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On page 93 of this volume reference is made to the farming property known as "Lackabane."

On that estate Patrick Cournane was born during the spring of 1801. (Patrick became Bridget Courtney Shea's grandfather.)

The property name may also, more correctly, be spelled LOUGHABANE. In the Kerry region of Ireland, as elsewhere in the British Isles, the word LOCH, and LOUGH, directly signifies...lake.

Patrick's family resided of their farming land at Lake Abane.

\*Adjoining the Courtney farm the family of Spillane staked their land claim.

It is noted that in San Francisco on January 1, 1904 Con Courtney married one Julia Spillane.

yes!! It is highly likely that Julia was a direct descendant of the Spillane's who settled on the land next to Patrick's family.

Later in the 20th century Rose (Courtney) Hawkins and other members of the Courtney family visited the old family homesteads.

Rose was introduced to the location by a woman named O'Leary.

One of the earlier Learys, Johannah, married Daniel Courtney.

Daniel was Patrick's son.

Daniel and Johannah produced a number of children, including Bridget.

(After Johannah passed away Daniel remarried, and Con Courtney was a product of the second marriage.)

At Daniel Courtney's farm, Knockasartnett, rural life was lived in typical Irish fashion.

There was an "earth cellar," or root cellar, in which the family covered its harvest of potatoes with copious amounts of soil.

The sod would preserve the essential food staple until more portions were needed for the kitchen table.

Other home grown vegetables would have been similarly stored, turnips and the like.

The farm featured a fair-sized dairy industry.

Sheep were also maintained there.

(A latter day descendant of Daniel's, Patrick Courtney, passed away while still in ownership of the family homestead. Rose Hawkins has photos of the farm.)

*Was about 1920?*  
*in 1922 or so*

During the younger part of his life in Ireland Con and his siblings enjoyed living above the lakes of Killarney.

(Their immediate view also overlooked a cemetery.)

They had a world-famous panorama at their doorsteps.

It was splendid looking down over the hills.

(In modern times the Aghadoe Heights Hotel of 60 rooms occupies a spot that would have in earlier times spoiled the Courtney vantage point.)

Con brought with him to America his appreciation for beautiful, natural views.

Heading for outings to Half Moon Bay or Santa Cruz he treated the family to the scenery along Skyline Boulevard.

In viewing the Spring Valley Lakes Con mused, "This is just like Killarney, the lakes of home."

(Kenmare is the town where Margaret Courtney, later to marry William Dwyer, was born and raised.)

#### KENMARE

A post, fair and market town in the county Kerry, province of Munster, 155 miles from Dublin, which gives title of Earl to the Bruen family, of Killarney.

Here are a new church, Romish chapel, and Bridewell (a prison for minor offenses).

(The word "Romish" translates as Roman Catholic.)

Fair days, March 15, May 22, July 1, August 15, September 26, November 20, December 20.

Market-day, Saturday.

Population (in 1835), 1,072.

(Copied from the "Hibernian Gazetteer" printed in Dublin in 1835.)

There was a Lord Kenmare of England for whom the town was most probably named.