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Now follow the path of Obama's Roots in Ireland

President Barack Hussein Obama's roots in Ireland go back to 1850, when Falmouth Kearney, the 19-year-old son of a local shoemaker, left Moneygall to begin a new life in the United States.

The Kearney family probably originated in Tipperary before settling in County Offaly, then known as King's County, in the 1700s. One branch of the family moved to Dublin and entered the very profitable business of making wigs. By helping out with the wig-making business, the midlands relatives prospered enough to purchase property rights in Moneygall and Shinrone around 1800. By the time wigs fell out of fashion, the Dublin Kearneys had moved into more established professions. One served as provost of Trinity College, then became Bishop of Ossory. Meanwhile, in Moneygall, Obama's ancestors William Kearney (1762-1828) and his son Joseph (c.1794-1861) worked as shoemakers. Around 1825, Joseph Kearney married Phoebe Donovan. The couple had at least three children, including a son named Falmouth.

When famine struck in the 1840s, the Kearneys' world changed. In just five years, nearly a quarter of the people in Offaly starved to death, emigrated or perished from disease. During this desperate time, a surprise inheritance brought the Kearneys of Moneygall their best chance for survival. Years earlier, Joseph Kearney's younger brother Francis had emigrated to the United States. Just a week before his death in 1848, he filed a will in the courthouse in Circleville, Ohio. In it, he left a tract of land to his brother Joseph, "if he comes to this country". To pay for his family to emigrate, it is likely that Joseph Kearney sold his rights to property in Moneygall. Leaving his wife and children in Ireland, Joseph Kearney traveled to America to claim his land. In Liverpool, he boarded the Caroline Read, arriving in New York City on 25 April 1849. His eldest son followed soon afterwards. The passenger list for the Marmion, which entered the port of New York on 20 March 1850, includes a 19-year-old labourer named Falmouth Carney (Kearney). The next year, the last of the family said goodbye to Moneygall. Phoebe Kearney and her children William and Mary (Anne), entered New York on the Clarissa Courier on 28 August 1851.



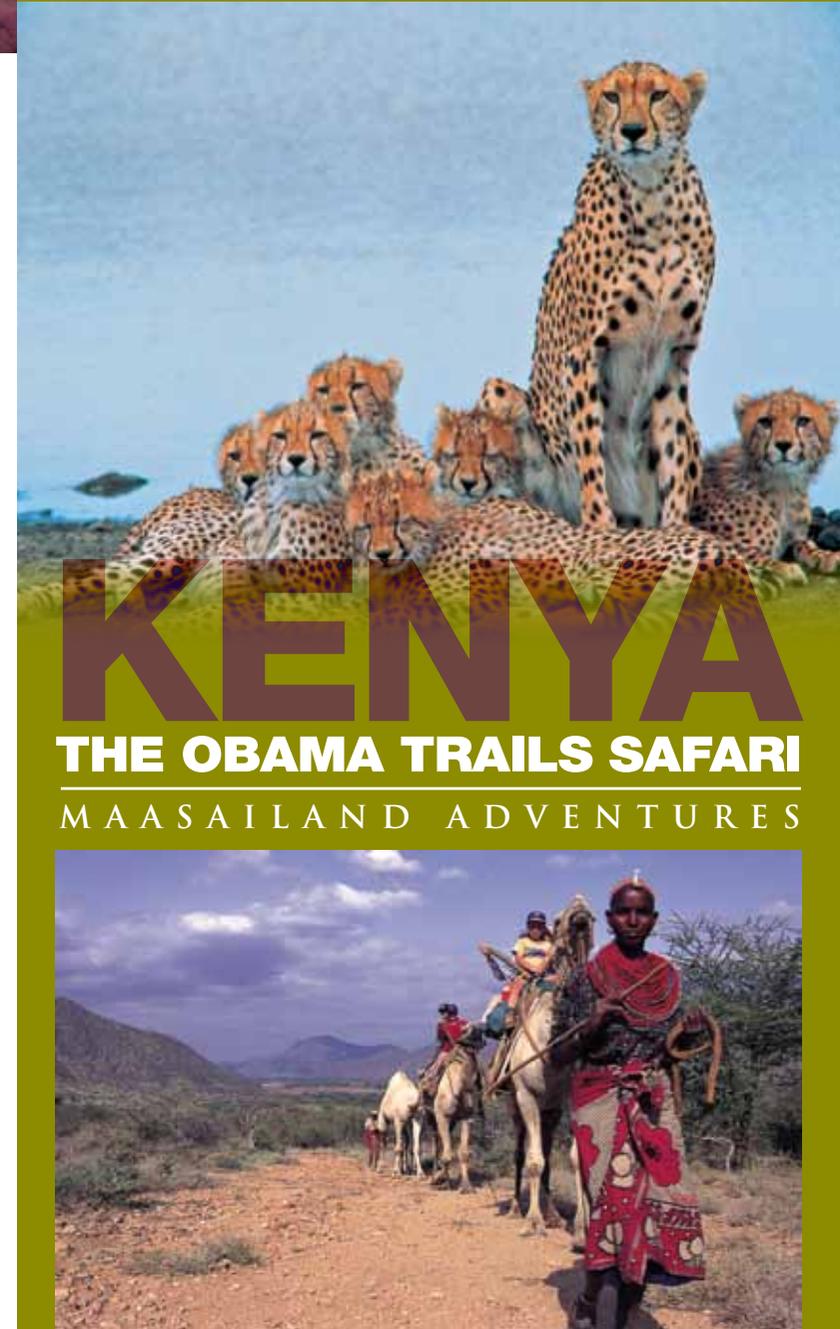
Two years after he arrived in America, Falmouth Kearney married Charlotte Holloway, with William Kearney - most likely his uncle - serving as Justice of the Peace. U.S. Census records from 1860 show that Falmouth, a farmhand, his wife Charlotte and several children were living in Deerfield, Ohio. Sometime later the family moved. In the 1870 U.S. Census, Falmouth Kearney is listed as a farmer in Tipton County, Indiana. Charlotte Kearney died in 1877, and Falmouth Kearney died the following year. They were survived by five daughters and at least three sons. Barack Obama is the great-great grandson of Falmouth Kearney's youngest daughter, Mary Ann.



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Follow the path of Obama's Trails in Kenya

President Barack Obama's ancestors descend from the Luo people of Kenya. His father Barack Obama Sr., was born in Alego, Siaya District in Nyanza Province along the shores of Lake Victoria. His grandmother, Sarah Anyango Obama lives in Nyang'oma Kogelo village, 30 miles west of Kisumu.

Day 1: Nairobi

On arrival clients will be met, briefed and transferred to a Nairobi Serena Hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 2: Nairobi - Nakuru

After breakfast depart for Lake Nakuru National Park famous for its abundance of flamingoes and also home to the Rothschild Giraffe, the rare water buck, pelicans, the black and the white rhino arriving in time for lunch at Lake Nakuru Lodge. A brief relaxation after lunch then depart for afternoon game drive in the park. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Day 3: Nakuru - Kisumu

After breakfast depart for Kisumu to visit the world famous grandmother "Mama Sarah Obama" in the now famous Kogelo village. Stop over at Kericho to enjoy the green scenery for tea plantation arriving in time for lunch in Kisumu. After lunch check in at Imperial Hotel. Brief relaxation and take an afternoon City tour of Kisumu. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Day 4: Kisumu

After breakfast depart for Kogelo village which is only 55 km from Kisumu town. This is the opportune time to visit the ancestral home of the President Barack Obama of the United States of America. You turn from Ndori on the Kisumu - Bondo road where the sign of the school named after the then Senator is. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5: Kisumu - Maasai Mara

After breakfast depart for the famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve arriving in time for lunch at Mara Serena lodge. A brief relaxation after lunch and then depart for afternoon game drive in the reserve. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Day 6: Maasai Mara

Early morning game drive and return to the lodge for breakfast. Spend the rest of the morning at leisure with lunch at the lodge. After lunch afternoon game drive in the reserve. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

Day 7: Maasai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast depart for Nairobi a stop at the Great Rift Valley View Point arriving in time for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, optional shopping before transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for the flight home.

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