

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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The Kennedy Heritage Group continues to attract new members. We extend a hearty Kennedy welcome to Patrick Kennedy of Dunganstown, Co. Wexford and to Tim and Ann Ramish from Virginia, U.S.A. Patrick, of course, lives in the townland in Co. Wexford from where the ancestors of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy emigrated in the mid 1800's and close to Patrick Grennan, the present owner of the Kennedy Homestead - more anon.

Ann Ramish has been researching her ancestors and believes that her Kennedy forbears hailed from near Loughrea, Co Galway which might suggest that her family were among those who were dispossessed from Ormond in Tipperary during the 1600's by Cromwell and accepted the lesser evil of 'going to Connaught'.

This year 2017 marks the centenary of the birth of J.F.K. To mark the occasion R.T.E. the Irish National Television Channel, recently broadcast a programme celebrating President Kennedy's visit to Ireland in 1963 and in particular his visit to his ancestral home in Dunganstown. Patrick Grennan was a genial host following in the footsteps of his grandmother Mary Ann Ryan who showed herself to be a very considerate, caring and unassuming hostess in 1963. The programme features some charming original footage from the President's visit and can be viewed by accessing rteplayer.ie and searching for Nationwide May 29th.

Of course lots more information available in Brian Kennedy's book "John. F. Kennedy's Irish O Kennedy Ancestors".

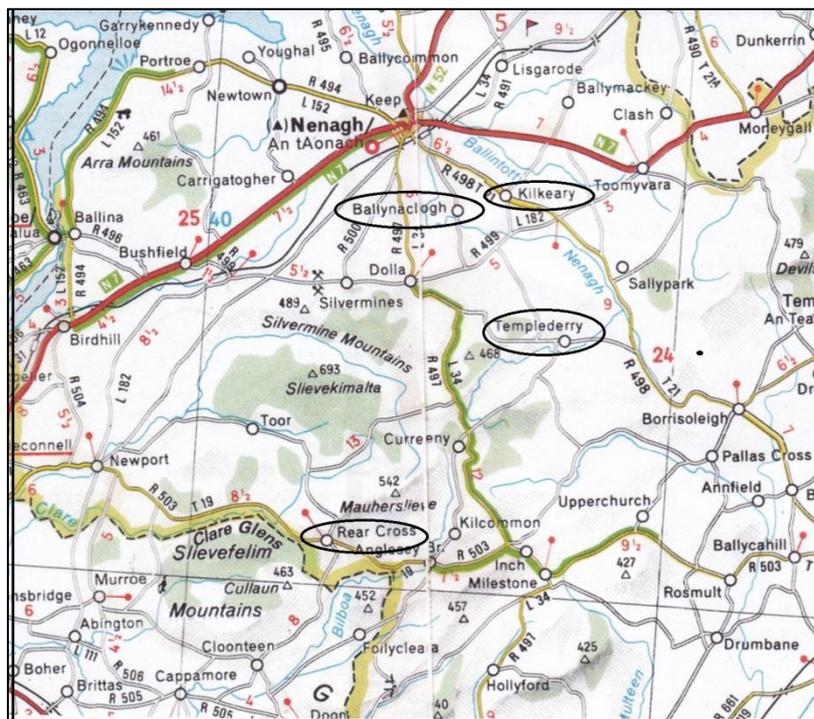


President J.F.Kennedy with his cousin Mary Ann Ryan at Kennedy Homestead 1963.

Irish Kennedy Gathering 2017.

Plans are well advanced for the 7th Annual Kennedy Clan Gathering in Chief Rody's Anglesey Lounge in Rearcross, Co. Tipperary at 8pm on July 9th. All Kennedys and their descendants and wellwishers are very welcome. Last year we had Kennedys from Australia, USA, Canada and the UK in addition to relatives from many Irish counties.

A tour of ancestral Kennedy graveyards is planned on the day leaving Rearcross at 2.00pm. Places to be visited include the graveyards at Ballinaclough (resting place of my Glastrigan Kennedy ancestors) Kilkeary (where the ancestors of many Kennedys including those of Chief Rody are laid to rest) and the Old Templederry graveyard where we will unveil the restored gravestone of Long Andrew Kennedy who was the progenitor of many present day Kennedys.



A visit to a nearby Kennedy castle, Cloghenane, (renamed Castle Otway) is planned before returning to Rearcross for the gathering. Brian will impart more of his vast store of knowledge on the Kennedys in an illustrated lecture. The launch of the brand new Irish Kennedy Heritage Group website will also be discussed.

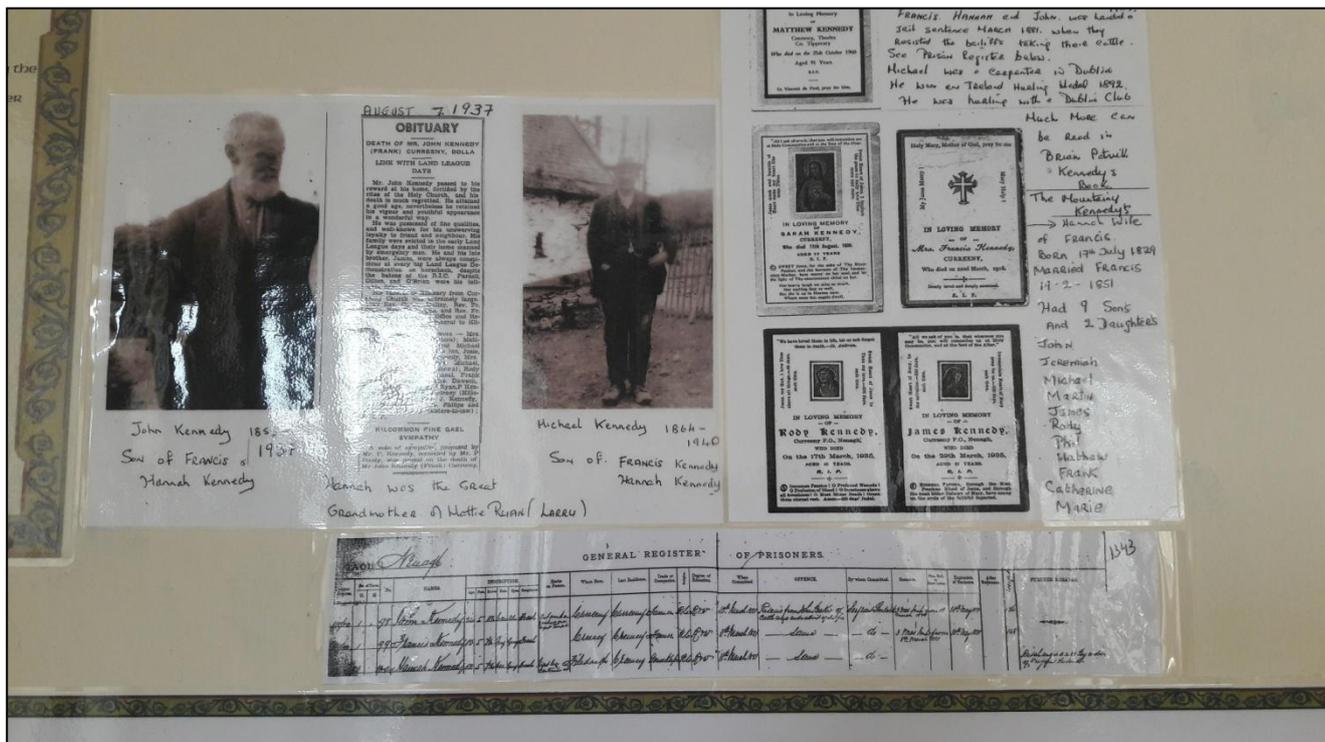


Cloghenane Castle (Castle Otway) near Templederry, Co. Tipperary

Heritage Centre Display, Nenagh.

We are indebted to Mattie Ryan (Larry) Windygap, Curreeny for putting together a compendium of documents and photographs of his Kennedy ancestors. Mattie presented his research to Brian as Brian travelled through Tipperary on one of his many visits and the full account can be read in Brian's book "The Mountainy Kennedys –Tipperary Stayputs".

Mattie also made his work available to Phyll Kennedy and now forms part of the collection in The Kennedy Display in the Heritage Centre, Nenagh.



Mattie Ryan's Collection in Heritage Display.

The Display, curated by Phyll Kennedy is continuing to attract many visitors who judging from comments in the Visitors' Book, are suitably impressed by the work of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group.

Phyll is indebted to those who have already provided memorabilia, photos, stories for sharing, both in Nenagh and in future mailing lists, so please keep copies of photographs, memorial cards, newspaper cuttings, prison records, birth, baptism, marriage certs etc coming.

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 provide 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

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.



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