

KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP MAILING LIST 41

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After my recovery from a very active 24th trip from Australia half way around the world to Ireland and back I am now putting together the results. It was great to meet up with many old and new friends at the Kennedy Gathering and elsewhere and to drive the byways of Ireland in search of Kennedy history.

I also added two more Irish farmhouses to the list with the total now being 56. Tom Kennedy of Derk, Pallasgreen, and his wife Phyllis, and Richard Kennedy of Clarina and his wife Helen demonstrated the hospitality for which Ireland is famous.

THE KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP

A meeting of Kennedys and Kennedy descendants was held at Rearcross, County Tipperary, Ireland at 5pm on Sunday 5th July 2015, prior to the 5th annual Kennedy Gathering.

Present were Chief Rody Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Barrister at Law, Limerick, Lawrence Kennedy, London, John and Joan Kennedy, Pollanorman, Joseph Kennedy, Kilkenny, Tom Kennedy, Borrisokane, Pat and Phyllis Kennedy, Garnafana, Toomevara, Mattie Ryan Larry, Windygap, Matt Ryan Luke, Nenagh, Brian Kennedy, Australia.

This was probably the first formal gathering of descendants of the former O'Kennedy chiefs and O'Kennedy farmers for several hundred years. The meeting included direct descendants of the old O'Kennedy chiefs together with lawyers, farmers, historians and teachers among others.

Brian Kennedy addressed the meeting about the results of extensive research that shows that the Kennedys have been in Upper Ormond for over 1,000 years. They survived the Normans, the Cromwellian dispossessions (having lost over 14,000 statute acres of land in Upper Ormond), and the penal times and are still in the Ormond baronies of North Tipperary in large numbers. He proposed to the meeting that the history of the Kennedys in their Ormond homelands be commemorated and memorialised in several ways through setting up a Kennedy Heritage Group. The meeting unanimously endorsed the proposal.

The mission of the Kennedy Heritage Group is to research, preserve and disseminate the history of the Irish Kennedys.

Committees were set up to engage in activities including:

- An executive committee to conduct meetings to facilitate the business of the Kennedy Heritage Group.
- Sub-committees including Legal, Public Relations, Research, Membership and General.

The first meeting of the executive committee was held at Rearcross on 13th August under the interim chairmanship of Michael Kennedy of Killyloughnane. Discussion was focused on managing group control of ownership of "The Kennedy Heritage" and development of the resource of Kennedy research and publications. Activities of sub-committees are also now underway in areas such as further research and publicity.

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

The final research has now been completed and the book is now in the hands of the proofreaders. Thanks very much to all who provided advice and additional information during my recent visit to the sites of Upper Ormond Kennedy history. The help has been invaluable.

When I started work on this book I had no idea that it would lead to the “Facts of history” (as referred to by Dr. Dermot Gleeson), providing such clear-cut evidence of the injustice suffered by the Kennedys when their anciently-held Tipperary soil was taken from them. I also had no idea that it would lead to the formation of a Kennedy Heritage Group to commemorate and memorialise the history of the Kennedys. This is probably a good demonstration of the value of objective research.

I am hoping to have the book printed and available by the end of October.

THE VALUE OF DNA TESTING – AND THE OCCASIONAL MYSTERY

DNA testing seems to be very much in fashion these days with a number of organisations offering to test our DNA to various standards for various sums of money. Occasionally, the recipients of the results of such tests may be mystified at what they seem to demonstrate. The following recent email outlines such a mystery. Please note that Canna is a tiny island to the south of the Isle of Skye off Scotland’s northwest coast. (See arrow on map below)

*I came across the book, authored by Brian Patrick Kennedy on the Irish Kennedys. I am a Canadian Kennedy and my people emigrated here from the island of Canna in 1791. I was surprised to discover that my Kennedy genes are not Scottish but Irish and of the Dal gCais tribes in the south of Ireland. So, I am searching to discover how my particular line ended up on Canna Island - far away from the southern counties in Ireland. Maybe you can tell me - How can I access the book?
Regards
Archie Kennedy*

My thought processes clicked into gear and I replied to Archie as follows:

Hello Archie,

Sean has passed your query on to me for a reply. In order to provide you with a quick response I will suggest a couple of possibilities that could have provided you with Dalcassian genes.

The Fiant of the Tudor Sovereigns list the names of thousands of Irish who were given pardons by the English. Fiant No.6761 of 26th February, 1603, lists members of Red Hugh O’Donnell’s army who retreated to Antrim after their defeat at the Battle of Kinsale in County Cork in 1601. Owen m’Gill Owen O Kenedie, Hugh bane O Kenydie and Teige duffe O Kennedy would have passed by their native county of Tipperary and remained with O’Donnell’s retreating army. The prefix O indicates that they were from Tipperary. These were the only three O’Kennedys who made it to Antrim with O’Donnell. Kennedys from Ormond and Clare are reputed by McLysaght (1985) and Breffny (1982) to have established the name in Ulster around 1600 but they don’t mention the Fiant. A possible move to Canna from Ulster would be a challenge to identify.

A second possibility is that your Kennedys may be descended from a career change from farmers and horseboys to boatmen and South Tipperary in 1608. Kennedys later made an appearance in Newfoundland in the 1700s. I have not been able to find any

Kennedy of Tipperary registered “The Three Brothers” in 1811 Kennedys who are identifiable before this as fishing boat crew. This second possibility provides a plausible explanation of how your Kennedy genes may have reached Canna by fishing boat. Were there any fisheries in the vicinity of Canna? We know that Irish Kennedys were involved in fishing from the early 1600s and some of their descendants eventually arrived as fishermen in Canada.

As a matter of conjecture, it seems that a southern Irish fishing boat from Waterford heading for Newfoundland would go north through the calmer Irish Sea rather than around through the wild west Atlantic. The first route could take the boat past Canna.

All the best with your research.

Brian

I am awaiting a response from Archie to see if he has any further information about either of the above possibilities.



THE NAME MICHAEL KENNEDY

This month we include the references to Michael Kennedy from the Toomyvara Baptism Register.

Toomyvara Baptisms

1832.07.12	Kennedy	Michael	Jas. Mary Kennedy Toomevara	Michael Hodgens Kitty Shanahan
1832.09.30	Kennedy	Michael	Dan Peggy N.R. Ballymackey	Mary Ryan Patt Peters
1833.01.20	Kennedy	John	Michael Biddy Fogarty Cloncannon	Patt Leamy Peggy Meara
1834.09.22	Kennedy	Michael	James Nancy Kennedy Clash	Philip Connell Mary Kennedy
1835.05.NR	Kennedy	Michael	Michael Bgt. Kennedy Cloncannon	Patt Flannery Cath. Ormond

1835.12.19	Kennedy	Michael	Tom Mary Kennedy Knockbrack	John Short Maria Short
1837.09.10	Kennedy	Michael	Pat Mary Hickey Park	Jas McGlothin Mgt. Cleary
1837.06.15	Kennedy	Michael	William Betty N.R.	Patt Murphy John Vicars
1838.10.NR	Kennedy	ML.	Michael N.R. Ballybeg	May Long B. Wiley
1841.11.28	Kennedy	Michael	Connor Bgt. Egan Laghile	John Dalton Catherine Kennah
1842.05.17	Kennedy	Michael	Patt Mary N.R. Clonolea	Jno. Conel Cath. Whelan
1847.07.04	Kennedy	John	Michael Mary Gleeson Aghnameadle	John Kennedy Bgt Gleeson
1847.10.10	Kennedy	Patt	Michael Bgt Meehan Park	Patt Cleary Mat Kennedy
1848.08.09	Kennedy	Michael	John Bgt Deane Toomevara	Andrew Tierney Mary Peters
1848.04.23	Kennedy	Michael	William Cath Tuohey Lismore	Jeremiah Kennedy Mary Tuohey
1849.09.NR	Kennedy	Hugh	Michael Biddy Mihan Park	Michael O'Meara Mary Connell
1853.10.12	Kennedy	Michael	John Meagher Catherine Kennedy Aghnameadle	Honora Regan
1853.06.29	Kennedy	Thomas	Michael Bgt Costelloe Barnastock	James Cummins Mgt Bermingham
1855.04.23	Kennedy	William	Michael Margaret N.R. Grenanstown	James Kennedy
1855.06.24	Kennedy	John	Michael Mgt Costelloe Barnastock	Mgt Gleeson Patrick Meara
1856.02.25	Kennedy	Michael	Michael Bgt Meehan Park	Pierce Nagle Kate Meagher
1865.06.25	Kennedy	John	Michael Anne Clifford	Stephen Madden Mrs. Margt. Kennedy
1866.06.29	Kennedy	John	Michael Judy Moylan	Thomas Morcan Ellen Moylan
1868.05.01	Kennedy	James	Michael Johanna Moylan Laghile?	Jas Maher Biddy Meara
1870.10.15	Kennedy	Michael	Michael Judy Moylan Blean	Daniel Kennedy Mgt Leamy
1870.09.29	Kennedy	Michael	Cornelius Mgt Shanahan Laghile	Mgt Kennedy Ml. Kennedy
1873.11.30	Kennedy	Cornelius	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	Cornelius Kennedy Judy Guilfoyle
1875.06.10	Kennedy	Daniel	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	Ml Guilfoyle Mgt Kennedy
1876.02.09	Kennedy	William	Michael Kate Kennedy Ballybeg	Thomas O'Donnell Minnie O'Donnell
1876.07.06	Kennedy	William	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	James Guilfoyle Mary O'Brien
1877.08.14	Kennedy	Thomas	Michael Judy Moylan Blean?	Patrick Boland Mary Kennedy
1882.06.09	Kennedy	Patrick	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	Patrick Donovan Ellen Harty
1886.01.05	Kennedy	Michael	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	Martin Kennedy Ellen Kennedy
1886.06.30	Kennedy	Timothy	Michael Catherine Kennedy Ballybeg	Thomas Meara Ellen Meara
1890.05.01	Kennedy	Michael	John Kate Tierney Clonolea	Rody Tierney Norah Cummins
1890.06.22	Kennedy	Michael	Thos Mgt Morrissey Ballymackey	Thos Loughnane Mgt Kennedy

1891.12.24	Kennedy	Thomas	Michael Anne Guilfoyle Aghnameadle	Ed McCormack Johanna Kennedy
1892.12.11	Kennedy	Michael	John Mgt Heenan Ballymackey	Frank Heenan Mgt Kennedy
1895.11.11	Kennedy	Michael	Dan Jane Brislane Garrynafana	Michael Fitzgerald

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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.

Copies of “The Mountainy Kennedys” Volumes I and II and “The Irish Kennedys” will be available at the Kennedy Gathering on July 5th.

If not sold out they can usually be obtained Internationally from the website at:
<http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm> (Air Mail)

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

Brian