

# 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 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.

### Garravane Kennedys Get Together in Rearcross

Mark Kennedy from Geelong, Melbourne, Australia, with his son Rogan spent a number of days travelling through North Tipperary recently tracking down Kennedy relatives. Mark's research led him to discover that he is descended from the Kennedys of Garravane and that he is a second cousin of Tom Kennedy, Derk and Maureen O Malley (nee Kennedy, Garravane). To mark his visit a large gathering of the extended Kennedy clan gathered in Chief Rody's bar in Rearcross. where a large display of his family memorabilia was on display.



Display of Garravane Kennedy memorabilia

Well done to Maureen and Denis O Malley for organising such a wonderfully informative night and Rody and his good wife Anne were as always very hospitable hosts. During their action packed break Mark and Rogan managed trips to the Cliffs of Moher, The Rock of Cashel as well as Nenagh castle , Tullaun castle , Lackeen castle and the IKHG display in Nenagh Heritage centre and also the grave of Mark's ancestor Long Andrew Kennedy in Templeberry.



Mark and Rogan Kennedy signing the Visitors' Book at Irish Kennedys Display, Heritage Centre, Nenagh.



Rogan Kennedy, Denis O Malley, Mark Kennedy in a window of Lackeen Castle.

Long Andrew's Grave.

Michael Kennedy, Killyloughnane, Tom Kennedy, Derk, Mark Kennedy, Geelong, and Maureen Kennedy, Garravane – all descendants of Long Andrew, have been discussing options to better mark the old burial site. Expect to see the fruits of their discussions in the near future. If any other descendants of Long Andrew wish to be involved they can e-mail me at the address at the bottom of the newsletter.

## IRISH KENNEDY NICKNAMES

Brian MacKennedy or Brian of the tributes, known as Brian Borumha or Brian Boru, was the youngest son of Cinneidi, (Kennedy) or Helmet Head, King of North Munster. When he became Ard Ri or King of Ireland in 1002, Brian decreed that all families should take a distinguishing family name to be passed down the generations. The name Kennedy was adopted by the son of Brian's late brother Donn Cuan.

It appears that some families may also have dropped the name Kennedy over the centuries. Rather than using names such as John McDaniel Kennedy indicating that they were son of Daniel they simply became John McDaniel.

Unlike other families such as the Ryans who adopted hundreds of nicknames to differentiate between their family groups, the Kennedys appear to have adopted few nicknames. Some of these are listed below. If you have any others to add to the list please let us know.

Kennedy Andy	Cloghinch
Kennedy Bost'n	Cloghinch
Kennedy Bostin	Cloghinch
Kennedy Charley	Killoscully
Kennedy Dans	Foilduff
Kennedy Drummer	Foilduff
Kennedy Fox	Knockfune (Kilnarath) and Bealaclave
Kennedy Franks	Windygap
Kennedy James	Loughaun Upper
Kennedy Johns	Foilduff
Kennedy Mick the Post	Curreeny
Kennedy, Peelers	Foilduff
Kennedy, Hanna	Glastrigan.

## How Wills can Provide valuable Information

Brian Patrick Kennedy, in The Gold Coast, Australia unearthed the following gem in his research and has kindly passed it on for inclusion in this newsletter.

The attached will is that of Bryan Kennedy of Foilycleary, next to the farm at Foilycleary which was held by my great great grandfather Patrick Kennedy. I believe that Bryan was Patrick's brother. It is also apparent that Matthew Kennedy of Ballinglanna was also a brother who eventually inherited Bryan's farm. It appears that Bryan's son Michael had died before probate was granted.

This document solves the mystery of how Tom Kennedy of Derk's great grandfather William went from his home place at Foilycleary to Ballinglanna in the early 1860s. He went to his relatives there.

This will is a great example of how women were accommodated in the wills of the time. Bryan's five daughters were looked after with a "fortune" (Dowry) while his wife Elizabeth was left comfortable with certain provisos.

## COPY WILL OF BRYAN KENNEDY DECEASED

In the name of God. Amen. I, Bryan Kennedy, of Foileclara in the Parish of Doon, County of Tipperary, being sick of body but of sound mind and perfect sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament revokeing all Wills made heretofore by me I Will and Bequeath to my five daughters namely Margret Kennedy, Bridget Kennedy, Ellen Kennedy, Julian Kennedy, Eliza Kennedy, the sum of fifty pounds sterling to each of them as soon as they arrive at the age of Twentyone years providing they don't misbehave and get married with the consent of the Executors and any of them that won't have the consent of my executors to get but five pounds Ster. I Will and Bequeath that my debts be paid and funeral expenses be paid before any child can make a claim. I will and bequeath unto my son Michael Kennedy the whole of my lands in Foileclara in as large and ample amount as I hold the same at present and paying the yearly lump rent of Twentynine pounds three shillings and ten pence Ster. Including Tythes when he arrives at the age of thirty years reserving for my beloved wife Elizabeth Kennedy the grass of ten cows with his milk, corn and sufficient dry hay for same and two acres of limed ground for her garden with liberty for five pigs and thirty geese rent free during her life. Together with her chosen room in my house and plenty turf and her present furniture provided she lives with her children and don't get married and in case she should change her condition from her children I will and bequeath that she shall have no claim on the land but to pay her fifty pounds Ster. to be paid her by my Executors by ten pounds Ster. a year. I will and bequeath that my son Michael shall have no title in my lands until he pay to his sisters the above sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds or any part of it that may be due at that time as abovementioned and to the satisfaction of his Executors and support and clothe his sisters until the get married and also if he is not able to pay or secure the fortunes of his sisters to the satisfaction of my executors or marry without their consent they may have of the land any part of it as they may think proper and give it to my daughters to satisfy them for their fortune as my Executors think fit. I further order that my beloved wife shall not sell or make over her part of my land or grazing to any other person but to my son Michael Kennedy from the day of her death. I will that any of my children who is not sed by my Executors and get their consent in marriage get but ten pounds but if my Executors think fit to do so I appoint and empower Matt Kennedy of Bawnmore, Denis Ryan of Foileclara & Robert Dea of Milltown my soal Executors dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1844 – four.

Prest – Michael Kennedy

Richard Devaney

Denis Campbell

Bryan Kennedy

Note: Bryan Kennedy died on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1844, the day after the date on the above will. However probate was not granted until 1861 according to the following record:

The last Will and Testament of Bryan Kennedy late of Foileclara in the County of Tipperary, Farmer, deceased was proved in common form of Law and Probate thereof granted by Her Majesty's Court of Probate in Ireland in the District Registry of Limerick to — Matthew Kennedy (called in Will Matt Kennedy) late of Bawnmore but now of Ballinglanna in the County of Tipperary, farmer, one of the Executors named in the said Will he having been first sworn — Dated of Grant this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1861 —

Extracted by Jonas Bigenall. Sol<sup>l</sup> Limerick

### 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>



## IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

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The Irish 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**

**Phyllis Kennedy, Garnafana, TOOMEVARA. Tipperary. Ph. 067 26069**

**Harvest Fresh, Main St. Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary. Ph. 3536727060.**

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