

# Irish Kennedy Heritage Group



Lackeen Castle

The mission of the Irish 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. Particularly welcome are the new members who are receiving the list for the first time. If you know of other people who would like to be added to the list please have them send an email to me at the address at the end of this newsletter.

## 2016 KENNEDY GATHERING

The 2016 gathering of the Irish Kennedys is programmed as follows:

Date: **Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: 8.00 pm  
Location: Anglesey Lounge, Rody Kennedy's Bar, Rearcross, County Tipperary

## KENNEDY CASTLES TOUR

A Kennedy castles tour is being planned to take place during the day of the Gathering. It will start and terminate at Rearcross. If you are interested in participating in this tour please advise the number of people you will have with you. Castles to be visited include Tullaun Castle which was owned by Dermot na Brosny O'Kennedy. This castle has been undergoing a wonderful renovation by Kevin and Sonja Bergin. The work they have put into Tullaun has to be seen to be believed. If you would like to help with this renovation visit their website at <http://www.tullauncastle.com/>

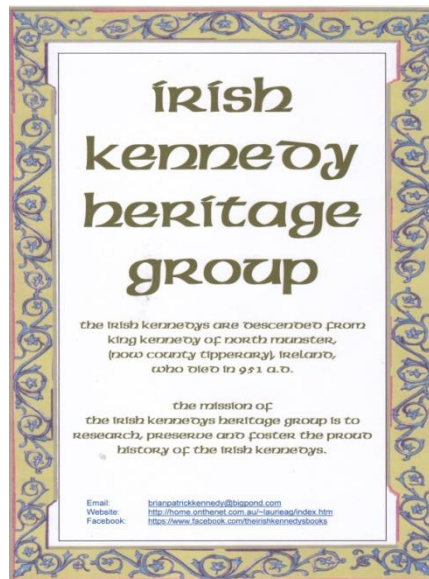
## KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to become a member of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group please email me and a PayPal invoice for the equivalent of €20 will be sent to you. This facility can be availed of by people world- wide. The subscriptions will be used to further the aims of the group. Members will receive an Irish Kennedy Heritage Group membership scroll on parchment as shown. Each scroll will be individually signed by myself and sent by post to the member.



## IRISH KENNEDY DISPLAY AT NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

Nora O'Meara of the Nenagh Heritage Centre has kindly made space available for a display of Irish Kennedy material. Arrangements are being made for the display to be set up so that visitors to the Heritage Centre with an interest in the Kennedy family will have an opportunity to follow up on their history.



## THE NAME STEPHEN KENNEDY IN THE LOWER ORMOND BAPTISM REGISTERS

Date of Baptism	Surname	First Name	Parents	Witnesses
1834.05.16	Kennedy	Rose	Nicholas Peggy Brien	Stephen Kennedy Peggy Maher
1839.09.08	Kennedy	Mary	Stephen Hon. N.R. Knigh	Patrick Dwyer Bgt. Connors
1840.12.24	Kennedy	Stephen	Patt Eliza N.R. Kyle	Mary Kelly
1842.04.21	Kennedy	Bgt.	Stephen Honor N.R. Knigh	Patrick Fahy Bgt. Kennedy
1848.08.15	Kennedy	Denis	Stephen Cath. Sheedy	MI. Ryan Hon. Mara
1851.10.15	Kennedy	Mary Anne	Stephen Kate Sheedy	Patt Gaynor Judy Sheedy
1854.11.25	Kennedy	Stephen	Stephen Mgt. N.R.	Tom Sheedy Mgt. Clerihan
1858.11.21	Kennedy	Rody	Stephen Mgt. Flannery Petersfield	Brien Trassy Alice Kelly
1860.04.23	Kennedy	Hon.	Stephen Mgt. Flannery Petersfield	Peter Kelly Wfd. Flannery
1861.05.06	Kennedy	Mary	Stephen Mgt. Flannery Petersfield	Patt Flannery Winy Flannery
1862.10.19	Kennedy	Patrick	Stephen Mgt. Flannery Peterfield	Rody Kennedy Bgt. Wild
1865.03.28	Kennedy	Alice	John Wfd. Flannery Paterfield	Stephen Kennedy Mrs. Kennedy
1867.08.16	Kennedy	Stephen	Stephen Mgt. Flannery Peterfield	Jno. Flannery Johanna Gleeson
1868.11.08	Kennedy	Patt	Stephen Anne Darcy Kyle	Martin Darcy Johanna Darcy
1870.05.10	Kennedy	William	Stephen Anne Darcy Kyle	William Darcy Bridget Kennedy

1871.05.14	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	Jno. Mgt. Kennedy Knigh	Jim Kennedy Nora Slattery
1871.06.28	Kennedy	Bgt.	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt. Flannery Peterfield	Dvd. Donovan Mrs. Gleeson
1874.04.06	Kennedy	Eliza	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy Kyle	John Doolin Mary Walsh
1876.03.14	Kennedy	Martin	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy	William Darcy Honora Darcy
1878.01.30	Kennedy	John	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy Kylenasheskeragh	Patrick Shanahan Margaret Bevans
1882.05.14	Kennedy	Dan	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy Kylenasheskeragh	Tom Meara Anastasia Loughnane
1882.05.14	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy Kylenasheskeragh	Tom Meara Anastasia Loughnane
1883.08.26	Kennedy	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>Stephen</b> Anne Darcy Kyle	Edward Bevans Margt. Bevans
1896.11.29	Kennedy	Mt.	<b>Stephen</b> Mgt. Flannery Peterfield	Jno. Kennedy Mary Kennedy

## A COMMUNICATION FROM JIM RYAN

*My name is James (Jim) Ryan from Melbourne and last week I received my order for the following three books: The Irish Kennedys, The Upper Ormond Kennedys & The Mountainy Kennedys Volume 2 . Firstly thank you for the magnificent job that Brian Kennedy and many others have done in compiling these fascinating insights into Irish history and more particularly that of the Kennedys of Tipperary.*

*As my name would suggest I am descended from Ryans from Tipperary (and Limerick) and I have encountered the dual frustrations of the limitations of Irish records as well as trying to trace the surname Ryan from this region.*

*In view of this, I recently had my DNA tested and arranged the same for my mother (my father died several years ago). From these results, I have many Kennedy DNA matches on both my maternal and paternal lines. My four closest Ryan matches all come from the parish of Newport, so it is unsurprising that I have several Kennedy matches and I am eager to explore these connections.*

*Someone recently sent a copy of Monsignor Roger Kennedy's book, which contained many clues and compelled me to purchase the above three books to further my research.*

*On page 305 of 'the Mountainy Kennedys Volume 2', under the heading of Kilcommon, you have detailed the research of a Gail from Victoria, who has traced her line of Kennedys that includes Mary Kennedy (daughter of John Kennedy & Bridget Carey), who married John Stapleton in Ballarat and who died in Camperdown in 1916. One of my DNA matches is with this Mary Kennedy, so I would be interested in getting in contact with Gail. I am unsure whether you are able to provide people's email address. If not, I am happy for you to forward this email to Gail and for her to contact me.*

*In closing I think that it is great to see the level of enthusiasm for this type of research and the willingness of people to share their information. I am sure that Monsignor Kennedy and his father and grandfather would be thrilled that their passion for family history has continued to grow thanks to the dedication of the generations that have followed them. What a wonderful legacy.*

Hello Jim,

Thanks for your enquiry. Firstly, let me apologise for the late response. Sean is overseas at present and I have only just received your message.

There is an old saying in Tipperary – “You can’t throw a stone around here without hitting a Ryan”. You have probably heard it. I have many Ryan relatives there including Donnacha who plays Rugby for Ireland.

I am currently finishing my sixth book on the Kennedys. Someone in Tipperary asked me if I would be writing books about the Ryans. I said they would have to do that for themselves but I would be happy to advise.

I have had a look for Gail's contact details without any luck. I receive a great many contacts and have to reduce the load on my inbox every now and then. I do put out a monthly newsletter and can include your request in that. Perhaps we will get a response.

Monsignor Roger Kennedy is from the same Kennedys as mine. I have visited Knocknamoheragh many times and sat in the kitchen where he wrote his notes on his trips home.

I am glad you are enjoying the books.

Brian

## **...AND AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROFESSOR COLLEEN CARTWRIGHT**

*Hi Brian*

*I recently came across some information from the 1851 England Census that shows that my GG grandfather Thomas Kennedy (b1791) and GGM Margaret (Regan) Kennedy (b 1806) and lots of their children were living in the Walsall Foreign Parish in Staffordshire England at that time (and it seems, at least from 1843) but they were back again in Toomevara by the time Thomas died in 1864.*

*Irish research record, Person ID 943168 or 941168 (hard to read) says: Thomas Kennedy of Monanore, Parish/District of Toomevara, Nenagh, Tipperary d 18/5/1864, buried 28/05/1864.*

*I guess lots of people from Ireland went to England when times were very tough "at home"*

*Toomevara is in Lower Ormond, isn't it? I'm looking forward to the next book.*

*Cheers*

*Colleen Cartwright*

*Emeritus Professor, Southern Cross University*

*Hi again Brian*

*I'd like to join the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group. By any chance can I pay my membership fee by direct debit into your account here in Australia? If so, can you please give me the account details and tell me how much 20 euro is in Australian dollars?*

*I have never used PayPal so if that is the only way I can do it I will need instructions*

Hello Colleen,

You are in luck. Toomevara is in Aghnameadle Parish in Upper Ormond. "The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil" was published last year. As an example, a quick check of the Toomevara Baptisms included in the book reveals Patt, baptised 1834.03.26, son of Tom and Mgt. Kennedy of Blean, witnesses Michael Regan and Mary Cormick. There are others. There is also a listing of Thomas Kennedy of Monanore in the Civil Survey c 1850.

Your Irish Kennedy Heritage Group membership scroll will be in the mail shortly.

All the best.

Brian

*As we live so close can I come & buy a copy of that book from you?*

*I went to the Parish House in Toomevara & "minutely scoured" the Baptism registers. I have all the Baptisms to Tom & Margaret - including one which says Margaret Ryan but I know for sure is Regan, even if Norah O'Meara refuses to accept that.*

*There is no record in the Toomevara registers for the 4 oldest children but I have since found one of them Baptised in Limerick, so I'm assuming the others might have been too. Possibly Thomas & Margaret lived there for a while before going back to Toomevara.*

*Thanks for all your Kennedy work.*

*Warm regards*

*Colleen*

Hello Colleen,

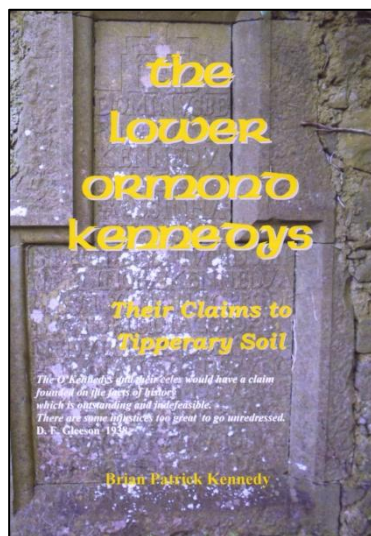
Your scroll is on the way.

I also have a double whammy at the moment. My Colleen is laid up with a broken leg and I have to care for her. In addition I have the flu coming on. It is probably best to get Sean to send you a PayPal invoice for "The Upper Ormond Kennedys" and to send the book to you post free. We can catch up at some later time when Colleen and myself are fit and well again.

Brian

## THE LOWER ORMOND KENNEDYS

The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil has been sent to the printers. I am expecting a proof copy soon. It is planned to launch this book at the Kennedy Gathering at Rearcross on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



## BOOKS

Drop in and have a chat with Chief Rody and Ann at Rearcross while collecting your copies of the Irish Kennedys books. They will be very pleased to see you.

Internationally all books except for the one on JFK 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.

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/0958538832/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_eJBWub1QM13A6)  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtsQKz-VAUw&feature=youtu.be>

Goodbye for now.

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