

**MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 23**  
**DECEMBER 2013**

**ORIGIN OF THE MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS**

Following the Cromwellian dispossessions of 1652 the world of the Kennedy landholders in Lower and Upper Ormond came to an end. Rather than submit to the conquerors the Mountainy Kennedys created a new world for themselves in the wilderness. For many years they held out and lived and raised their sons and daughters and established themselves in an invisible world where outsiders feared to tread. Their descendants, wherever they are now located, can look back with pride to the story of courage and fortitude that we have been able to research and relate.

**KENNEDY CHIEF REVIVAL**



The announcement on 27<sup>th</sup> November that Rody Kennedy of Rearcross has been appointed to the position of interim honorary O'Kennedy Chief has been greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm. In addition to being reported in the Nenagh Guardian of Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, some of the comments that have been received from far and wide follow:

*Thanks for the email Brian,  
Funny how something as distant from the past as this is, and as insignificant it is to global issues and politics, that the announcement of this appointment should warm me and delight me like it has.  
My very heartfelt best wishes to Rody Kennedy in his honorary role.  
My thanks to you also for keeping everyone up to date with your newsletter. Wonderful work and very appreciated.  
Sincere regards,  
Glna Kennedy (Australia)*

*Please congratulate Rody Kennedy on his appointment.  
With best wishes,  
Christina Gorman (NI)*

*Dear Brian  
A good choice in Rody; he is a great character with a terrific sense of humour -- and a sharp intelligence that bespeaks fine Kennedy genes. Very good luck to you, Michael and Francis in your further deliberations; I look forward to the white smoke in due course and to attending next year's gathering to raise a glass to your choice. Winter arrives here with a vengeance (in relative terms, of course); I find the chill less exhilarating as I get older; and I keep thinking of our mountain forbears huddled around their hearths up in Curreeney and Rearcross. Everything is indeed relative!  
Rody (UK)*

*Brian  
An excellent appointment and well deserved by the recipient.  
Kind regards  
Lawrence (UK)*

*Hi Brian,  
Greetings from friends in Cloughjordan. I believe that you have distinguished yourself in carrying the story of your clan and renewing pride in their ancestry.  
Thanks for good news,*

May Casey  
Thomas MacDonagh Heritage Centre

Hi Sean,

*I'd be very interested in the election of an O'Kennedy Chief, and would like to be involved. I'd greatly appreciate it if you could let me know when the next clan gathering takes place. I do a lot of writing and genealogical searching in my native area around Callan, Co. Kilkenny, and I have edited a book **Callan 800 (1207 - 2007) History and Heritage, Companion Volume** which was published in August. I also was editor of the original in 2007. which was published in 2007.*

*I'm very impressed with the nice scroll drawn up by Brian. He is without doubt the Shanachie of the clan. His book is amazing.*

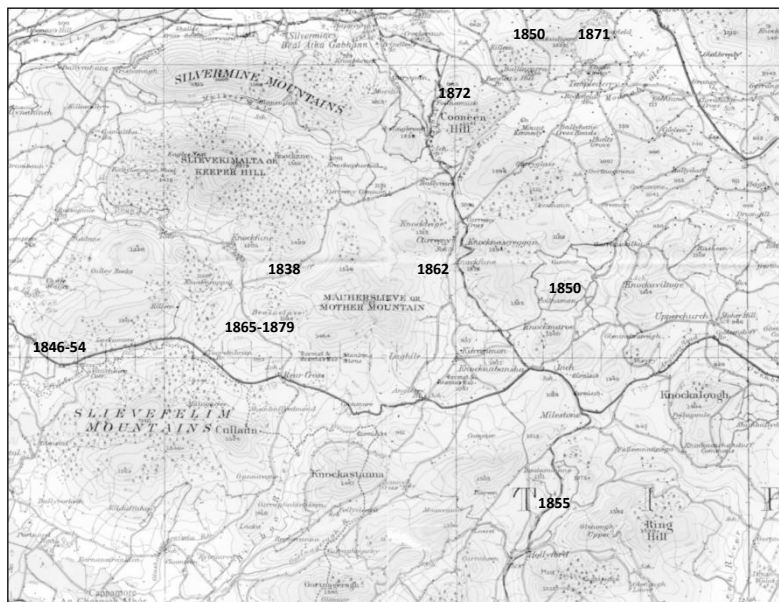
Regards....Joseph Kennedy (Kilkenny)



If you happen to be passing by way of Kennedy's Bar and Shop at Rearcross drop in to say hello to our new interim O'Kennedy Chief.

### **MOUNTAINY KENNEDY MALE FIRST NAMES**

This month we are looking at Jeremiah which is one of the lesser used names among the Mountainy Kennedys. The first Jeremiah baptism on record in the mountains was the son of James Kennedy and Cath Kennedy (Moloney) of Foilduff in 1838.



### **JEREMIAH KENNEDY RECORDS**

1864. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballinashine in the Registrar's District of Newport  
in the Union of Meath in the County of Wexford

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of
3	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb <sup>y</sup>	Jeremiah Kennedy	24	Single	Farmer	Ballinashine	Pat. Kennedy	Farmer
		Sarah Ryan	24	Single	—	Ballinashine	Edm Ryan	Farmer

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Ballinashine according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us. } Jeremiah Kennedy } in the Presence of us, } Patrick Ryan  
} Sarah Ryan } } Hannah Ryan

1864 Marriage Certificate of Jeremiah Kennedy and Sarah Ryan

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
JEREMIAH KENNEDY BALLYCLAVE  
DIED 1905 AGED 66  
HIS WIFE SARAH  
DIED 1899 AGED 60  
THEIR CHILDREN  
JAMES DIED 1885 JOHN 1900  
MATTHEW 1886 PATRICK 1893  
JEREMIAH 1909 THOMAS 1885  
AND DENNIS DIED 1912

### Griffiths Valuation

Kennedy	Jeremiah	Cummer 1850	86	1 ??	Lord Dunnally	Land
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Kennedy	Jeremiah	Cummer 1842			Lord Dunnally	H & L
Kennedy	Jeremiah	Kilnaneave	61	8, 9	John Hare Esq.	Land

### Jeremiah Kennedy Baptisms

1838.03.28	Kennedy	Jeremiah	James Cath Kennedy Foilduff	Michael Moloney Margt. Moloney
1846.11.26	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Andy Joana Guilmartin	John Coughlan Joan Guilmartin
1847.07.04	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Andrew Mgt. Corbett Knock	Andrew Blake Mary Kennedy
1852.07.06	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Denis Mary Wilde Cragg	John Hayes Mgt. Brien
1854.02.20	Kennedy	Jeremiah	John Judy Carey	John Carey Bgt. Carey
1855.08.16	Kennedy	Jeremiah	John Judith Fogarty Reafadda	James Kennedy Cathryn Fogarty
1855.12.03	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Mick Cath. Quirke	Jane Howard
1862.02.14	Kennedy	Jeremiah	James (Francis?) Hannah Kennedy	John Kennedy
1871.10.09	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Patt Mgt. Oakley Garrane	John Oakley Kate Dwyer
1872.03.26	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Michael Honorah Corbett Foilnamuck	Ml. Kennedy Mary Kennedy
1872.08.14	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Jeremiah Sara Ryan Bealaclave	James Ryan Bridget Ryan
1878.04.16	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Pat Mgt. Oakly Grawn (Gurrane)	John Oakly Cath. Ryan
1878.10.15	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Michael Bgt Delaney	Jas Delaney Mgt Delaney

### Father named Jeremiah Kennedy

1865.04.12	Kennedy	James	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	John Kennedy Margaret Ryan
1867.07.16	Kennedy	John	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	Patrick Ryan Bridget Ryan
1867.12.07	Kennedy	Ml.	Jeremiah Mary Kennedy	Jer. Kennedy Julia Spillane
1869.02.16	Kennedy	Mathew	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	John Ryan Bridget Ryan
1870.10.28	Kennedy	Patrick	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	John Ryan Mary Kennedy
1872.08.14	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Jeremiah Sara Ryan Bealaclave	James Ryan Bridget Ryan
1874.08.17	Kennedy	Mary	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	James Kennedy Honora Kennedy
1876.12.07	Kennedy	Thomas	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Bealaclave	Michael Kennedy Mary Ryan
1879.03.01	Kennedy	Denis	Jeremiah Sarah Ryan Foilduff	Patrick Kennedy Sarah Ryan

### Witness named Jeremiah Kennedy

1883.02.18	Kennedy	Anne	Phil Joh Kennedy Ballycrenode	Jeremiah Kennedy Anne Carroll
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## Marriage

1867.01.20	Kennedy	Jeremiah	Bgt. Ryan	Tim. Ryan Bgt. Gleeson
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Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Beaclave	Abington	61	M	Co Tip	Farmer	Head of Family	Widower
Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Beaclave	Abington	27	M	Co Tip	Farmer's Son	Son	Single
Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Cummer (Mulloghney)	Foilynman	25	M	Co Tip	Farm Labourer	Servant	Single
Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Glastrigan	Templederry	45	M	Co Tip	Farmer	Head of Family	Married
Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Glastrigan	Templederry	56	M	Co Tip	Farmer	Head of Family	Married
Kennedy	<b>Jeremiah</b>	Gortnagowna	Kilnaneave	66	M	Co Tip	Farm Labourer	Head of Family	Married

## Jeremiah

Jeremiah, born January, 1855, and died 29th October, 1942, emigrated to America. Mattie thinks he emigrated to New York. He had one daughter, Veronica, who married Frank Fisher. He also had a stepdaughter, Mary E. Kennedy (obviously took her stepfather's family name). She died on 7th January, 1955. Veronica and Frank Fisher had a daughter, Eileen, who became a nun. Again Mattie thinks she is in California. They also had a son, Frank, who is married to Mary and they have either three or four in family. A son of theirs is married to Gale O'Sullivan from Cork. Frank lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and works with the 53rd Bank there. Frank's family are presently in contact with Mattie in connection with locating birth certificates for their Irish ancestors to facilitate the granting of Irish passports. Jeremiah returned home to Curreeny once after emigrating.

**John Kennedy:** appears to be the oldest member of the family. He took up residence at the river in Glastrigan on a farm acquitted by his family. He was married twice and had a family with each marriage. His first wife was Griffin of Foilnamon and his second wife was Carey of Cummer. His oldest son, Patrick, married into a farm of Hayden at Athnid near Thurles. His sisters were married – one in Upper Church and one in Rearcross. The second family were Jeremiah, Michael and John. Jeremiah succeeded to the farm, and married without issue. Michael married in Rearcross and John at Knockahorna, Borrisoleigh, and both have descendants.

## SILVERMINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The new Silvermines Historical Society is not letting the grass grow under its feet. Under the leadership of John Kennedy of Pollanorman, Dolla, they have launched the Silvermines Historical Journal 2013 at Ryan Lackens pub in Dolla last Friday night. Mary Kennedy reports that It was a great gathering of about 150 from the locality and lots of old friends were reacquainted, and new ones made.

## IRISH EMIGRANTS

The descendants of many Mountainy Kennedys emigrated to other countries because of the conditions prevailing in Ireland. The table below shows that over four million Irish emigrated between 1851 and 1911. My own great grandparents and their children left the mountains for a three months journey by sailing ship to Australia in 1863. There were no stops on the way – what a challenge it must have been to endure that voyage with no idea about what to expect. They must have thought they would never make it to Brisbane. We frequently hear from people in the US and Australia who are descended from the Mountainy Kennedys and whose ancestors also endured such trips.

**TABLE** showing the number of Emigrants—*Natives of Ireland*—in each year from the 1st of May, 1851, to the 31st of March, 1911:

Years	No. of Emigrants	Years	No. of Emigrants	Years	No. of Emigrants	Years	No. of Emigrants	
1851	152,060	1867	80,624	1883	108,724	1899	41,232	
1852	190,322	1868	61,018	1884	75,863	1900	45,288	
1853	173,148	1869	66,568	1885	62,034	1901	39,613	
1854	140,535	1870	74,855	1886	65,135	1902	40,190	
1855	91,914	1871	71,240	1887	82,923	1903	36,902	
1856	90,781	1872	78,102	1888	78,684	1904	30,676	
1857	95,081	1873	90,149	1889	70,477	1905	36,776	
1858	84,337	1874	73,184	1890	61,313	1906	35,344	
1859	80,599	1875	51,462	1891	59,623	1907	39,082	
1860	84,621	1876	37,587	1892	50,867	1908	23,295	
1861	64,292	1877	38,503	1893	45,147	1909	28,676	
1862	70,117	1878	41,124	1894	35,895	1910	32,457	
1863	117,239	1879	47,065	1895	48,703	1911		
1864	114,169	1880	95,517	1896	38,995	(to 31st March)		
1865	191,497	1881	78,417	1897	32,535		4,109	
1866	95,467	1882	89,126	1898	32,241			
							Total	4,288,539

## **THE MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS – VOLUME 2 – LINKING PAST AND PRESENT**

Work is progressing on Volume 2 – Linking Past and Present. You are most welcome to contribute any research or other material on the history of the Mountainy Kennedys that you think could be included.

### **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 Christmas and the New Year.

Brian