

**MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 24**  
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Very best wishes for 2014 to all of our mailing list members. Let us hope this will be a very enjoyable and productive year for all of us.

**2014 KENNEDY GATHERING AND INAUGURATION OF KENNEDY CHIEF**

The 2014 Kennedy Gathering is programmed as follows:

Date: **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
Time: 8:00 pm  
Venue: Anglesey Lounge,  
Rody Kennedy's Bar & Shop,  
Rearcross  
County Tipperary

Prior to the Gathering the inauguration of the O'Kennedy chief will take place at a venue and time to be determined. These will be notified in the next mailing list.

Kennedy descendants and relatives from far and wide have already advised that they will be attending. This includes people from Australia and UK.

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

Thank you to all of those people who have sent me material for inclusion in Volume 2.

**I need your help.** We are now very close to reaching the cut-off point for contributions to Volume 2 – Linking Past and Present. If you have previously advised that you have a contribution that you wish to have included, please email it to me urgently or it may have to be omitted.

Final writing, editing, printing and proof-reading takes a lot of time and the book needs to be finished and available for launching at the Kennedy Gathering in early July.

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## KENNEDY CHIEF REVIVAL

The following message demonstrates that Kennedy descendants are very pleased with the appointment of a Kennedy Chief. Catherine sent this email and photograph:

*Guess where Theresa, Breda, our sister home from Manchester and I are at the moment??!!! In Chief Rody Kennedy's pub in Rearcross!!! Met Anne and Rody who made us v welcome!!!!*

*Catherine O'Gorman*



Chief Rody Kennedy

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 the name **Stephen** which is also one of the lesser used names among the Mountainy Kennedys. The first appearances of the name Stephen Kennedy in the records are around the mid 1800s. The name appears to have entered the mountains from the north but there are few clues to its origins.

## STEPHEN KENNEDY RECORDS

### Father Named Stephen Kennedy

1850.01.30	Kennedy	Patrick	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	John Gleeson Wfd. Brien
1853.02.21	Kennedy	Bridget	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	Wm Gleeson Peggy Brien
1854.07.10	Kennedy	Winifred	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	Jerry Brien Bgt Brien
1856.02.NR	Kennedy	John	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Downmona	Patk Brien Wfd Brien
1858.02.22	Kennedy	Michael	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	Mt Cuddihy Peggy Behan
1859.11.07	Kennedy	Honorina	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	MI Gleeson Bgt Ryan
1861.04.14	Kennedy	Margaret	<b>Stephen</b> Bgt Brien Cranahurt	Mt Cuddihy Mgt Brien
1861.12.26	Kennedy	Johanna	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Thos Deer Wfd Kennedy
1862.12.10	Kennedy	Mary Ann	<b>Stephen</b> Alice Dwyer	Matt Dwyer Mary Fitzgerald
1862.11.12	Kennedy	Martin	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	MI Gleeson Peggy Brien
1863.03.13	Kennedy	Thomas	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	MI McGrath Mgt Kennedy
1864.04.18	Kennedy	Catherine	<b>Stephen</b> Mary Brien Cranahurt	MI Gleeson Joh Brien
1865.01.15	Kennedy	James	<b>Stephen</b> Ellen Dwyer	John Reiridon Mary Dwyer
1866.05.07	Kennedy	Denis	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Simon Kennedy Ellen Kennedy
1866.03.21	Kennedy	Launcelott	<b>Stephen</b> Bgt Brien Cranahurt	Launcelott Brien Mary Cuddihy
1867.02.24	Kennedy	Margaret	<b>Stephen</b> Alicia Dwyer	Henry Shanahan Julia Kennedy
1867.02.24	Kennedy	Margaret	<b>Stephen</b> Alicia Dwyer	Henry Shanahan Julia Kennedy
1868.05.29	Kennedy	Bridget	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Edmond Devitt Wfd Kennedy
1868.05.29	Kennedy	Bridget	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Edmond Devitt Wfd Kennedy
1870.03.19	Kennedy	Patrick	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Patk Kennedy Alice Devitt
1870.01.29	Kennedy	Ally	<b>Stephen</b> Alley Dwyer Clohinch	Patrick Ryan Bridge Ryan
1871.11.20	Kennedy	Matthew	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Andrew Doyle Grace Ryan
1873.01.15	Kennedy	Ellen	<b>Stephen</b> Alice Dwyer Clohinch	Jerry Shanahan Joana Harrington
1877.03.25	Kennedy	Johanna	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Patk Kennedy Hon Ryan
1879.04.12	Kennedy	Margaret	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Denis Madden Mgt Kennedy
1879.04.12	Kennedy	Mary	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Patk Kennedy Bgt Kennedy
1879.04.12	Kennedy	Eliza	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt Ryan Bollingbrook	Patk Lonergan Mary Devitt

### Baptism of Child Named Stephen Kennedy

1844.08.07	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Patt Cath. Skalell Cragg White	Patt Ryan Bgt. Casey
1847.11.26	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Philip Eliza. Murray	John Kennedy Ellen Kennedy
1869.09.05	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Laurence Mary Spelane Commer	MI. Spelane Mary Kennedy
1889.12.26	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Denis Helena Kennedy Lahid	Wm Kennedy Mgt Kennedy

### Witness Named Stephen Kennedy

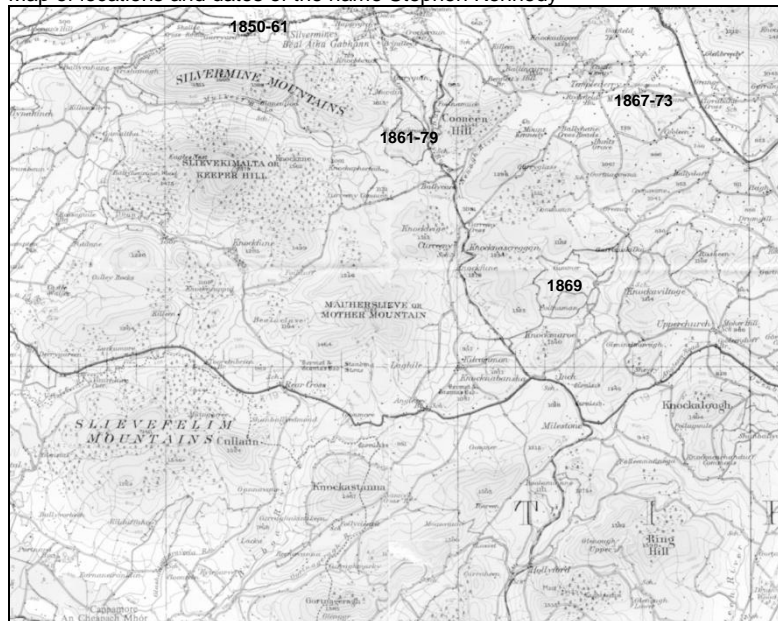
1837.05.25	Kennedy	Margaret	William Mary Ryan Cummerfadda	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b> Peg Ryan
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1849.02.16	Kennedy	Honora	James Judy Butler Cranahurt	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b> Mary Brien
1850.01.01	Kennedy	Matthew	John Bgt. Murphy Bollingbrook	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b> Bgt. Kennedy
1858.05.24	Kennedy	Joseph	John Honorina Gleeson	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b> Anne Kennedy
1859.11.16	Kennedy	Eliza.	Philip Eliza Murray	<b>Stephen Kennedy</b> Julia Phelan

#### Marriages of Stephen Kennedy

1861.02.09	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Ryan Mgt Coonmore	Martin Kennedy Bgt Moloughny
1879.02.25	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Connell Bgt Knockbrittas	Martin Ryan Anne Ryan
1849.nr.nr	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b> Milebush	Mary Brien	Wm Gleeson Mary McGrath

Map of locations and dates of the name Stephen Kennedy



## THE CROSS EXAMINATION

The Mountainy Kennedys – Volume 2 has a chapter on lawlessness among the Kennedys as reported in various newspapers. The following is an extract:

27th March 1833 From Tipp Free Press for the Assizes.

Denis Kennedy corroborated the evidence of the last witness on his cross-examination by Mr. Hatchell, he afforded some amusement.

Mr.H. - Well, Denis, you were in the fight.

Wit. - I was, the moment I came up I got a blow.

Mr. H. - Did you not give e'er a blow yourself, Denis?

Wit - Faith I did to be sure.

Mr.H.- I suppose you knocked down the fellow who struck you?

Wit. - No, I couldn't see him, but I knocked down the fellow next to me. (laughter).

Mr.H. - Sure, he didn't strike you?

Wit.- No, but he was striking my friends, and that was all the same. (great laughter).

Mr.H.-I suppose you had a fine wattle in your hand, Denis?

Wit.- No, faith, I had nothing in my hand but my fist - (roars of laughter).

Mr.H. - Come now, Denis, tell the truth, had not you a stone in your fist?

Wit. - (With amazement),-Who told you that.

Mr.H. - Oh, I know all about it, Denis - (Seriously).

Wit - Well that was afterwards sure, and I didn't throw it at nobody you know, - (Loud laughter).

Mr.H. - You may go down now, Denis.

## LIME KILNS



The Lime Kiln at Toureenbrien

Before the availability of artificial fertilizers, lime was used to improve the soil in the mountains. Jim Kennedy showed us a lime kiln that was constructed at Toureenbrien for this purpose. There was access to the top of the kiln by horse and cart. Limestone was loaded into the kiln from above and then burned to produce the lime. The arch of this kiln appears to have been repaired with modern bricks.

Another lime kiln is marked on the Warter Wilson estate map at Foilduff. This indicates that lime kilns were built in the area at early times.

## 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 2014.

Brian