

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 17th**
Time: 8.00 pm
Location: Anglesey Lounge, Rody Kennedy's Bar, Rearcross, County Tipperary

TULLAUN CASTLE TOUR

Castles to be visited during the Kennedy castles tour on 17th July 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/>

If you would like to see an amazing bird's eye view of footage kindly taken by Cathal Ryan Arc Images, Limerick, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/oXfLFWVgm74>

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 below. Each scroll will be individually signed by myself and sent by post to the member.

AN EXCHANGE OF EMAILS WITH SARANN SLATTERY IN MINNESOTA USA

From: Sarann Slattery
To: Brian Kennedy
Subject: Heritage Group

Hello Brian, what fun to receive your citation in today's mail. Thank you. I am fascinated that you identify me in "Minnesota". Now I am wondering where else in the USA there might be Heritage Group members. Perhaps that is an unreasonable request but it would be very interesting. Thank you again, so many of us are very grateful to you. Sarann Ryan Slattery

Hello Sarann,

I am pleased that you received your scroll OK. It is a challenge to administer something like this from where I live in Australia but the process seems to be working satisfactorily. We currently have Kennedy Heritage Group members in Ireland, UK and Australia. I am also pleased to advise that you are No.1 member for the USA - the first of many we hope. Now that we have the Kennedy Heritage Group display set up in the Nenagh Heritage Centre we anticipate a lot more contact from Kennedys and their descendants who are in the area looking for their ancestors.

All the best.

Brian



IRISH KENNEDY DISPLAY AT NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

An Irish Kennedy Heritage Group display is now on view at the Nenagh Heritage Centre.

The Kennedys and their forebears have been in the Nenagh area for at least a thousand years. The late Dr. Dermot Gleeson wrote "It is to be feared that the direct descendants of the former O'Kennedy 'lords of Ormond' have largely forgotten the proud story and heritage of their ancestors". The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group has been established to ensure that the history of the Kennedys is commemorated. All Irish Kennedys and their descendants now have a reference point in the geographical centre of their ancient territory.

The display consists of documents relating to the history of the O'Kennedys together with ancestry charts and a series of books about the Irish Kennedys. Kennedys with historical family documents and charts are invited to submit them for inclusion in the display.

Many thanks to Nora O'Meara of the Nenagh Heritage Centre and Phyllis Kennedy of Garnafana, Toomevara, secretary of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group, for their work in getting this display established.

The Nenagh Heritage Centre is located in the Governor's House, Kickham Street, Nenagh, and is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.



Nenagh Heritage Centre

FAREWELL TO TIM KENNEDY

After a short illness Tim Kennedy of Gannavane, Rearcross, has passed away. Tim was a well known figure as he cycled his way around the roads of Tipperary and Limerick. The picture of Tim below was taken one day when I met him along the road doing what he loved.



Tim Kennedy of Gannavane

THE NAME PAUL KENNEDY IN THE LOWER ORMOND BAPTISM REGISTERS

While it is not common among the Kennedys, the first name Paul appeared in various places in Lower Ormond during the nineteenth century.

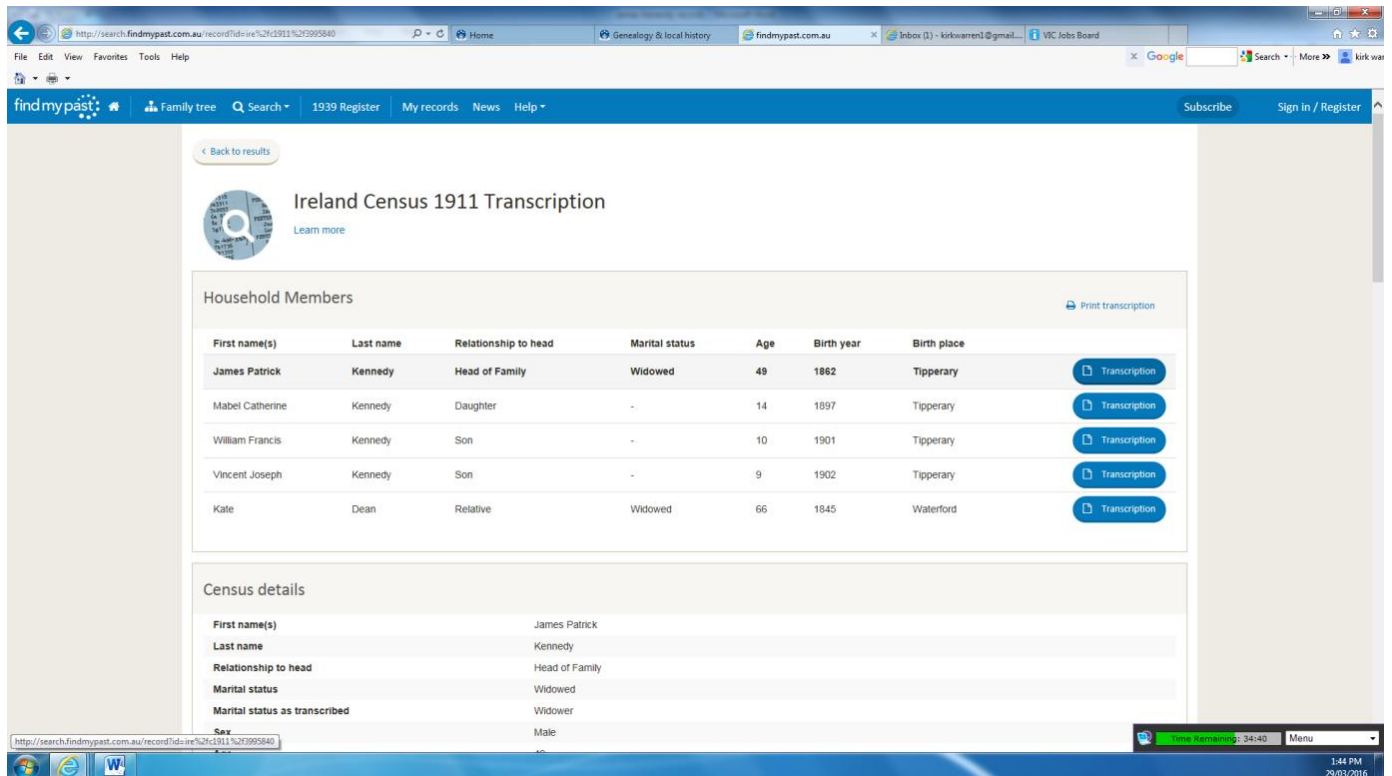
Date of Baptism	Surname	First Name	Parents	Witnesses
1831.08.04	Kennedy	Paul	Denis Mgt. Gleeson Lisheenboy	Steph. Carthy
1833.04.08	Kennedy	Edward	Paul Maria Kennedy	Michael Noonan Winifred Noonan
1837.01.28	Kennedy	Paul	Matt Cath Dooling Kylepark	Thos. Maher Anne Dooling
1839.03.14	Kennedy	Margaret	Michael Mgt. Cahill Kylepark	Paul Kennedy Anne Kennedy
1859.08.14	Kennedy	Michael	Paul Mary White	Thos. White Mary Kennedy
1861.04.14	Kennedy	Ellen	Paul Mary White Kylepark	Thos White Anne White
1863.02.27	Kennedy	Thomas	Paul Mary White Eglish	M. White Mrs. White
1865.12.12	Kennedy	Denis	Paul Mary White Eglish	Mr. Kennedy Mgt. Cahill
1867.02.10	Kennedy	Margaret	Paul Mary White Eglish	Danl. Cahill Mrs. Cahill
1869.07.25	Kennedy	Anne	Paul Mary White Eglish	Francis Cleary Margaret White
1871.03.20	Kennedy	Mary	Paul Mary Whyte	Mary Callinan
1874.06.13	Kennedy	Mary	Paul Mary White	Thos Kennedy Ellen Kennedy
1874.06.29	Kennedy	Peter Paul	Patrick Sophia Pigott	Thomas Tobin Mary Grady
1876.07.07	Kennedy	Anne	Paul Mary White	Mr Gavin Teresa Delaney
1878.09.03	Kennedy	Paul	Paul Mary White	Denis Kennedy Mgt Kennedy
1907.01.04	Kennedy	Paul	Thos Mary A. Cleary	Mr Cleary Anne Kennedy

A MESSAGE FROM KIRK WARREN

Kirk warren has written from Victoria, Australia, to advise he is now an Irish Citizen and has his passport. His first use of the passport will be when he enters Ireland later this year.

He is still keen to hear from any relatives from James P Kennedy, born 1862, and who lived most of his life in Carrick-on-Suir. He was the Clerk of Courts.

Attached are family details from Census. Kirk is descendent from Mabel who married an Australian.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the findmypast website. The page title is "Ireland Census 1911 Transcription". Below the title, there is a "Household Members" table with the following data:

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship to head	Marital status	Age	Birth year	Birth place
James Patrick	Kennedy	Head of Family	Widowed	49	1862	Tipperary
Mabel Catherine	Kennedy	Daughter	-	14	1897	Tipperary
William Francis	Kennedy	Son	-	10	1901	Tipperary
Vincent Joseph	Kennedy	Son	-	9	1902	Tipperary
Kate	Dean	Relative	Widowed	66	1845	Waterford

Below the table, there is a "Census details" section with the following information:

First name(s)	James Patrick
Last name	Kennedy
Relationship to head	Head of Family
Marital status	Widowed
Marital status as transcribed	Widower
Sex	Male

THE STORY OF THE IRISH KENNEDY BOOKS

For over seventy years, writing has been part of my life. In the early 1940s I learned to write with a steel pen nib dipped in ink with the help of my many older sisters and brothers. By the time I was five years old in 1945 I was penning my contribution to the family letters that were sent to my older brothers who were serving in the Australian army in the Pacific during World War II. By the early 1950s I had been introduced to the writing of essays by the Christian Brothers in Bundaberg. Brother Ryan, fresh from Ireland, lingers in my memory as the person who brought literature and writing to life for me. I left school at the age of fourteen to venture out into the wide world and took with me a keen interest in reading and writing.

By 1970 I was beginning to think about my Irish ancestry. My father had died some years before and he had always told us that we were descended from King Kennedy of Ireland who died in battle at the age of eighty-three. With little information to go on I set about trying to find out more about my Kennedys. Over the next twenty-three years I collected a large amount of information about Ireland and a little amount about my Kennedy ancestors. In 1993 my son Sean and I visited Ireland for the first time. This was the first of what were to be twenty-five visits for me. We located the farm that my great grandfather Martin Kennedy left to go to Australia in 1863. We also met a few of the many Irish people who were to become good friends over the coming years.

I had commenced what turned out to be fifteen years of university study at the age of forty-two. Several units on research methods were part of my masters degree course. Empiricist, interpretive and critical approaches to research were methodologies with which I became very familiar. These turned out to be very valuable when it came to researching the Irish Kennedys.

My bookcase and shelves were bulging with information about the Irish Kennedys and, after several more visits to Ireland by 1997, it seemed appropriate to put a summary of this into a book that

would be available to others. In 1998 “The Irish Kennedys – The story of the rebellious O’Kennedys” was published. This book was well received but I soon realised that there was much more to be added. By 2005 a much larger second edition was ready for the printers.

More visits to Ireland and discussions in Irish farmhouses followed. When following up on the history of my Kennedy family in the mountains of North Tipperary it became obvious that there was a large unwritten history of the many Kennedy families who were descended from those who sought refuge in the mountains after the Cromwellian dispossessions in the mid 1600s. More research followed and “The Mountainy Kennedys – Tipperary stayputs” was received from the printers in 2012.

During one of my early visits to see Patrick Grennan at the Kennedy Homestead in Dunganstown, County Wexford, I was told by Patrick that they knew next to nothing about the Kennedy ancestry of US President John F Kennedy. The late president’s ancestor had left the homestead to travel to the US but they had no knowledge of where his Kennedy family originated in Ireland. Following a request from Patrick another research project was initiated. “John F Kennedys Irish O’Kennedy Ancestors” was published in 2012.

More research into the Kennedys in the mountains resulted in the publication of “The Mountainy Kennedys – Linking past and present” as a second volume in 2014. Much feedback was received from Kennedys across North Tipperary as a result. I was asked “When are you going to write about the Kennedys from further north?” After a lot more research I was able to write the history of “The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their claims to Tipperary soil” which was published in 2014. The inevitable question was to follow – “What about the Lower Ormond Kennedys?” After a further twelve months research and writing “The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Their claims to Tipperary soil” has just been published.

I did not set out to write a series of books about the history of the Irish Kennedys. Had I conducted a feasibility study into such a project it would not have made the grade. Had I known of the travel and time and effort and the personal expense that was to be involved the detailed history of the Irish Kennedys would have gone unwritten.

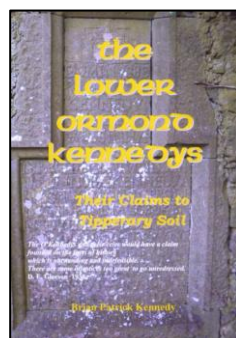
Fortunately over the years I had developed the skills to bring it all together. Using my computer ability I was able to type every word, complete the artwork and set up every book ready for sending to the printers. Most of all, however, the driving force was deep inside me to ensure that the history of the Irish Kennedys would not be forgotten.

Many people have contributed to my efforts to preserve and foster the history of the Irish Kennedys and I am deeply indebted to them all. My sons Sean and Laurence have provided significant support in a number of ways. Their strong interest in their Kennedy history has manifested itself in the technical and administrative support so important for a project like the Irish Kennedy books.

Brian Patrick Kennedy

THE LOWER ORMOND KENNEDYS

The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil has been received from the printers. It is planned to launch this book at the Kennedy Gathering at Rearcross on July 17th. In the meantime, for those who will not be able to attend the Gathering in July, copies are available on Amazon at the address below.



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 links to Amazon.com from which they can also be obtained. These links are also shown below.



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 mountainykennedys@gmail.com
or from Amazon at:

[The Irish Kennedys - The Story of the "Rebellious O'Kennedys \(Second Editon\) - Order on Amazon](#)

[The Mountainy Kennedys: Tipperary Stayputs - Order on Amazon](#)

[The Mountainy Kennedys Volume 2: Linking Past and Present - Order on Amazon](#)

[The Upper Ormond Kennedys - Order on Amazon](#)

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Goodbye for now.

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