

# Peter Kennedy

1827-1907




Peter Kennedy was born in Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland in 1827. His bride, Mary Shoebottom, was also born in the same village


**Peter Kennedy** 1827-1907 • GH1C-5RD

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 **Peter Kennedy**  
1827-1907 • GH1C-5RD  
Marriage: before 1849  
Canada West, British Colonial America


 **Mary Shoebottom**  
1829-1898 • GH1C-55C


^ Children (5)

 **James Kennedy**  
1849-1915 • GH1Z-HZ7

 **Johnny Kennedy**  
1851-1851 • GH18-7Q2

 **William George Kennedy**  
1852-Deceased • GH18-41B

 **Mary Kennedy**  
1854-1926 • GH18-35Z

 **Ellen Kennedy**  
1857-Deceased • GH18-D3Q

Peter & his wife Mary Shoebottom went on to have five children, all of which were born in Canada. Census of Canada, 1861, the family was living in Ingersoll, Peter was keeping the Dereham House hotel, at the south east corner of King & Oxford Streets.

PERSONAL CENSUS.														Enumeration District, No. 2				of the Town of Ingersoll			
NAMES OF INMATES.	PROFESSION, TRADE, OR OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Married during the year.	RELIGION.	RESIDENCE, IF OUT OF LIMITS.	Age next Birthday.	SEX.		Married or Single.	Widowers.	Widows.	Colored Persons, Mulatto or Indian.	RESIDENTS.								
							Male.	Female.					Members of Family.		Not Members.						
													M.	F.	M.	F.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
Peter Kennedy	Hotel Keeper	Ireland	✓	R. Catholic	✓	33	1		M				1								
Mary Kennedy		"	✓	"	✓	29		1	M					1							
James Kennedy		W. Canada	✓	"	✓	12	1						1								
Mr. George Kennedy		"	✓	"	✓	9	1						1								
Mary Kennedy		"	✓	"	✓	6		1						1							
Helen Kennedy		"	✓	"	✓	4		1						1							
Sarah Philson		W. Canada	✓	"	✓	22		1						1							

## PETER KENNEDY

No personage seen on the streets of Ingersoll is more familiar than Squire Peter Kennedy, and few have more vivid recollections of events that have transpired in Ingersoll since he came here from London just fifty years ago. His rich Irish dialect, ready wit and rare faculty for telling a funny anecdote at once proclaim his nationality. After he came out from Ireland he followed the trade of a carpenter and builder in London for about nine years, then he came to Ingersoll and engaged in the grocery business, kept hotel in the Dereham House, and in 1861 he commenced buying hides, wool, grain, etc. For seven years he was market clerk, and he was one of the first trustees of the new Separate School. He has been a very generous supporter of his church, and liberal in his donations to any worthy cause or institution. For many years he was a justice of the peace.

In 1871 he re-visited the scenes of his boyhood days, and on four subsequent occasions at intervals of five years, he again crossed the ocean, taking his wife and other members of his family with him. In 1886 he had the distinguished honour of visiting the British House of Commons as the guest of the famous T. P. O'Connor, and hearing Hon. John Dillon and Hon. Joseph Chamberlain speak on the Irish question. Through letters of introduction from Sir Charles Tupper and Edward Blake he was privileged to visit the House of Lords. Two of his nephews on the staff of the Bank of Ireland, in Dublin, and another nephew and his daughter from Clonmel, have visited him at his hospitable home of King Street west, at "Maple Grove"

His beloved wife died eight years ago, and his present household are a daughter, Mrs. O'Gorman, and two granddaughters. The commodious and elegantly furnished home he occupies now was at one time the Methodist Church, which stood on Oxford Street, at the rear of the Central School. The parsonage is still there, being now occupied as a private dwelling.

While Mr. Kennedy lived in London he was a member of the old volunteer fire brigade, and he is the proud possessor of a handsome badge presented to the surviving veterans, who celebrated their jubilee a couple of years ago in London.



Home of Peter & Mary Kennedy, 88 King Street West, known to them as 'Maple Grove'.

The Bible Christian Church and parsonage were located on a lot on Oxford St. which is now part of the Victory Memorial School property. Both buildings have been removed. The frame church was relocated at 88 King St. West and became the home of Squire Peter Kennedy. Squire Kennedy was well respected in Ingersoll having been a man of many vocations. These included carpenter and builder, grocer, hotel keeper at the Dereham House, seven years as market clerk and the buyer of hides, wool, etc. Later the building was renovated to accommodate the Walker Funeral Home and residence.

above excerpt from 'Oxford Street, Ingersoll Heritage Tour, 1990'

**MRS. PETER KENNEDY.**

Tuesday morning, at her residence, King street west, the spirit of Mrs. Peter Kennedy took its flight. Deceased has been ill for a considerable length of time, and some weeks ago underwent a surgical operation from which she never recovered. The late Mrs. Kennedy's maiden name was Mary Shoebottom, and she was the youngest daughter of George Shoebottom and Mary Horan. She was born in the parish of Graun, County of Tipperary, Ireland, in 1830. On the 21st of July, 1848, she was married to Mr. Peter Kennedy, in London, Ont., and had she lived until the 21st of July next they would have been fifty years wedded. After residing in London for eight years, she removed to Ingersoll with her husband, where she has resided ever since. Besides a sorrowing husband, she leaves four children to mourn her loss, as follows: James, who resides at Ingersoll; W. George, Chicago; Mrs. O'Gorman, Ingersoll; and Mrs. Mackey, Brooklyn, N. Y. The funeral will take place from her late residence on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to the church of the Sacred Heart, thence to the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their sad affliction.

obituary of Mary Shoebottom Kennedy,  
Ingersoll Chronicle, 14 April 1898

# Daily Chronicle

INGERSOLL ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1907

## THE PASSING OF PETER KENNEDY

Died at His Residence This  
Morning After Four  
Weeks' Illness.

After a brave struggle extending over four weeks, with but a slight ray of hope from the first, Mr. Peter Kennedy passed away at his residence, King street west, about five o'clock this morning.

The first intimation which citizens received of Mr. Kennedy's illness was that his conditions was precarious, and since that time sincere expressions of sympathy have been heard on all sides, coupled with the fervent wish that he might be spared.

Although he had been in poor health for a few days before, it was just four weeks last night since Mr. Kennedy was compelled to take to his bed. At that time it was thought that the end was but a few days' distant, and anxious friends daily enquired as to any change in his condition. At times his condition showed a marked improvement, while again there were changes which dispelled all hope of recovery.

Always a familiar figure on the streets, Mr. Kennedy has been greatly missed, and not a day passed but many sympathetic and encouraging messages were delivered at his bedside. Now that he is no more a feeling of intense sorrow pervades the entire town.

The same energetic, hopeful spirit that marked his many years of activity in Ingersoll characterized the closing days of his life. Although 80 years of age, Mr. Kennedy was apparently rugged and his sudden illness came as a shock to his wide circle of friends.

Few if any, of Ingersoll's citizens, were more favorably known than the late Peter Kennedy. For the long term of forty-six years he had been closely identified with the business life of the town and by his sterling integrity and affable and unassuming disposition was deservedly popular with all with whom he came in contact. He always evinced a keen interest in the affairs of the town and country and never hesitated to give expression to his views on all subjects. With the possible exception of the "Emerald Isle" there was no place so dear to him as Ingersoll, and his loyalty was always manifested whenever an occasion demanded it. During his long residence here Mr. Kennedy had kept in close touch with the events of each succeeding year, and in this respect he was a most interesting conversationalist.

The late Peter Kennedy was born in Ireland in 1827. He came to Canada in 1847, and in 1861 he engaged in the hide business here, which he conducted most successfully until a few months ago.

The late Peter Kennedy was kind and generous to a fault and by his death Ingersoll has lost a citizen who was universally esteemed.

He is survived by two daughters and two sons, namely, Mrs. O'Gorman Ingersoll; Mrs. MacKie, New York; George and James of Chicago; also two granddaughters, the Misses Mamie and M. C. Kennedy.

obituary of Peter Kennedy,  
Ingersoll Daily Chronicle, 26 June 1907



Kennedy headstone,  
Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ingersoll