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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, Rearchross, County Tipperary, Ireland



Join with Chief Rody Kennedy for music, singers, Irish dancing and a few story tellersand refreshments as always. Bring along your Kennedy documents and photographs.

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

“The names follow the generations”

This old Irish saying is clearly proven when individual names can be seen coming down through the generations. As an example, we often see in the records that the first son has the same name as the father's father and the third son has the name of the father in accordance with the naming convention. I am not sure whether my parents even knew about the naming convention but the oldest of my ten brothers was named Martin. My grandfather's name was Martin and he was the third son of his father Martin. Therefore, we can be reasonably confident in our research that we are on the right track when we see the naming patterns emerging.

This becomes more complex when we look at particular names over hundreds of years. Take the name Conor for example. In the research for “The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil” we find the names Cnoghor and Cornelius appearing in various places hundreds of years ago. Cnoghor Mc Teig was the O’Kennedy Don or chief of Upper Ormond in the 16th century. However, in the past, it was not permissible to use names without entitlement to them. As a result, a father could not bestow the name of a chief on his son unless the name was in his line of descent.

Thomas Laffan, editor of “Tipperary’s Families, being the Hearth Money Records for 1665-6-7” went so far as to write in 1911:

*“It is for this reason we hope and trust that public opinion will ere long call for such action on the part of the law makers **as will make it felony** for any Board, Institution or individual to give to a child an existing surname or for anybody to appropriate such surname who has not in the male line a right to it”.* While Laffan referred to surnames, the principle can be seen to apply to first names. As an example, the name Matthew appears infrequently among the Kennedys of Upper Ormond in past centuries, probably because it was the name of Mahon Don or Matthew O’Kennedy, Lord of Upper Ormond in 1427 and only his descendants were considered to be entitled to use the name.

Now to return to Conor O’Kennedy Don and his son William of Ballycahill in Upper Ormond. These names continue down through the family of Con Kennedy of Dolla who died in 1853 and particularly the “William Line”. Refer p308 of “The Mountainy Kennedys Vol.2 – Linking past and present” for details. It was no surprise recently when I went to a small gathering of descendants of these Kennedys near Brisbane, Australia, and met John and Joan Kennedy of Pollanorman, Dolla, who were visiting. Also present with their families were young boys with the names Conor and William prominent. It was also a pleasure to meet Brian William Kennedy together with his family. The circumstantial evidence indicates that this extended family is of the line of Conor O’Kennedy Don of Ballycahill.



Some of the Kennedys who attended

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE KENNEDYS IN BALLINACLOGH

The history of Ballinaclogh, 4 km south east of Nenagh, is closely entwined with the history of the Kennedys of Upper Ormond who were there well before the coming of the Normans to Ireland in 1170. The Kennedys were well established in the Ballinaclogh area long before Norman knights and squires came in force to the Kennedy lands in the 13th century. The Normans built the castle at the place they named Weyperous, (alternatively ‘Bewper’ or ‘Vadum Petrosum’).

The Earl of Ormond lost Nenagh Castle to the Kennedys around 1360 and this drove his domination back to Kilkenny Castle. The O’Kennedys had by then substantially recovered their lands in Upper Ormond, including Ballinaclogh, and held them for several centuries.

The Ormond Deeds describe a confusing series of arrangements by which the Butler Earls of Ormond attempted to keep the Kennedys under control. An Ormond Deed of 1570 records that Sir Thomas Butler, Earl of Ormond, granted Philip O’Kenedy, son of Dermot Ne Rappollaghe O’Kenedy, the manor of Bewper alias Ballineclohie in Ormond with all the appurtenances, to have and to hold to said Philip until the feast of Easter next at a rent of 40s.

In 1583 an agreement between Thomas, Earl of Ormond, and Philip O’Kenedy of Ballyneclohe in Ormond and his brother Hugh, alias Ee O’Kenedy of the same, witnesses that the Earl grants the said town of Ballyneclohe with the castle, lands, etc., of the same, to have and to hold to said Philip and Hugh for the term of their lives at annual rent of 40s.

In 1593, Thomas, Earl of Ormond, In consideration of the sum of 100l. paid to him by Hugh Mac Dermot o’Kenedy of Rappallagh in Ormond granted the town and lands of Ballenclohe to the said Hugh and his wife More ny Carroll, for their lives.

However, Philip O’Kennedy was disseised (evicted) from the castle which he now held in half shares with his brother Hugh who, with some kerns and other roughs, forcibly expelled him. The sheriff was directed to reinstate Philip in 1596.

In 1599 during the Tyrone Rebellion the earl of Ormond ‘came to Ormonde and laid seige to Balleneclohye, a strong castle, and won it and had the killing of divers of the Kennedys, and took pledges for the loyalty of divers of the inhabitants of Ormond’.

In 1601 the Earl of Ormond paid 200 marks to Hugh O’Kennedy for Ballinaclogh with the provision that Hugh could have it back if he repaid the money.

According to the Civil Survey, by 1640 the Kennedys owned the following lands in Ballinaclogh parish:

Parish	Civil Survey ref. Page	Location	Total area in plantation acres by estimate A. r. p.	Kennedy Owner In 1640	Kennedy owner's home townland	Kennedy portion A. r. p.	Value of Kennedy Land In 1654 (averaged) £. s. d.	Are land proportions clearly distinguished by meares or bounds?
Ballynaclohy	66	Ballynaclohy	524: 00: 00	Rory Donogh	Ballynaclohy	425: 00: 00	81. 05. 0	No
"	67	Kylballyna-gassynagh	126: 00: 00	Daniell	Ballintotta	31: 02: 00	4. 00. 0	No
"	68	Ballyneany	122: 00: 00	Wm.	Ballyneny	45: 03: 00	7. 10. 0	No
"	69a	Crossylangy	116: 00: 00	Morrogh Donogh	Traverstowne	29: 00: 00	4. 00. 0	No
"				Wm.	Poulenormane	50: 03: 00	7. 00. 0	
"				Wm.	Ballyneny	7: 01: 00	1. 00. 0	
"	70a	Brokenplow	60: 00: 00	Morrogh Donogh	Traverstowne	45: 00: 00	7. 10. 0	No
"				Donogh	Poulenourmane	15: 00: 00	2. 10. 0	
"	71	Traverstowne	34: 00: 00	Morrogh	Traverstowne	34: 00: 00	4. 00. 0	Wholly owned

In 1654 the Kennedys were dispossessed of their lands in Ballinaclogh by Cromwell.

BALLYMACLOGHY PARISH.			
Proprietors in 1640.	Denomination.	No. of Acres	Grantees.
Rory and Donogh Kennedy of Ballymaclohy	Ballymaclohy	95	D. of Ormond.
Dan.I Kennedy of Ballintotta	Kilballyina-gassiny	203	Peter Dawlton.
Wm. and John Kennedy of Ballyissine,	Ballyneny	181	
Morrogh Kennedy of Traverstowne and Donogh Kennedy of Poulnorane	Crossilasigy	119	
	Lissine, al	72	
	Broken Plough, Tullemollan and Traverstowne	100	D. of Ormond. Peter Dawlton.



Many Kennedys are buried in the ruin of the church at Ballinaclogh.

THE NAME MATTHEW KENNEDY IN TOOMYVARA BAPTISM REGISTER

This month we go to the middle of the alphabet to list the Matthew Kennedys in Toomyvara register between 1832 and 1911. A search of the Baptism Registers for Kilmore,

Templeberry and Toomyvara provides further information on the occurrence of the name Matthew Kennedy. The name was least prolific in the Toomyvara register with only two baptisms, while Templeberry had 6 and Kilmore 7.

The name appeared to die out in Toomyvara after 1847. This seems to be because Matthew Kennedy, born 1832, of Toomyvara, emigrated to Australia in 1855. He was the only Matthew Kennedy to voluntarily emigrate. Two other Matthew Kennedys of Tipperary were convicted of Whiteboy offences (assaulting habitations of landlords) and transported to Australia in 1845.

Matthew Kennedy Baptisms in Toomyvara Register

1832.06.30	Kennedy	Matt	Matt Biddy Kennedy Clonlea	Martin Kennedy Mgt. White
1834.05.11	Kennedy	Bridget	Mat Biddy Hogan Ballymackey	Js. Slavin Anne Fitzpatrick
1834.11.29	Kennedy	Jeremia	Pat Mary Kennedy	Mat Kennedy Bgt. Kennedy
1835.02.20	Kennedy	Mary	Matt Jane Kennedy Clonlea	John Crow Mrs. Cleary
1835.12.NR	Kennedy	Mary	Matt Betty Collins Clonlea	Wm Collins Ann Kenney
1837.03.01	Kennedy	Mary	Mathew Mary Kennedy Clonlea	Sally Kennedy Joe Connelly
1837.08.19	Kennedy	Sally	Mat Eliza Collins	Mat Kennedy Judy Horan
1838.12.23	Kennedy	Matt	Matt Betty Collins Clonlea	Jn. Kennedy Bgt. Collins
1842.08.08	Kennedy	Patt	Matt Mary Kennedy Clonlea	James Fogarty Bridg Kennedy
1844.03.07	Kennedy	John	Matthew Mary Delaney Clonlea	Patrick Kennedy Mgt. Rogarty
1845.04.NR	Kennedy	William	Matt Bgt Hogan Glenaguile	Dan Hogan M. Hogan
1846.05.22	Kennedy	Judith	Matt Mary Kennedy Clonlea	John Kennedy Mary Maher
1847.10.10	Kennedy	Mary	Matt Cath Ryan Toomevara	Laur. Maher May Maher



Another watercolour painting of the old Kennedy farm at Foilycleara. This one shows part of the cottage from the opposite side from the previous paintings on the Irish Kennedys Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/theirishkennedysbooks>. The place is unoccupied and the plaster has fallen from the walls leaving the bare stone. The yard is churned up by the cows and the old horse's cart waits in the barn for the horse that will never again appear. The blacksmith's gate can be seen in the left foreground.

BOOKS



Thank you very much 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.

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

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http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538832/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_eJBWub1QM13A6

http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538840/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_6OBWub0GQVHWH

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Goodbye for now.

Brian