

Irish Kennedy Heritage Group



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



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WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP.

Many descendants of the Irish Kennedys in a number of countries now regularly receive this newsletter and we are continually welcoming new members. If you wish to put your name or the name of friends or family on the list please contact me at the email address at the end.

KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP MEETING.

Rearcross. 20th October.

Topics discussed at the meeting included:

- Progress update on naming of stretch of M7 Motorway as Presidential Motorway with sign saying 'Welcome to Kennedy Country' to be sought from Councillor Roger Kennedy.
- Possibility of getting Leader Funding to help with setting up of Irish Kennedy Heritage Group website.
- We also welcomed a new member to the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group – Sam Kennedy from Cheshire, U.K. whose ancestors hailed from Co. Laois and who Brian believes may have descended from the Ballycapple Kennedys.
- The continuing addition of photographs and documents to The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group display in the Heritage Centre, Nenagh by Phyll Kennedy.
- More and more descendants of Long Andrew Kennedy have expressed an interest in upgrading the memorial in Templederry Old Graveyard. The hope is that Mark from Victoria, Australia, Tom from Pallasgreen and Michael from Killyloughnane will convene in Templederry at some time in November to consider some possible options

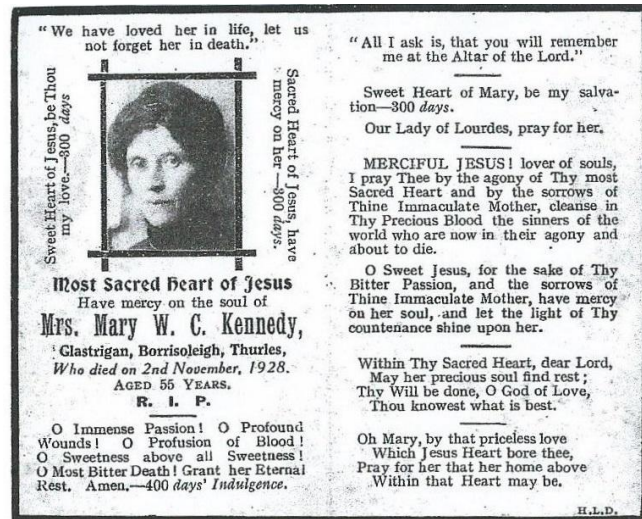


IKHG committee members taking a short break.

Notice Mattie Ryan (Larry) holding paper bag later to reveal its valuable contents. Also in photo Phyll Kennedy, Secretary, Michael Kennedy, Chairperson, Tom Kennedy, Derk, Pallasgreen, Chief Rody and Mrs Mary Ryan (Larry).

WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

Where Kennedys meet conversation flows and so it was at the recent get together in Rody Kennedy's in Rearcross. Mattie Ryan (Larry) produced some memorial cards that his wife Mary had come across in their house. They featured Kennedys of Glastrigan, some with photographs, some without, and Mattie was hopeful that I might be able to identify some. Imagine my disbelief and delight when I picked out a memorial card of my own Grandmother, Mrs Mary W. C. Kennedy of Glastrigan, with a photograph. There in Rearcross I saw for the first time in my life what my paternal grandmother looked like.



There must be hundreds/ thousands of memorial cards lying around in presses, drawers etc. with people not quite realising how valuable they can be in tracing our ancestral relations. If you have any Kennedy memorial cards that you think may be of interest please forward copies of them. We will add them to our collection of Kennedy memorabilia for future reference.

KENNEDY MEMORIALS FROM THE 1700s

There are tangible memorials to our Kennedy ancestors who lived in the 18th century that can be observed in graveyards across North Tipperary to this day. Some of these memorials are for Kennedys who were born in the late 1600s, less than 50 years after Cromwell dispossessed the Kennedys of most of their lands. These memorials are only the tip of the iceberg as there were many other Kennedys who either did not have memorials erected to them or, if they did, their memorials are now unreadable due to the ravages of time.

Year died	Memorial to	Age	Year born	Erected by	Location	Barony
1704	James Kennedy			Bernard Kennedy	Dorrha	Lower Ormond
1729	Paul Kennedy	49	1680		Lorrha	Lower Ormond
1756	The Kennedy Family			Daniel Kennedy	Aghnameadle	Upper Ormond
1764	William Kennedy	60	1704		Kilkeary	Upper Ormond
1766	Hugh Kennedy	70	1696		Templederry	Upper Ormond
1766	James Kennedy	58	1708		Borrisokane	Lower Ormond
1767	Michael Kennedy	70	1697		Modreeny	Lower Ormond
1769	Roger Kennedy	53	1716		Kilkeary	Upper Ormond
1772	Michael Kennedy	49	1723		Aghnameadle	Upper Ormond
1777	Phillip Kennedy	66	1711		Kilmore	Upper Ormond
1778	Timothy Kennedy	66	1712	Timothy Kennedy	Latteragh	Upper Ormond
1779	Roger Kennedy	?2			Killodiernan	Lower Ormond
1782	Brien Kennedy	76	1706	Dennis Kennedy	Monsea	Lower Ormond
1783	Darby Kennedy	73	1710	Mary McDaniel	Ballygibbon	Upper Ormond
1787	Timothy Kennedy	50	1737	Rody Kennedy	Ballinaclough	Upper Ormond
1787	Daniel Kennedy	63	1724		Lorrha	Lower Ormond
1788	Mathew Kennedy	48	1740	Martin Kennedy	Templederry	Upper Ormond
1790	Michael Kennedy	63	1727	Matthew Kennedy	Killoscully	Owney & Arra
1794	Cornelius Kennedy	46	1748		Aghnameadle	Upper Ormond
1797	Roger Kennedy	33	1764		Kilkeary	Upper Ormond
1798	Denis Kennedy	87	1711		Ballymackey	Upper Ormond
1799	Thos. Kennedy	74	1725		Lorrha	Lower Ormond

SOME KENNEDY TALL STORIES

Rory Mor O'Kennedy was chief of the Lower Ormond O'Kennedys in 1337 when he signed agreements with the Normans. In Irish his name is Ruad ri mor. This literally translates as red-king-big. So he was a big red-headed leader. Perhaps this is where the height gene fits in. Rory Mor was an ancestor of Long Andrew Kennedy via James of the Deer O'Kennedy of Ballycapple in Lower Ormond. Long Andrew Kennedy is reputed to have been 6' 10" tall. Mark Kennedy of Australia has a cousin who is a descendant of Long Andrew who is also very tall. Matt Ryan Luke of Nenagh is also a descendant of the Kennedys of Ballycapple. His son Donnacha, the Irish Rugby player, is 6' 7" tall. Sam Kennedy from Cheshire says that at 6' he is the shortest male in his family which includes Big Phil who is 6' 7". His people were farmers in the Clonaslee area of Laois not far from Slieve Bloom. This is only a few miles from Ballycapple and raises the intriguing possibility that his ancestors went to booleys in the mountains of Slieve Bloom rather than transplant to Connacht. If you have any Kennedy tall stories to add please let us know.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

In order to make all earlier editions of the original mailing list generally available, Sean Kennedy has kindly volunteered to publish an **Internet Blog** that will provides appropriately edited posts in order from the first issue. You will find the Blog if you click on

<http://tikhg.blogspot.ie/search?updated-min=2016-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&updated-max=2017-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&max-results=1>

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