

# 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

Mailing List No. 50 May 2016

## welcome to our 50th edition

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the communication that began as the Mountainy Kennedys Mailing List on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. It has recently undergone a metamorphosis to become the newsletter of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group.

The objective of the first mailing list was to provide a means of circulating information about the descendants of the Kennedys who went into the mountains of North Tipperary after being dispossessed of their lands in the Cromwellian confiscations of 1652.

Many descendants of the Irish Kennedys now regularly receive this newsletter and the geographical scope of Kennedy history has expanded far beyond the mountains.

When the first mailing list was circulated "The Irish Kennedys – The Story of the Rebellious O'Kennedys" and "The Mountainy Kennedys – Tipperary Stayputs" had been published. In the last four years they have been joined by "John F Kennedy's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors", "The Mountainy Kennedys, Volume 2, Linking Past and Present" and "The Upper Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil". Preparations are in hand to launch "The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil" at the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group Gathering at Rearcross in County Tipperary on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Fifty editions have provided the opportunity to circulate a significant amount of information about the Irish Kennedys. As recipients have joined the mailing list they have received the information from that point onwards. This means that they may not have had the opportunity to read earlier editions. Much of the information has been incorporated in the four books published since 2012 but a considerable amount has not.

In order to make all editions of the mailing list generally available, my son Sean Kennedy has kindly volunteered to publish an **Internet Blog** that will provide appropriately edited posts in order from the first issue. This blog will commence shortly and you will be advised of the contact address. In the meantime, content from the very first short mailing list is presented at the end of this communication.

## SIXTH ANNUAL KENNEDY GATHERING

The 2016 gathering of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is scheduled as follows:

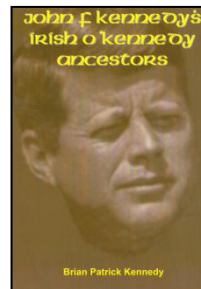
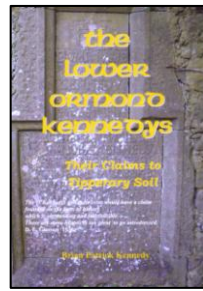
Date: **Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: 8.00 pm  
Location: Anglesey Lounge, Rody Kennedy's Bar, Rearcross, County Tipperary

Among preliminary items for a proposed agenda are:

**Introductions.** I have been advised that we have people coming from Canada, US, Australia and UK in addition to those from various counties of Ireland. We would like to introduce attendees so that we know who is present.

**Presentation of a genealogical chart to Chief Rody Kennedy.** The chart shows our chief's ancestry and his descent from O'Kennedy chiefs on both sides of his family. This chart will then be put on display.

**The launch of "The Lower Ormond Kennedys" book.** Tom Kennedy of Tombricane, Borrisokane, will be the lead speaker for this. Tom was an enormous help in the research for this book and he lives in the area and knows the people well, having taught there for many years.



"John F Kennedy's Irish O'Kennedy Ancestors" is currently being reprinted and copies should be available at the gathering.

**Presentation of membership parchments.** Chief Rody Kennedy will present membership parchments to a number of IKHG members who have paid their subscriptions but have not yet received their parchments. Attendees will also be invited to subscribe to membership of the IKHG and receive their parchments from Chief Rody.

**Facilitated group discussion about the IKHG aims and objectives.** This will cover the setting up of the group for the future and proposed projects. It will also cover the Kennedy display at Nenagh Heritage Centre.

(Note: Conversation was a challenge at the last gathering due to the music. Chief Rody has indicated that the next gathering will be music free so that we can converse to our heart's content.)

### O'KENNEDY CASTLES TOUR

An O'Kennedy Castles Tour is planned to commence from Chief Rody's at Rearcross at 10am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. At this stage a number of people have indicated they would like to participate. The first castle to be visited is Tullaun at Lisquillibeen near Puckaun. Owners Sonja and Kevin Bergin will be there to welcome the group. We will then go to Terryglass for lunch. Following that is a visit to Lackeen castle, the home of Brian O'Kennedy, the last great O'Kennedy Fionn. This is a national monument and the public are free to enter. Other castles we are proposing to include in the tour are Ballycapple, Killowney and Cloghenane (Castle Otway) near Templeberry. Then the group goes back to Rearcross in time for the gathering at 8 pm.

If you would like to see an amazing bird's eye view of footage of Tullaun castle kindly taken by Cathal Ryan Arc Images, Limerick, click on the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/oXfLWVgm74>

## 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.

Attendees at the IKHG gathering on July 17<sup>th</sup> will be able to subscribe and have their parchment presented on the night by Chief Rody Kennedy.



## IRISH KENNEDY DISPLAY AT NENAGH HERITAGE CENTRE

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

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.

## 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 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 Internationally from the website at: <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm> (Air Mail)

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](#)

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

**NOTE:** Delivery for orders from Amazon are by surface mail from Australia and **this can take an extended period of time**. Please be patient if ordering this way.

**WARNING: Books are not available digitally on line. Do not provide credit card details to any site purporting to have digital copies available.**

### **JOIN THE IRISH KENNEDYS ON FACEBOOK**

This mailing list will continue to come out monthly and will be sent to all recipients by email. In addition, find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/theirishkennedysbooks>

If you are on Facebook and would click on "Like" on this page it would be appreciated.

Your comments on this page are most welcome.

### **Click on the Kennedy chief inauguration with sub titles on You Tube**

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

Goodbye for now.

Brian Kennedy

WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAINY KENNEDYS MAILING LIST

This list provides a means of circulating information about the descendants of the Kennedys who went into the mountains of North Tipperary after being dispossessed of their lands in the Cromwellian confiscations of 1652.

A considerable amount of information is provided in the book "The Mountainy Kennedys – Tipperary Stayputs" which was launched at Rody Kennedy's Lounge at Rearcross on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Many Kennedys and their relatives attended from as far away as England.

Since the launch the following information has become available:

R.I.P:

The funeral of Joan Kennedy of Reafadda was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our sympathies are extended to her brothers Dan and Paddy. See p.274.

ERRATA:

p.62. Caption to photograph of Ellie Murray should read (nee Ryan)

p.195. Picture provided as of Lizzie Kennedy is of another person.

BREAKTHROUGH

p212. Following some earlier investigative work by Jim Kennedy and his son Brian of Pallaskenry Co. Limerick and formerly of Toureenbrien, I visited Templederry old cemetery with Jim on May 15<sup>th</sup>. After some searching and removal of soil and vegetation covering an old graveslab the following was revealed:

IHS  
ERECTED BY JEREMIAH  
IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER  
LONG ANDREW KENNEDY  
OF KEEPER WHO  
(the rest is indistinct – possibly aged 81 yrs)  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE  
AMEN

Further searching revealed a finely carved headstone pushed up against the wall and covered in vegetation. This read:

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HERE LIETH THE BODY OF  
HUGH KENNEDY WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL  
Y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1766 AGED 70<sup>Yrs</sup>  
THE LORD BE MERCIFUL TO HIS SOUL  
AMEN

This is absolute confirmation of the story that Long Andrew Kennedy is buried in old Templederry graveyard. It also leads to the opportunity for further investigation into whether Hugh Kennedy of Glencroe was his father or uncle as proposed by Fr. Rody Kennedy. The Templederry burials are also an indication of Lower Ormond origins. Another interesting aspect of the inscription on Hugh's stone is that the same person and date are inscribed on the bottom of the nearby headstone of the Kennedys of Gleninchaveigh (Glown) near Upperchurch. This is all the more interesting as the Glown Kennedys went there after being evicted from Loughane Lower which is 1km west of Templederry village.

Ongoing research is proposed into the possibility that the various Kennedys buried in old Templederry cemetery may be closely related transferees from Lower Ormond. This may exclude the Kennedys who married into the Harringtons from elsewhere in the mountains.

### CRONAVONE KENNEDYS

Fergus O'Dwyer and his father Paddy of Boherlahan, Cashel, have thrown some light on the Kennedys of Cronavone (see p 145). It appears that there were two Kennedy families in Cronavone who were not closely related. Fergus's mother's Kennedys were connected with the Kennedys of Shanballyard and are buried in Latteragh. These Kennedys were from Castle Hill Ballynahow and Seskin a short distance south east of Cronavone. The other Kennedy family of Cronavone is related to the Glastrigan Kennedys. More research will clarify this further.

### KILNANEAVE

There is always more information to be found. Kilnaneave graveyard was omitted from the book because there seemed to be no relevant Kennedy headstones. I am now informed by Michael Kennedy of Killyloughnane, north of Nenagh, that his ancestor William Kennedy went there after being evicted from Sragh near Kilnaneave. The family burial ground is Kilnaneave. What is very interesting is that William is a significant name among the Kennedys of Pollanorman which is adjacent to Sragh. P135 discusses the history of the name William Kennedy in these areas.

### VISITS

While in Ireland I had many enjoyable visits to Irish houses. The total is now 53. Included was a conversation-filled evening at the home of John and Grace Kennedy, Loran, Roscrea. Tim Lee's story of the move from Toor to Loran provided a great background to the visit. Many old friends were visited together with some newer ones. I'm very sorry that limited time prevented me from visiting many other friends.

### BOOKS

Thanks to all who purchased "The Mountainy Kennedys" and "The Irish Kennedys". The proceeds are a start on defraying the expense of printing and travelling to Ireland although I have been glad to pay for the privilege. Further copies can be obtained in Ireland from:

RODY KENNEDY'S BAR AND SHOP. REARCROSS. TIPPERARY Ph. 062 79104

Or internationally from the website at <http://home.onthenet.com.au/~laurieag/index.htm>

If you have any further information about the Mountainy Kennedys that you would like to share your contribution would be most welcome.