrew junior was married to Margaret Corbett. A number of their children went to Australia. They were:

Andrew Kennedy. Notes on the chart say he came to Australia but "disappeared". Rumour had it that he married and lived in Gippsland (in the state of Victoria) some distance from his family.

- Margaret Kennedy Baptised 18/10/1838. Sponsored by Matthew Fogarty and Catherine Kennedy. Came to Australia on the "Lightning" in 1859.
- Michael Kennedy Baptised 10/09/1843. Came to Australia (single). He was drowned in a flood in the Castlereagh River, Coonamble, NSW, Australia. Sponsored by Charles and Mary Kennedy.
- Mary Kennedy Sponsored Andrew and Margaret Kennedy.
- Edward Kennedy Baptised 11/10/1840. Sponsors Charles and Ann Kennedy.
- William Kennedy Baptised 07/09/1835. Sponsors William and Bridget Kennedy.



An extract from Eileen Vaughan's chart

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