

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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Fáilte / Welcome.

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group continues to attract new members from around the world, eager to make contact with distant relatives and learn more of their ancestral history.

We extend a hearty welcome to Clare McCarthy from London, England, whose great grandmother was Catherine Kennedy (1897-1963) from Cappanavile, Upperchurch. Clare is hopeful of getting to our gathering in July and meeting ,among others, Sarann Ryan Slattery c.f. Mailing List 67 who she has discovered from D.N.A. research is a relative of hers. Sarann is travelling with her nephew from the U.S to Rearcross for our Gathering.

A big welcome also to Bill and Kristine Ritter from Michigan, U.S.A. Bill is researching a Michael Kennedy, born in Tipperary about 1841 and who with his brother Nicholas had settled in Michigan by 1880. Possible clue –twins run in the family.

A.G.M. of Irish Kennedy Heritage Group.

A successful annual general meeting was held in the Angelsey Lounge, Rearcross on 10th May.

A Constitution for IKHG was discussed and ratified.

Officers elected for the coming year ;

Chairperson - Michael Kennedy, Killyloughnane, Nenagh.

Secretary - Phyllis Ryan Kennedy, Garnafana, Toomevara.

Treasurer - Donnchadh O Cinnéide, Dualla, Cashel.

Chairperson, Michael thanked outgoing treasurer Martin Kennedy for his contribution and dedication during the formative years of the IKHG and expressed best wishes to incoming treasurer Donnchadh.

General Data Protection Regulations.

You may have heard that the Data Protection laws are changing within the E.U. (possibly worldwide, not sure) from 25th May 2018 with the introduction of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). If at any stage, you no longer wish to receive newsletters or other communications from the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group please email me and I will delete your contact details from the database. We only hold your contact details so that you can receive information on I. K.H.G. news, meetings and events.

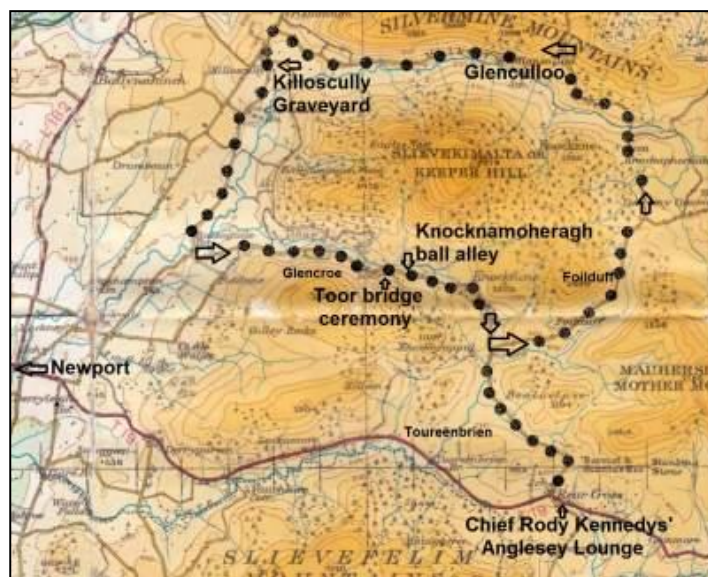
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Kennedy Clan Gathering 2018.

Brian has finalised his plans for our **tour of Kennedy Country** on Sunday 8th July

Starting at Chief Rody Kennedy's pub at Rearcross at **1pm sharp** as follows:

- **Chief Rody's Rearcross to Foilduff.** Five Kennedy farms in a row. Johns, Dannys, Drummers, Peelers and Murphys.
- **Foilduff to Glenculloo.** Original site where the Kennedys from the Silvermines area hid out after Cromwell.
- **Glenculloo to Killoscully** graveyard and pub. Kennedys from Glenculloo, Foilduff, Knockfune, Bunkimalta, Knocknamoheragh, Reabeg, Bealaclave, Toor, Muingacree etc are buried here.
- **Killoscully to Toor** church (built by Kennedys) and pub. Plaque in memory of Dr Henry Kennedy to be unveiled on bridge at 5pm.
- **Toor to the Ball Alley near Knocknamoheragh** (Building overseen by Fr. Rody Kennedy of Knocknamoheragh). Parking across the road. Excellent view of Keeper and Long Andrew country.
- **Knocknamoheragh to Rearcross.**
- Further visit to Toureenbrien Upper (Settled by Patrick Kennedy from Templederry area pre 1750. Ancestor of many Kennedys including Knocknamoheragh, Foilduff and Foilycleara). Visit yet to be arranged as key is required to enter.



Looking forward to it already.

After the tour it's back to Chief Rody's for relaxation, refreshment, information and education. Among the night's activities planned are;

- Launch of Brian's latest book "The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys" across the Irish Republic from North Tipperary – official launch by Joe Kennedy, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.
- Presentation by Mark Kennedy on his D.N.A. Research of the Irish Kennedys.
- Performance of Irish Music and Dance by 8 Kennedy cousins from Cappamore, Co. Limerick.
- Informal chat, networking and tracing among the Kennedy Diaspora.
- Recording of programme to be broadcast on Tipp F.M Local Radio.

Again this year we have visitors confirmed from Australia, Britain, U.S.A, as well as from around Ireland.

Then on **Tuesday 10th July** Phyllis Kennedy has organised a **guided tour of Nenagh Castle and the nearby Heritage Centre** where visitors can view The Irish Kennedy Heritage Display.

Tipperary Immigrants in Syracuse, New York State, U.S.A.

The following story was related to me by one of my own ancestors who emigrated from Chalkhill, Templeberry, to Syracuse, New York in the 1840's – make up your own mind.

Between the 1820s and 1860's many emigrants from North Tipperary including Kennedys left their homelands and found work in upstate New York. So many of them settled in a hilly part of the city of Syracuse that it became known locally as Tipperary or Tipp Hill.

All was well until the civil authorities installed the first traffic lights (signals) in the city in 1925 at an intersection at the bottom of Tipperary Hill. The traffic lights were promptly vandalised by youths from the Tipperary enclave who objected to seeing the Red (of Britain) over the Green (of Ireland) on the traffic lights. Numerous repairs followed by repeated breaking of the lights ensued until the City authorities relented in 1928 and agreed to install lights at that junction with the green light on top and the red light at the bottom. Hence the upside –down traffic lights in Syracuse.



The Upside- Down Traffic Lights
on Tipperary Hill, Syracuse, New York State, U.S.A.

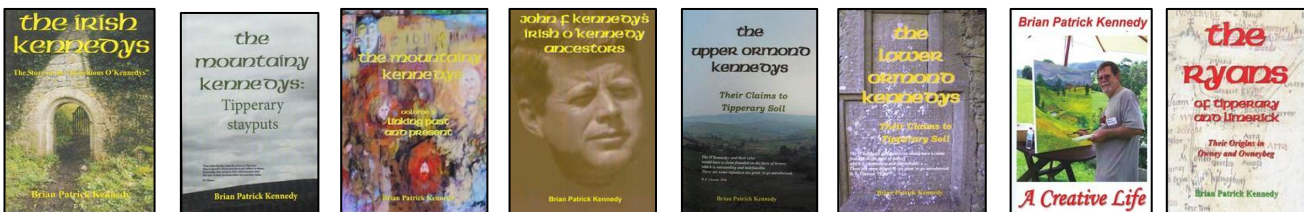
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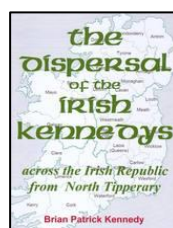
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Note: Ryans and Kennedys are inextricable



Launching at the Gathering

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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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