

# kennedy heritage group



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



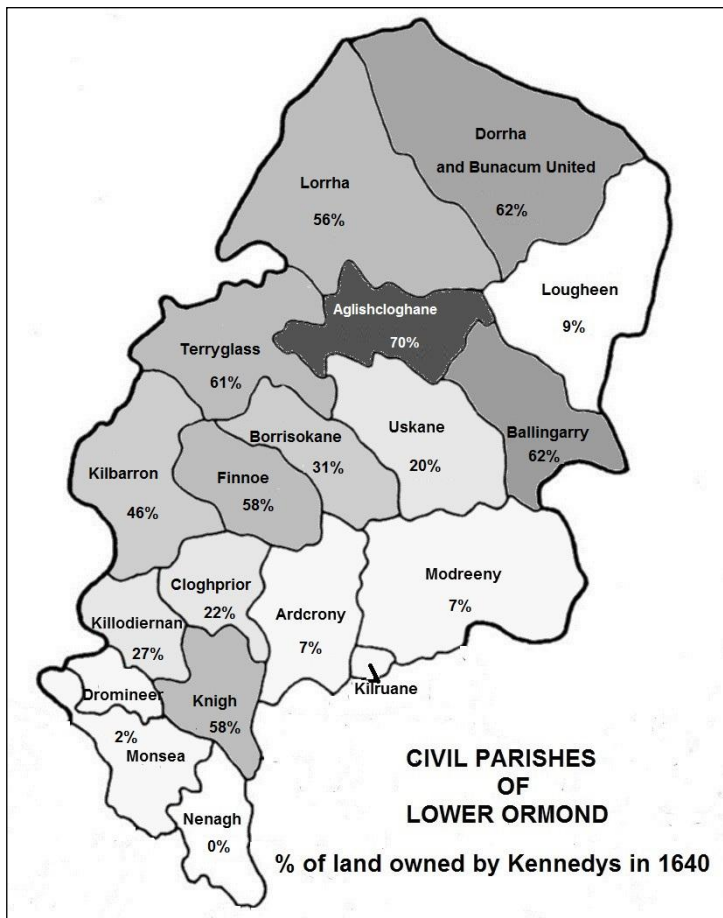
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Welcome to this edition of the Kennedy Heritage Group Mailing List. New members are being included regularly and we are very pleased to list them. The Kennedy Heritage Group is now well underway towards management of group control of Irish Kennedy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

## LOWER ORMOND LAND OWNED BY THE KENNEDYS

This map below shows the Civil Parishes of Lower Ormond and the percentages of land recorded in the Civil Survey of 1654 as being owned by Kennedys in 1640. The shading indicates the amount of recorded land held in each of the Civil Parishes. Aglishcloghane Parish has the largest Kennedy ownership of 70% of the recorded land. Nenagh Parish has no recorded land owned by the Kennedys. It is interesting to note the larger percentages are generally held in the northern part of the Barony and the lesser percentages are held in the southern part of the barony. This is in keeping with the evidence that the Kennedys first regained some of their ancient Dalcassian territory in the north and then gradually spread southwards. The Kennedy land ownership in the different parishes is provided in much detail in the upcoming book "The Lower Ormond Kennedys".



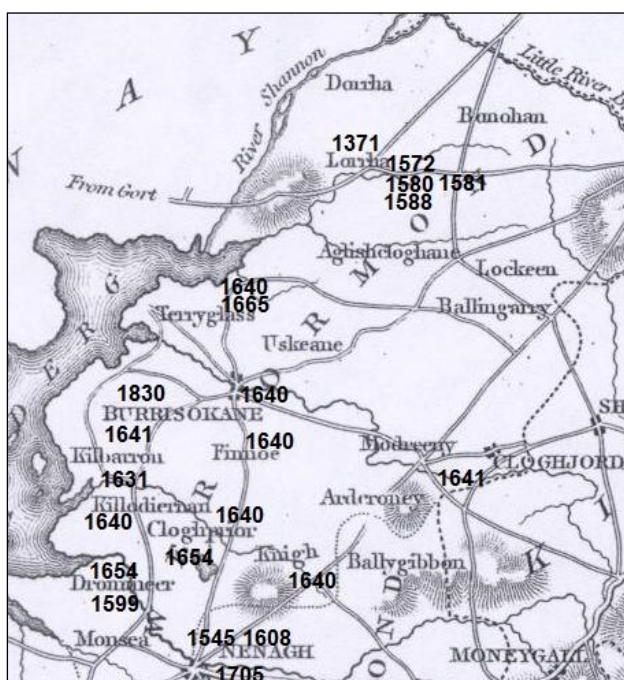
## DO YOU KNOW ANY KENNEDY FARMERS IN LOWER ORMOND?

Work is proceeding 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.

In order to assist with the research, I would like to get in contact with any Kennedys who are currently farming in Lower Ormond. The name Kennedy reappears many times in the records up to the present time and I am particularly interested in talking with those who are engaged in farming. If you can assist me with this search I would be very grateful.

## THE NAME BRIAN, BRIEN, BRYEN, OR BRYAN KENNEDY IN LOWER ORMOND

Brian was the son of Rory Mor O’Kennedy who was O’Kennedy Fionn or the Lord O’Kennedy in the early 1300s. Brian followed him as O’Kennedy Fionn. Research for the next book “The Lower Ormond Kennedys” has shown that all of the senior Kennedys with this name are descended from Rory Mor. The location and dates of references to Brian Kennedys in Lower Ormond barony are shown on the map below.



Year and location of occurrence of the name Brian, Bryan, Bryen, or Brien Kennedy in Lower Ormond records

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A surprise for Christina Gorman

Dear Brian,

Thank you for the Mailing List No 43.

I was very interested in the following correspondence:

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.*

*Yesterday afternoon, I spoke with Tom Ryan (Barracks) about John and Ellen Harrington (nee Kennedy) with a view to obtaining Ellen's mother's maiden name. I couldn't believe it when I received your e-mail this a.m. and found reference to this family by Kathleen Ryan (Barracks). Which of your books is she referring to? The only one I haven't got yet is your last one.*

*Thanks for all your help.  
With best wishes,  
Christina Gorman.*

### **A referral from Patrick Grennan at the JFK Homestead and Visitor Centre**

*Hello Brian*

*I was given your name by Patrick Grennan when I recently went to visit the Kennedy homestead in Dunganstown, Wexford - I found the whole visit amazing and Patrick has done a great job recreating the images and atmosphere around the infamous visit of JF Kennedy in 1963.*

*The reason for contacting you is that I mentioned to Patrick that my father Patrick Aiden Kennedy was born and raised in Carlow and it had often be mentioned in family circles that we were related to President JF Kennedy's family - this may just be a family myth but it would be fantastic to be able to prove it or not and Patrick suggested I contact you as the world expert in the Kennedy genealogy.*

*I can provide you with the following information -*

*My father Patrick Aiden Kennedy born - on the 31st July 1925 at Tullow Hill in the district of Tullow, Carlow and died on May 9th 1997 in Stretford Manchester, England. His father was William Kennedy who died in Killinure, County Wicklow 13/11/35 at the age of 47 years and his mother was Margaret Murphy who was born on 26 March 1899 and died 14 Jan 1978 in Rochdale England - Margaret mothers was Sarah Bulger who lived in Ireland around in Tullow area.*

*I am providing this information on Margaret Murphy as I note there is a Bridget Murphy 1821 - 1888 who is detailed as a descendant of JF Kennedy on the family tree at the Kennedy homestead - so there may be another link here.*

*Thank you in advance for any information and help you can provide.*

*Kind regards*

*Yvonne Brown (Kennedy maiden name)*

Over time, I have received quite a number of queries related to potential family relationship with the Kennedys of which JFK is a descendant. My research shows that the name Kennedy spread down from North Tipperary to areas along the River Suir in South Tipperary before 1600. From there they spread into Kilkenny and along the river to Waterford and Wexford.

Attempting to trace the relationship of Kennedys back from one or two recent generations is an enormous challenge. I am seldom able to make any verifiable connections from limited information. However, there is always the possibility that someone may be able to research their own lines far enough back, at least until the early 1800s, to provide evidence for a connection. In the meantime, if anyone can help Yvonne with her query, their advice would be most welcome.

### **BOOKS**

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.



Note: JFK's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors is out of print and will be reprinted.  
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 Mountain 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:

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Goodbye for now.  
Brian Kennedy