

IRISH KENNEDYS MAILING LIST 37
MARCH 2015

happy saint patricks day to everyone!

2015 KENNEDY GATHERING

All Kennedy descendants and well wishers are very welcome to the fifth annual Irish Kennedy Gathering.

Date: **Sunday 5th July**
Time: **8:00 pm**
Venue: Anglesey Lounge, Kennedy's Pub, Rears Cross, County Tipperary, Ireland

Chief Rody Kennedy and his wife Ann say we will have a good old session with Music, Singers, Irish Dancing and a few story tellers ...and refreshments as always.

We hope to see you there.

FIONN, DONN, RUA

An extract from this painting was used for the cover of "The Mountainy Kennedys, Volume 2, Linking Past and Present".



The original painting provides a semi-abstract view of the history of the Irish Kennedys. Emerging from the mists of the past are Helmet Head (Ceineidi), his fort at Killaloe, O'Kennedy Fionn (fair haired chief), O'Kennedy Donn (dark haired chief) and O'Kennedy Rua (red haired chief). O'Kennedy castles and fighting men indicate that they were well organised and always ready to defend their lands and possessions. Aebheal, the fairy queen of the Kennedys, swoops in to the top right hand corner.

RESEARCH FOR THE NEXT KENNEDY BOOK "The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their claims to Tipperary soil"

The new book has reached over 250 pages and continues to grow. There is still quite some way to go with the mass of detail that has to be incorporated for each parish. Some research and photographs will have to wait until my next visit planned to coincide with the Kennedy

Gathering at Rearcross on 5th July. I may seek some assistance from various people at the Gathering.

One interesting outcome of the research to date is that the Kennedys seem to have arrived in Upper Ormond in two distinct groups several hundred years apart. One group came from Lower Ormond at a later date and it may surprise some Kennedy descendants to know that they are probably related to this group.

THE NAME WILLIAM KENNEDY IN TOOMYVARA BAPTISM REGISTER

This month we go to the other end of the alphabet to list the William Kennedys in Toomyvara register. A search of the Baptism Registers for Kilmore, Templeberry and Toomyvara provides information on the occurrence of the name William Kennedy. The name was most prolific in the Toomyvara register with 24 baptisms, while Templeberry had 12 and Kilmore 8.

TOOMYVARA BAPTISM REGISTER 1832–1856 and 1861-1911

Date of Baptism	Surname	First Name	Parents	Witnesses
1832.07.04	Kennedy	William	Patt Biddy Kennedy Toom	Ned Ryan Judy Kennedy
1832.08.24	Kennedy	William	Thos Mary Holohan	Jno Tierney Ellen Barry
1832.09.01	Kennedy	Honora	William Betty Kennedy	Tom Kennedy Betty Dudley
1833.02.06	Kennedy	William	Patt Mary Kennedy Lismore	Jery Kennedy Nely Gleson
1833.03.13	Kennedy	Ellan	Wm. Ellen N.R. Balleymackey	Honora Kennedy
1833.03.20	Kennedy	Patt	John Nelly Delany Cloncannon	Wm. Kennedy Judy N.R.
1834.02.20	Kennedy	Bridget	William Bridget Kennedy Borrisofaney	Patt Kennedy Sally Connin
1834.03.16	Kennedy	Patrick	William Cath Kennedy Ballinveny	Jn. Ryan Mgt. Cantwell
1834.06.15	Kennedy	William	Dan Mary Kennedy Toom.	Patt Cleary May Mackey
1834.09.07	Kennedy	Mary	William Cath. N.R. Clonolea	Con Kennedy Pegy Kennedy
1835.01.10	Kennedy	Patt	William Ellen Kennedy Lisnamore	Michael Cusack Hn. Kennedy
1835.04.01	Kennedy	William	Wm. Eliza Kennedy Glenaguile	Js. Kennedy Eliza Ryan
1836.03.30	Kennedy	William	Con Bgt Kennedy Bunacum	William Kennedy Eliza Egan
1836.08.17	Kennedy	Nancy	William Ellen Kennedy Ballymackey	Rhody Menouge Bgt. Menogue
1836.10.30	Kennedy	Bgt.	Wm. Cather N.R. Ballybeg	Dan Leamy Mary
1836.11.NR	Kennedy	Ellenor	Wm. Kitty N.R. Clonolea	Bgt Kennedy Patt Fogarty
1836.11.26	Kennedy	Ellen	Wm. Mark Kennedy Laghile	Dandy Ryan Mary Maher
1837.06.15	Kennedy	Michael	William Betty N.R.	Patt Murphy John Vicars
1840.nr.nr	Kennedy	Thomas	William Mary A. Burn	Michael Kennedy Mary n.r.
1841.07.01	Kennedy	John	William Ellen Minogue	Ned Mackey Ellen Shinnors
1841.10.08	Kennedy	Alice	William Mary Pound Bunacum	Honora Pound William Pound
1841.10.17	Kennedy	William	John Ellen N.R. Derrycarney	John Cash Mary McGrath

1842.08.21	Kennedy	William	Con Honor Peters Ballymackey	John Coghlan Sally Peters
1842.12.NR	Kennedy	William	William Judy Pound Bunacum	Con Kennedy Peggy Pound
1843.08.20	Kennedy	William	Michael Kitty Hasset Blakefield	James Moloney Mary Shea
1844.05.10	Kennedy	William	Wm. Mary N.R. Laghile	Thos. Ryan Bidy Meara
1844.10.01	Kennedy	Michael	William Maria Pound Bunacum	Tom Donohoe Mary Donohoe
1845.01.26	Kennedy	William	Daniel Mary Cleary Ballinahemery	James Cleary Mary Short
1845.04.NR	Kennedy	William	Matt Bgt Hogan Glenaguile	Dan Hogan M. Hogan
1845.04.29	Kennedy	William	Bryan Mary A. Hanly Garrane	Denis O'Meara Sarah Meagher
1845.11.02	Kennedy	William	John Cath Donnell Derrycarney	Tim Carty Bridget Carty
1846.03.02	Kennedy	Mary A	William Mary A Pound Bunacum	William Pound Catherine Pound
1846.07.19	Kennedy	William	George Honora Bourke Ballinree	John Madden Ellen Kennedy
1846.08.19	Kennedy	Daniel	William Cath Tuohey Lismore	Thomas Kennedy Ellen Kennedy
1846.08.27	Kennedy	William	William Honora Meara Clonolea	James Gleeson Catherine Meara
1848.03.25	Kennedy	Patrick	William Mary A Pound Bunacum	Mick Kenna Ellen Pound
1848.04.23	Kennedy	Michael	William Cath Tuohey Lismore	Jeremiah Kennedy Mary Tuohey
1848.05.05	Kennedy	Patt	William Mary Gavin Poulakerry	John Ryan Catherine Kelly
1848.06.14	Kennedy	William	John Triphenia Long Toomevara	Pat Hodgins Betty Gleeson
1849.05.06	Kennedy	Mary	William Hanna Meara Clonolea	Wm Gleeson Aldy Gleeson
1850.05.18	Kennedy	Cornelius	Billy Mary A Pound Bunacum	Patt Donohue Catherine Molony
1850.09.22	Kennedy	Ellen	William Kitty Tuohey Lismore	Teady Kennedy Mary Kennedy
1851.06.20	Kennedy	Kitty	William Honey Meara Clonolea	John Cormick Johanna Meara
1842.05.04	Kennedy	Sally	William May Pound Bunacum	MI. Ginane May Rourke
1853.06.12	Kennedy	Jeremiah	William Kitty Toohey Lismore	Jeremiah Toohey Mgt Kennedy
1855.03.31	Kennedy	Alice	William Mary Pound Bunacum	Patk. Donoghue Eliza N.R.
1855.04.23	Kennedy	William	Michael Margaret N.R. Grenanstown	James Kennedy
1855.09.NR	Kennedy	Judith	William Catherine N.R.	Anne Kennedy William Kennedy
1876.07.06	Kennedy	William	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	James Guilfoyle Mary O'Brien
1883.12.22	Kennedy	William	William Cath Fogarty Garrane	Elizabeth Fogarty
1889.04.09	Kennedy	William	Daniel Jane Brislane Garranafana	John Brislane Cath. Kennedy
1889.05.05	Kennedy	William	Danel Mary Maher Garranafana	Jeremiah Mara Eliza Griffin

1901.09.10	Kennedy	William	Jeremiah Anne Brislane Coolderry	Catherine Kennedy Daniel Kennedy
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REUNION OF DOLLA KENNEDYS IN AUSTRALIA

John Ormond Kennedy has forwarded the following message related to the Kennedys of Dolla, Co. Tipperary:

Dear descendants of John Cornelius Kennedy in Australia, Ireland, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, UK and USA.

Our Kennedy Reunion on 3/4 April draws closer and numbers continue to grow! 40 Confirmed Acceptances, 7 "To Be Confirmed" and 15 Apologies (check attached for names so far). It would help planning if any remaining acceptances and apologies were sent during the forthcoming fortnight (14 March - 28 March).

This afternoon I spoke with Lawrence Kennedy at Sunny Brae. He and Phil Tremelling are giving us plenty of generous support including leadership in the lead car of our convoy visiting Kennedy places and in welcoming us to Sunny Brae.

PROGRAM:

SATURDAY, 4 April

2pm-5pm: Kennedy Places Tour: Gather at 2pm at John and Anne Kennedy's grave, Block C (near the entrance), in Mt Gambier's Lake Terrace Cemetery, Lake Terrace East. Afterwards, proceed along Kennedy Ave/Peweena Road, past Cadzow, Uncle Sam's House, Peweena Homestead, stop at the Kennedy Family Tree (group photo?) and onwards to Dismal Swamp Homestead down Carney Lake Road, the Wandilo Siding and finish at Sunny Brae for cup of tea and Kennedy memorabilia on the Billiard Table – **Items needed for show and tell!**

7pm onwards: Dinner at Caffe Belgiorno, 7 Percy Street, Mt Gambier (caffebelgiorno.com.au): Informal dining, order at the bar, child friendly. I have tentatively booked a notional 40 places but will firm up numbers at the end of March after emailing Reunion attendees.

SUNDAY, 5 April

11am-12noon: Mass in Thanks for Anne and John Kennedy: St Paul's Church, Penola Road. If you wish we can gather on the left side of the Church around the St John and St Anne glass window in honour of our Anne and John. Nearby are Jens and Spain windows. Kennedys and friends/partners, of any faith, are very welcome.

1pm onwards: Kennedy Family Lunch at Jens Town Hall Hotel (www.jenshotel.com): Informal dining, order at the bar, child friendly. I have tentatively booked a notional 40 places but will firm up numbers at the end of March after emailing Reunion attendees.

WELCOMING JOHN and JOAN KENNEDY

Those at our last Mt Gambier Reunion in 2010 will remember welcoming Willie Kennedy from Dolla (via Seattle). This time it is his younger brother, John and his wife Joan who will be with us although Willie is back in Australia, living in Katherine and still hoping to make the long journey to Mt Gambier. So many of us Australians have enjoyed generous Dolla hospitality over the last 100+ years: James Ormond Kennedy (whilst on leave from France in World War I), Henry Earnest Kennedy, Margaret Kennedy (did a stint in the Dolla Post Office in the 50s when John's parents, Noni and Sean, were on honeymoon!), John Ormond Kennedy (about 15 times between 1971 and 2012 Reunion!), Bronwyn Lane, John Patrick Kennedy, Fionnuala Kennedy, Margaret & Simon Gaunt, Elizabeth & Michael Sullivan, Mary & Geoff Pollard, Paul Donohoe, Brian & Erica Kennedy, Kay & Bob Kennedy, Maureen & George Swinburne, Jacinta Bennett, Tim & Di Kennedy, Laura & Guy Baldock, Matthew Pick, Jim & Carrie Kennedy, Andrew & Karen Kennedy, Lawrence Kennedy, Phil Tremelling, +Philip Kennedy, Matthew Kennedy, Jenny Kennedy, John & Sue Ramsdale, Patrick & Patricia English, Patricia (Pat) Kennedy and many more. John & Joan will be based in Brisbane (26 March-1 April including overnight in Bundaberg to visit Fr William Ormond Kennedy's grave) and Melbourne (1 April-10 April including 3/4/5 April in Mt Gambier). **We -**

John and Bronwyn - are having "at home" drinks for John and Joan, 5pm-7pm, Wednesday, 1 April at 16 Walsh St, Deepdene. Melbourne Residents & Visitors are most welcome!

FINALLY: Please be sure to contact any offline descendants and/or descendants' partners/friends and let them know they are most welcome.

Regards

John Ormond and Matthew Leonard Kennedy

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MORE KENNEDY REQUESTS

From David Lane

I am a Kennedy descendant from Thurles, Tipperary on my grandmother's side. I believe James came over in the 1840s. His sons were Michael, James and John. His daughter was Mary Ellen Kennedy born in Hudson County, Jersey City, NJ in 1868 who was my grandmother.

According to legend James was studying for the priesthood but was involved with local politics and was told to either study for the priesthood or get involved with politics. So he left. He married Frances McAvoy whose father was the 2nd Mayor of Fort Lee, NJ. Michael and James had their own bookbindery in uptown New York named The Scroll Club. Their main client was J.P. Morgan of New York. Would appreciate any information you can supply about the Kennedy family of Thurles. Thank you.

David Lane

Hello David,

Thank you for your enquiry. I always welcome contact from Kennedy descendants especially from the North Tipperary area. As usual there are just so many Kennedys with the same first names. James or Jas. (or old Irish Seamas) is not quite so common as Patrick, Michael and John. In my book Vol 2 of The Mountainy Kennedys there are 76 James Kennedy baptisms listed and many more of Michael and John. Irish Kennedy names tend to follow the generations.

If you are able to find a place name in the Thurles area together with any other information it may be helpful. I visit Thurles at least annually and my books are in the Tipperary Historical Library there. I remember going to a gathering of farmers in Thurles one night with my cousin Matt Ryan and he introduced me as Brian Kennedy from Australia. He then asked if there were any Kennedys there. Twelve farmers (about half of those present) put their hands up.

I have booked to be back in Ireland in July for the Kennedy Gathering and will be further researching for my next Kennedy book. If you have further information I may be able to follow that up. In the meantime you will find my books very useful in gaining an understanding of the Irish Kennedy history and may even be able to further your own detective work with them.

Best regards.

Brian

From John Kennedy

Hello Sean,

Saw the two books The Mountainy Kennedys on the net, I have a copy of the earlier book The Irish Kennedys that I bought off your father many years ago. Could you please advise me of the price of them, and are they two separate books entirely or is there some overlap in them?

My great grandfather came here from Tipp in 1854, we have traced (we think it is fairly right?) his family back to the Townland of Knockwilliam, Curraghleigh, Ballydaff areas, which is about 5Km west of Borrisoleigh. There was a small village near where they lived called Illeigh, we believe they went to school and church there, his parents may well be buried there also. They were said to also have a connection with Bawn. I believe there is also a

cemetery in the DED of Glenkeen but I don't know where that is located. Have you done any research in this part of Tipp?

*Hope to hear from you. All the Best
John Kennedy*

Hello John,

Sean has passed your message on to me for a reply. It's good to hear from you again.

The Mountainy Kennedys, Vols 1 and 2 can be ordered from the website at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm> They are separate books on the history of the Mountainy Kennedys. The contents of each volume can be seen on the website.

I know the area of Knockwilliam very well. It is only 2km from Boolabane where my Kennedys sought refuge after they were dispossessed by Cromwell in 1652. The story is in The Irish Kennedys (Vol.2). I have some good Kennedy friends at Ballynahow which is less than 1km south of Knockwilliam across the river. There are two other separate Kennedy families about 1km west at Cronavone. If your people are from that area you certainly qualify as a Mountainy Kennedy. (The name Knockwilliam actually means the hill of William). You did not mention any first names of your ancestors. If you can let me know what their names were I can look further. I have been to the cemetery at Glenkeen which is 2km west of Borrisoleigh and 3km north-east of Knockwilliam. Ileigh is about 3km east of Knockwilliam. I did take some photographs of headstones while I was at Glenkeen so I will have a look to see if I can find them. If you check the Irish Kennedys Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/theirishkennedysbooks> you will find details of the next Kennedy Gathering to be held in July. These gatherings are always well attended and I am never surprised when talking with people there to sometimes find that I am related to them in one way or another. I am now planning my 24th visit to Ireland to attend.

I also put out a monthly mailing list that I will include your address on. Perhaps we can find some of your relatives through that medium.

Regards

Brian

From Maurene Kennedy

Found your site on the internet. Recently discovered that my ancestor was from Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland. Found a news article that stated that two of the family members, a brother Michael Kennedy b. After 1830, and sister name unknown (but might be Nancy as I know that their mother's maiden name was NANCY RYAN, stayed at "the old Kennedy family estate" (Nenagh), when many of the family emigrated to America in 1855. I am trying to find a way to identify the estate. I found a site that lists several Kennedy estates in Nenagh, that were owned by an Edward Kennedy. I believe that this Edward may be my great-great-grandfather. He would be Michael Kennedy's father and he had several sons who came to America, three to the Saranac, NY area, Daniel b.1830-1906, Phillip b.1825-d.1912, and Patrick b.1829-1894, with one sister named Mary b.1827d.1920. Two other sons came to America, Edward went to Colorado, and Lawrence went to Michigan. The article stated that the brothers were prosperous, well to do landowners.

Nenagh - Bantis - 1814 Edward Kennedy recorded as proprietor of Bantis, Lewis mentions the extensive brewery of Edward Kennedy at Bantis in 1837. Apparently it was his dwelling, and 526 acres at Bantis were held from the Honorable O.F.G. Tyler by Edward, James, Denis, John, and Patrick Kennedy and Henry Fitzgerald at the time of Griffiths Valuation. A house is still extant at the site.

It appears as though Edward Kennedy is also connected to Coolnamunna at the time of Griffiths Valuation. He held buildings in that townland, and had a distillery in Mullenkeagh, and owned 432 acres in county Tipperary in the 1870's. There was a William Kennedy occupying Glenahilty from 1837 but the property belonged to J.C.Fitzgerald, with 189 acres of land and 210 acres of bog. In 1841 Mill Grove House, with demesne and plantations was the residence of a Mr. Kennedy. At the time of Griffiths Valuation Edward Kennedy was leasing a substantial milling complex and a house at this location.

Is there any way to confirm that this Edward Kennedy might have been married to a Nancy Ryan, and had at least 5 sons and 2 daughters. I suspect that there was another son named John Kennedy as well.

I am writing a book about my father John F. Kennedy b. 1925 in Dannemora, Clinton County, New York. I would like to publish it this spring. If I can nail down this line and my connections, I plan on attending the Kennedy Gathering in Ireland in July 2015. Is there anyway you can help me with any of this?

Edward Kennedy

is your 2nd great grandfather

Daniel Kennedy (1830 - 1906)

son of Edward Kennedy

Jeremiah Edgar Kennedy (1879 - 1947)

son of Daniel Kennedy

John Francis Kennedy (1925 -)

son of Jeremiah Edgar Kennedy

Maurene Kennedy

You are the daughter of John Francis Kennedy

Hello Maurene,

Thanks for your enquiry. Sean has passed it on to me for a response.

A quick check of my books has revealed the following:

1847. 11. 01 Kilmore Parish Baptisms Son, Edward Kennedy. Parents, Edward Kennedy and Nancy Ryan

1864. 11. 30 Kilmore Parish Baptisms Son Thomas Kennedy. Parents Danl Kennedy and Bgt. McSorley. Lisbrien. Witness Nancy Ryan.

This is the only Nancy Ryan who married an Edward Kennedy I can find. There might be a clue in the Lisbrien townland mentioned above. This is about two miles south of Nenagh.

Unfortunately, in all of the male baptism registers in my books, 49% of about 1,000 were named John, Patrick, Micheal or James. These would require further extensive checking.

Regarding Edward Kennedy of Bantis: In the current book I am writing on the Upper Ormond Kennedys I have further research to do on this man. Bantis is about six miles north east of Nenagh. I currently have a number of questions about Edward of Bantis that I have my contacts in Ireland checking. I am waiting to hear back from them. However, in The Freeman's Journal Friday, November 29, 1861, there is a report of a son and heir being born to Edward Kennedy of Bantis on November 23. Whether this Edward is a younger son of an older Edward I don't yet know.

I am planning to attend the Kennedy Gathering in Ireland in July. I hope to see you there.

All the best.

Brian

BOOKS



Thank you to those people who have bought my Kennedy books over the years. Research and publishing is an expensive business and the returns are a help towards meeting the costs involved. Thanks also to my son Sean who does a great job looking after the orders.

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

<http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>

or from Amazon at:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtsQKz-VAUw&feature=youtu.be>

Goodbye for now.

Brian