

# 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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## KENNEDY CLAN; ANNUAL GATHERING 2017.

The 2017 Clan Gathering in Chief Rody's in Rearcross was a hugely enjoyable and informative gathering. Kennedys gathered from far and near to chat, reminisce, share photos and memorabilia, and learn more about our Kennedy history.

Brian, our author, historian, seanchai and all round guru gave an illustrated talk on the one thousand year history of the Kennedys in Upper and Lower Ormond and their status as Lords of Ormond up to the 1600's.

This was followed by Professor Mark Kennedy from Victoria, Australia, with a very interesting presentation on D.N.A. and its role in providing proof of some of the links that may be missing from available records.

New and old members mingled happily as they partook of Rody and Ann's hospitality with many already clearing their calendars in preparation for the 2018 gathering.



*Brian presenting the History of the Kennedys at Chief Rody's. July 2017.*

## ANCESTRAL KENNEDY GRAVEYARDS TOUR.



The first port of call was Ballinaclough Graveyard. Michael Kennedy of Addane talked about the history of the Kennedy families buried in Ballinaclough and noted that many of the Upper Ormond Kennedys continued to bring their loved ones down from the mountains to be buried here and in nearby Kilkeary, with their ancestors from pre Cromwellian times.



*Michael Kennedy, Addane, in full flow in Ballinaclough*

From Ballinaclough we made the short trip to Kilkeary, a graveyard in Brian's words "flooded with Kennedy DNA"



*Kilkeary graveyard "flooded with Kennedy D.N.A."*



*Among the many graves in Kilkeary are buried the ancestors on both sides of Chief Rody Kennedy of Rearcross*

Then on to Templederry Old Graveyard where descendants of Long Andrew Kennedy were able to visit his final resting place.



*Tom Kennedy, Pallasgreen, Maureen Kennedy O Malley, Garavane, Michael Kennedy, Killyloughnane, Howard Kennedy ,Queensland, Prof. Mark Kennedy, Victoria, at the graveside of their ancestor Long Andrew Kennedy in Templederry.*

Nearby we visited Cloghenane Castle later known as Castle Otway which was taken from the Kennedys and granted to Cromwellian officer Capt. John Otway.



*Cloghenane castle, Templederry.*

Our last port of call was the site of the Hedge School in Curreeny where we were facilitated by Mattie Ryan Larry and only slightly inconvenienced by the Curreeny mist and rain. This was also the site of Rody's inauguration as chief of the Kennedy Clan in 2013.



## PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

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