

# Patrick Kennedy

JFK's great-great-grandfather · Co. Wexford → Boston, c. 1849

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Two primary-source records, with citations in Evidence Explained format and a verifiable link to the public archive for each. Every record below can be re-checked by you at the source URL — that's the point.

## RECORD 1 OF 2

### Roman Catholic baptism — New Ross parish, Co. Wexford

"Patricium Kenedy" baptised 7 May 1824. Parents: Thomas Kennedy & Maria Lee. Godparents: Joshua Jacks & Maria Connelly. Found by eyeball-search of the New Ross RC parish register within the 1822–1824 window matching Patrick's 1858 Boston death-cert age of 35. The 1824 baptism reconciles to age 34y 6m at death — a strong candidate for JFK's emigrant great-great-grandfather.

**Source:** National Library of Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, microfilm NLI 04260/01, page 97 (New Ross RC parish, Co. Wexford, Diocese of Ferns).

**Public archive:** [registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000634101](https://registers.nli.ie/registers/vtls000634101)

## RECORD 2 OF 2

### Griffith's Valuation — Dunganstown townland, Co. Wexford

Patrick Kennedy and John Kennedy listed as adjacent tenants of George & Adam Glasott in Dunganstown, Whitechurch parish, c. 1853. Family tradition holds Dunganstown as the Kennedy birthplace; this is the contemporary state-record corroboration. The two Kennedys are most likely a father (or uncle) and a brother of the emigrant Patrick.

**Source:** Griffith's Valuation of Tenements, c. 1853, Co. Wexford, Barony of Bantry, Whitechurch parish, Dunganstown townland; AskAboutIreland record 1395340.

**Public archive:** [askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation](https://askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation)

### *Honest assessment*

These two records anchor Patrick Kennedy's Irish origins to Dunganstown townland and suggest a parentage of Thomas Kennedy & Maria Lee (which contradicts the popular Kennedy-family genealogy giving "Patrick Kennedy Sr." as the father). Going further would mean: ordering the actual Boston death certificate for parents' names, deeper Whitechurch parish work to find Patrick's siblings, and tracking the family back through tithe applotment books. All sit inside our Family Outline (\$249) or Heritage Chronicle (\$899) tiers.

*Records sourced from Ireland's own state archives. Verifiable, yours forever.*