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



Chief Rody Kennedy

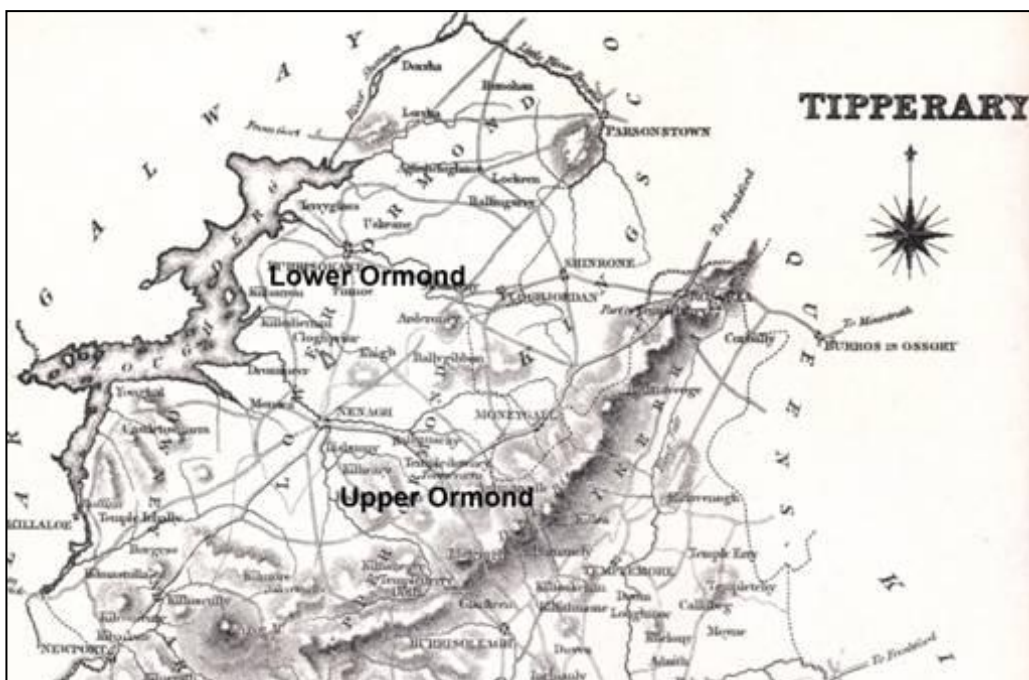
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Welcome to this edition of the Kennedy Heritage Group Mailing List. New members are being included regularly and we are very pleased to list them. The Kennedy Heritage Group is now well underway towards management of group control of Irish Kennedy heritage and the development of the resource of Kennedy research.

The latest book “The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil” is now available. In Ireland it can be obtained from Chief Rody Kennedy at Kennedy’s Shop and Bar in Rearcross, Tipperary. Drop in and have a chat with Rody and Ann while collecting your copy. They will be very pleased to see you. Internationally the book can be obtained via “The Irish Kennedys” web page at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>. The page contains a link to Amazon.com from which it can also be obtained.

Work has now begun on “The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Further Claims to Tipperary Soil”. This is a massive undertaking and it is hoped to have it available for launching in the middle of 2016.

For those of us not familiar with the territory it can sometimes be confusing to see that Lower Ormond is to the North and Upper Ormond is to the South. This is not the normal map convention but is related to the elevation of the land. Samuel Lewis comes to the rescue in his Topographical Dictionary of Ireland, 1837. In the picture we can clearly see that Upper Ormond has a lot of high ground while Lower Ormond is on the plains beside Lough Derg.



FINDING THE HOME PLACE

One of the great joys of family history research is finding your home place. After searching for many years Tom Kennedy of Derk, Pallasgreen, County Limerick, was able to walk into the cottage where his great grandfather William was born in 1842. Now converted into a barn with the old thatched roof gone and the building roofed in tin, the old cottage is still there at Foilycleara, high in the mountains on the Tipperary border.

It was my great privilege to take the photograph of Tom standing outside the cottage for the first time on the day I showed him where my great grandfather Martin was born. Yes – we discovered our great grandfathers were brothers and we were third cousins.

The message about family history research is to never give up, there is always something more to find.



THE NAME BRIAN, BRYEN, BRYAN KENNEDY IN ORMOND

Brian was the youngest of the twelve sons King Ceineidi of North Munster, the founder of the Irish Kennedy family. As Brian Boru he was the last great Ard Ri or High King of Ireland.

Persons of the name Brian O’Kennedy and its variants are listed in the records as follows:

Abbreviations

AFM	Annals of the Four Masters
BD	Books of Distribution
BJ	The Last Great Brehon Judgment 1584
CS	The Civil Survey of 1654
Fiants	Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns
Inq.	Inquisitions of Queen Elizabeth
OD	Calendar of Ormond Deeds
PF	Panel of Freeholders C1580
RIA	Royal Irish Academy

1002	Brian, son of Kennedy, Ard Ri of Ireland.	AFM
1358	Brian O'Kennedy, chief of his nation.	OD
1572	Brian O'Kenedy, farmer, Lackeen	Fiants
1573	Bryan O'Kenedy	OD
C1580	Brian MacDonogh O'Kennedy of Rath Thurles	PF
C1580	Brian O'Kennedy MacDonnill of Leackin, Gent.	PF
C1580	Donill Duff MacBrian O'Kennedy of Annagh.	PF
C1580	Brian O'Kennedy MacDonnill, Lackeen.	PF
1581	Bryen alias Barnabe O'Kenedy, Ballyhimickin.	OD
1584	Brian O'Kennedy, son of Conor, Ballycapple.	BJ
1584	Brian O'Kennedy, son of Daniel of Lackeen	BJ
1588	Brian O'Kennedy Finn. Lackeen.	AFM
1599	Brian Oge O'Kennedy	CC
1602	Brian m'Owly O'Kenedy, gent.	Fiants
1603	Brien O'Kenedy, yeoman.	Fiants
1608	Brian O'Kennedy of Ballihimickyn	OD
1617	Brian O'Kennedy	Inq.
1628	Brian O'Kenedie of Lackeen	Inq.
1629	Brian O'Kennedy	Inq.
1640	Brian O'Kennedy of Ballycapple	CS
1640	Donogh, son of Brian O'Kennedy Finn. Lackeen.	CS

A further extensive listing of persons with this name is contained in "The Mountainy Kennedys – Vol.2 – Linking Past and Present". These are mostly in the baronies of Upper Ormond and Owny and Arra. The Brian Kennedys in Lower Ormond barony are in the process of being listed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject: Your book on the Kennedys

Dear Mr. Kennedy

I have been researching for my family tree and your book has been a wonderful source of information for me. You even have an appendix 2 devoted to my aunt Maura Ryan's (Barracks) research and other information from my uncle Tom Ryan (Barracks).

I was wondering if in the course of your research you found out any information on another relative of mine, who died in Australia at the age of 112. His name was Frederick William/Timothy Harrington. His brother, John, married an Ellen Kennedy in 1848. I know that John and Ellen's daughter, Winnie, married a Martin Murphy and lived in Kilmore, but I don't know where John and Ellen lived.

Frederick Harrington apparently was a Governor in Australia and would have been born around 1800-1820 judging by the marriage date of his brother John and his niece Winnie was born in 1851. There were 9 siblings. I have tried unsuccessfully to find out any information on Frederick and am hoping that you came across his name during your research. If you are able to give me any information or even an idea of where I could look next, I would be extremely grateful. I don't know what Australian state he was in. It is also possible that his brother Tom emigrated to Australia.

I was also wondering if you had thought of doing a similar book for the Ryans. It would be wonderful to see that.

I hope you do not mind me emailing you. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Kathleen Ryan (Barracks)

Borrisoleigh

County Tipperary

Thanks to Kathleen for this letter. All enquiries are always welcome. If anyone can help Kathleen with her search please contact us. In addition, she has posed a mighty challenge for all of the Ryans out there. There are still a few Kennedy books to be written which will take up much of my available time but I would be very happy to act as an advisor to a group of Ryans who want to make sure their history is not forgotten. (NOTE: The Ryan book is now available)

.. and another from Christina Gorman.

Good afternoon Brian,

Thanks for keeping updated with all your research etc.

Have you come across the following Kennedys?

Catherine Kennedy (1816) of Gleninchaveigh, Upperchurch, Co Tipperary who married Michael Hughes in (1858). Both are buried in Dolla Cemetery and Ellen Kennedy of same address who married John Harrington in (1848) and buried in Dolla Cemetery. My understanding is that they lived around Curreeny area. Catherine and Ellen Kennedy are sisters of my great, grandfather Condry Kennedy.

Please ask if anyone has anyone got information on them.

With best wishes,

Christina Gorman.

In "The Upper Ormond Kennedys" I mention that there are no Kennedy headstones to be seen in Dolla graveyard although there would probably have been Kennedy burials there. Is anyone able to help Christine with her queries?

BOOKS



JFK's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors reprint is now available.
The Upper Ormond Kennedys is now available from Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop at Rearcross or from the Irish Kennedys website

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 orders. The Irish Kennedys and Mountainy Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop. Rearcross. Tipperary. Ph. 062 79104
The Bookworm Bookshop. THURLES. Tipperary. Ph. 504 22257.
The Bookshop. Friar Street. NENAGH. Tipperary
The Kennedy Homestead, DUNGANSTOWN. Wexford. Ph. 051 388 264

Internationally, books can be obtained from the website at:

<http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm> (Air Mail)

or from Amazon at:

http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538832/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_eJBWub1QM13A6

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

http://www.amazon.com/dp/0958538867/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_nQBWub0TTVM2T

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Goodbye for now.
Brian Kennedy

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