

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.

New members:

Lorraine Kennedy Ailise from New York City U.S.A found out about the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group on line. Her Kennedy ancestors hailed from North Tipperary and she still has relatives living around Nenagh. Lorraine's great, great, great, grandfather was Cornelius Kennedy from Dolla in the parish of Silvermines.

Michael Kennedy lives in Lucan, Co. Dublin. Michael traces his roots back to North Cork

Brian Kennedy, Birr, Co. Offaly, is Chairman of Birr Historical Society

Micheál Ó Cinnéide hails from the Dingle Peninsula in Kerry, south-west Ireland and now lives in Co. Wexford.

Feargal Ó Cinnéide, Nessa Hegarty, Lorcan Ó Cinnéide, Eilís Ní Chinnéide, Lelia Ní Chinnéide, Aodan O Cinnéide, Dairena Ní Chinnéide, John Hegarty and Naoise Kennedy are all part of Micheal's extended family.

Lena Kennedy O Dwyer is from near Clonoulty, Co. Tipperary and is descended from the Kennedys of Glastrigan.

A hearty welcome to all above and hopefully at some stage in the future we may get to meet you at one of our Gatherings.

Clan Gathering 2018.

Our annual Clan Gathering of 2018 was a busy few days enjoyed by Kennedys and their descendants from Ireland and abroad. Who better to summarise the whole event than one of our overseas visitors Sarann Ryan Slattery. Sarann, accompanied by her son Jim, travelled from Minnesota in the U.S to join us and on her return to the States put pen to paper to give her thoughts on the Clan Gathering.

A Dream Comes True: Tipperary, 2018

Sometimes dreams really do come true and for me that's exactly what happened. For years, I had "dreamed" of attending the annual Kennedy clan gathering in North Tipperary. I had tried figuring out how I would manage it on my own but had pretty much concluded it wasn't going to work. Age has its challenges and traveling alone in a foreign country is difficult at best! But age also brings surprises and thus on my 80th birthday my DREAM to attend the IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP 2018 ANNUAL GATHERING became a possibility. A gift...to end all gifts, from my children. Wow... I was on my way.

Early on Thursday, July 5, my oldest son and I boarded a Delta plane headed for Shannon and eventually the village of Silvermines, Tipperary. My dream was beginning to come true. Saturday, Jim and I found our way to Toomevara and a visit with Patrick and Phyll Kennedy. Through DNA research we had connected months before. I almost had to pinch myself to believe I was sitting having tea with them. Sunday was the first day of the Kennedy Heritage Group event. The group traveled from Rody's

bar in Rearcross to nearby farms and on to Glenculloo and then to Killoscully and finally Toor before returning to Rearcross. Jim and I lost our way initially but caught up with the group at Killoscully and enjoyed the absolutely fabulous celebration in memory of Dr. Henry Kennedy at Toor.

There is so much to be said about all of this but as I recall this day, it is the brilliance of the tiny villages ablaze with flowers and tidy streets that comes back to me. The event in Toor included lovely Irish music on the street provided by a group of young local musicians.

The evening at Chief Rody's pub was amazing. I am sure there were close to 100 of us, visiting, sharing a Guinness or just taking it all in. Brian Kennedy's latest book, "The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys" was introduced, Mark Kennedy gave an update on his DNA research of the Irish Kennedys and of course there was music and Irish dancing. Returning to our lovely little B&B in Silvermines, I was filled with absolute delight. Such wonderful, grand people these Kennedys are!!!

The following Tuesday was the second day of celebration with the Kennedys. We gathered at the Nenagh Heritage Centre and spent several hours viewing the Irish Kennedy Heritage Display. A number of Kennedys (including myself) had provided pictures and stories of their Kennedy heritage and our dear Phyll Kennedy did a marvelous job developing the display area. To say that we were all very proud is putting it mildly. We also enjoyed a tour of the Heritage Centre historic period rooms and then we moved on to tour the beautiful Nenagh Castle. Jim and I took time later to visit with a recently acquired (DNA find) Tipperary Meagher cousin who just happens to be married to a Kennedy and Maureen believes our relationship is probably more Ryan than Meagher! So it goes in North Tipperary.

The Grand Finale of the IRISH KENNEDY HERITAGE GROUP'S 2018 celebration was Thursday, July 12. About 20 Kennedy cousins boarded a tour bus at Chief Rody's pub in Rearcross and headed for New Ross and the Kennedy (JFK) Homestead. It was a grand group with many conversations going forward and backwards, to and fro as we traveled the roads of Tipperary, Limerick and Wexford counties. Is there anything more beautiful in this world than the fields and lanes of Ireland?

Enroute to New Ross we stopped and enjoyed light refreshments and tea and then journeyed on to New Ross. Patrick Grennan, a Kennedy family descendant, greeted us and gave us a charming and enlightening tour of the home and farm. AND...provided tea and cookies for us as we finished our tour.



Sarann (green and white horizontal stripes) surrounded by Kennedys at J.F.K. homestead.

The remaining time allowed for a visit to the famine ship in the New Ross harbor. About 5:30 we boarded our bus once more and arrived at a lovely hotel high on a hill, Brandon House, where a large table was set waiting our arrival. Talk about SPECIAL! Wow, everything was splendid.

It was nearing dusk as we headed back to Rearcross and our group was quieted having been well fed and very well informed all the day long. These Kennedys keep going though and thus as we arrived in Tipperary town, Chief Rody announced we were going to have one more little stop at the Kickham pub just up the street. The absolute treat of the evening was having our bus driver, Sean Ryan, arrive at the pub with his accordion. Sean entertained us for about an hour and of course more than a few voices joined in the lilting Irish melodies. Could there possibly have been a more grand ending to just a magical three days with our Irish Kennedys?

So you see, DREAMS do come true...mine certainly did. And now the good news is that I will carry all these special people, places, green green fields and yes ancient cemeteries in my dreams forever.

DNA Project

Another interesting feature of the Gathering was Professor Mark Kennedy's presentation on D.N.A. and its use in connecting distant relations. Mark has provided me with a copy of his presentation and is happy to share it with all who are interested. If you would like see it let me know by email and I will forward it on to you . Mark is still sifting through the results of the many DNA samples analysed as part of his research. If you haven't yet received your results let me know and I'll contact Mark on your behalf .

Plaque to Commemorate Dr. Henry Kennedy

Michael Kennedy, Chairperson of the IKHG presided over a ceremony commemorating the life and achievements of Dr. Henry Kennedy. Over 100 people attended on a lovely sunny afternoon in Toor where a plaque was unveiled by Sorcha Flannery, a descendant of Henry

A Mountainy man large in stature and Ability

His illustrious achievements at the highest levels considerably improved the conditions of farmers co-operatives and the livelihoods of the people in a newly independent Ireland.

Plaque erected by

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group
In association with Toor Tidy Village
July 20th 2018

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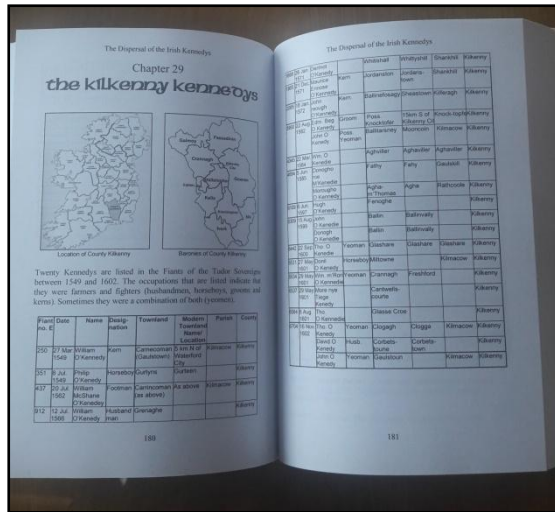
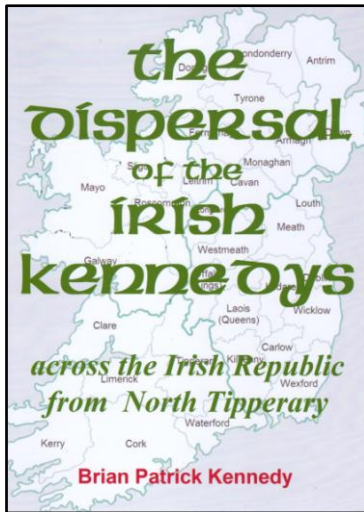
Dr. Henry Kennedy 1888-1968



The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys across the Irish Republic from North Tipperary.

Chief Rody's Angelsey Lounge was the venue for the official launch of Brian Patrick's latest addition to his collection of Irish Kennedy History books. The Dispersal of The Irish Kennedys contains all available records detailing Kennedy lives in each of the other 25 counties in the Republic of Ireland outside of Tipperary .It will, like all of Brian's books prove an invaluable resource for Kennedys searching for information on their ancestors.

Joe Kennedy from Callan, Co. Kilkenny was entrusted with the task of performing the official launch and did so in an entertaining and comprehensive speech.



The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys.

Upside Down Lights in Syracuse

Following on the piece re the unusual traffic signals in Syracuse I received an email from Kathy Kennedy in California confirming the truth of the story and stating that the said lights were still there up to the late 1970's.at least.

Kennedy Tour Photographs 2018

Those who took part in Nenagh Castle Tour, visit to Nenagh Heritage Centre and the trip to J.F.K. homestead in Dunganstown will probably remember Bridget Delaney. Bridget was the photographer who met up with us at the Heritage Centre and stayed with us for the rest of the week, taking hundreds of photographs along the way. Bridget would like you to know that those photos are available for viewing /purchase at the Photo Shop, Kenyon St. Nenagh.

For others lookup our Facebook page where photos will continue to be posted over the coming months.

General Data Protection Regulations. (for our newer members)

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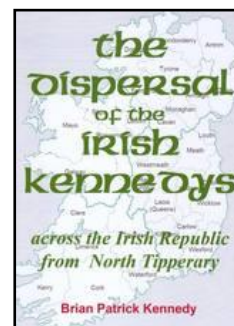
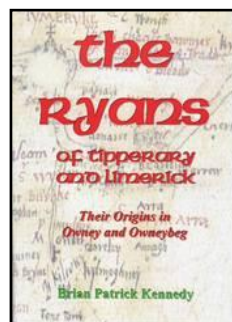
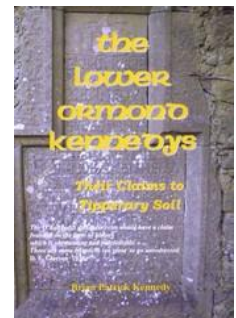
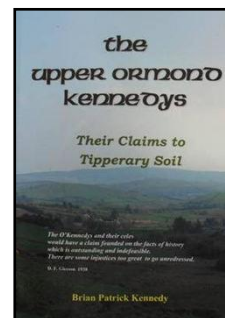
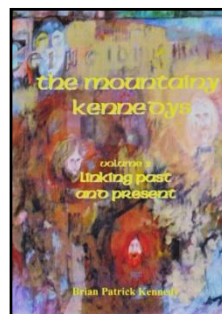
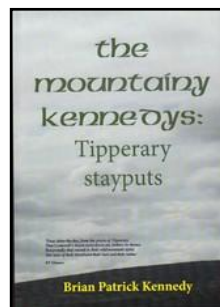
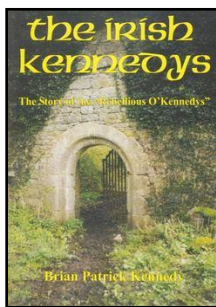
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