

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.



Chief Rody Kennedy

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Fáilte / Welcome.

Welcome to the 1st newsletter of a new year and hoping all the best for everyone in 2018. We are continuing in our efforts to connect Kennedys worldwide and to spread knowledge of our existence and to attract new members.

CONTACTS FROM KENNEDYS

Redmond Kennedy from Skibbereen in west Cork has recently become a member of the IKHG. Redmond's family roots are in Annagh in Lower Ormond and a rich family history of involvement in many wars in many continents deserves a dedicated article in a later edition.

Edward Kennedy from Wayne, Pennsylvania, USA, has also made contact. Edward's grandfather William left Ireland in the 1850's.

Arnie Kennedy contacted us from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, U.S.A. A large no. of Arnie's Kennedy relations settled around Fulton, Illinois, having emigrated from Galway /Tipperary in the 1840's.

IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Our new draft constitution suggests an annual membership payment of €20 payable by **1st Feb each year**

For Irish members payment by cheque to Phyllis Kennedy at Garnafana, Toomevara, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary or by E.F.T. to account in A.I.B. Nenagh **IBAN : IE11 AIBK 935220 23440184.**

Australian members payment arranged by Brian Patrick Kennedy at mountainykennedys@gmail.com .

American /European members by E.F.T. as IBAN details as above or by Paypal by arrangement with Tom Kennedy to tom.irishkennedyheritagegroup@gmail.com

8TH ANNUAL KENNEDY CLAN GATHERING 2018.

The 2018 Kennedy Clan Gathering will take place in Chief Rody's Kennedy's Angelsey Lounge, Rearcross, County Tipperary over the weekend of 7th/8th July. It looks like being a full weekend.

Brian Patrick Kennedy, seanchaí, historian and **prolific** author is planning to launch his latest book on Irish Kennedy history. This book records the history of Kennedys in Ireland outside of the Ormond baronies of Tipperary .Brian tells me he is amazed at the number of Kennedys outside of North Tipperary and his latest edition will no doubt be the usual encyclopaedia of facts and figures.

Brian will also bring along his recently published autobiography '**A Creative Life**'. This is a chronological account of the truly amazing life lived by Brian – 13th child in a family of 15 who left school at fourteen to make his way in the world and who continues to create with boundless energy right up to the present day. If you want to read about this fascinating life, 'A Creative Life' can be ordered at mountainykennedys@gmail.com

KENNEDY DNA

Professor Mark Kennedy also hopes to make a presentation on his Kennedy DNA project. This undertaking has aroused enormous interest from both newcomers to the whole world of DNA and many who have been investigating this for many years. For those who have submitted a sample recently for testing or who have forwarded on previous results to Mark he will make contact with you as he uploads your results.

Alternatively you can keep updated by accessing the *Tipperary Limerick Kennedy Tree* on ancestry.com

I look forward to Mark's report with great interest.

Tour of Kennedy country around the general Toor, Rearcross area with a possible link in with a remembrance ceremony for Dr. Henry Kennedy, Toor who was a pioneer of the Irish Co-operative movement which served Irish farmers so well after the foundation of the Irish Free State. A trip to the Heritage Centre, Nenagh to view The Irish Kennedy Heritage Display which attracts more and more visitors and a lot of favourable content. All that and lots of chat, stories, tracing and enjoyment of Rody and Ann's hospitality promises a very full weekend.



Genealogical Chart of Kennedys of Foilycleara on display in Nenagh Heritage Centre.

KENNEDYS OF COOGA.

The Kennedy family have farmed in Cooga, Doon, Co. Limerick for over 200 years.

Marc O Cinnéide who now lives in Cappamore, Co. Limerick, is a descendant of this family and is very interested in his family history. He has supplied us with this lovely old photograph taken in 1902 and like all photographs it speaks a thousand words.



The photo shows Marc's great grandfather, Denis Kennedy, his great grandmother, Norah Ryan Kennedy, originally from Clonoulty and his grand-aunt Catherine Kennedy.

We hope to include a more comprehensive article in a future newsletter detailing the history of the Kennedys of Cooga.

Our members are invariably fascinated by life stories of the Kennedy diaspora, so if you are in a position to share your own family life story from the hills or lowlands of North Tipperary to where you are today please make contact with me and I will feature it on a future newsletter, upload it to our website

www.irishkennedyheritagegroup.ie and Phyllis will display it in the Heritage Centre with your consent, of course. Old photographs are an added bonus.

GRAVEYARD INSCRIPTIONS IN TIPPERARY.

A valuable new resource for people researching their Tipperary relatives has recently become available on-line

Tipperary County Council, through their local studies initiative have digitised information collected by Ormond Historical Society in the 1980's. It contains graveyard inscriptions from nearly all graveyards in North Tipperary and can be accessed by following the following link;

<http://tipperarystudies.ie/digitisation-project/gravestone-inscriptions>

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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Internationally all books can be obtained by emailing mountainykennedys@gmail.com



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

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