

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.



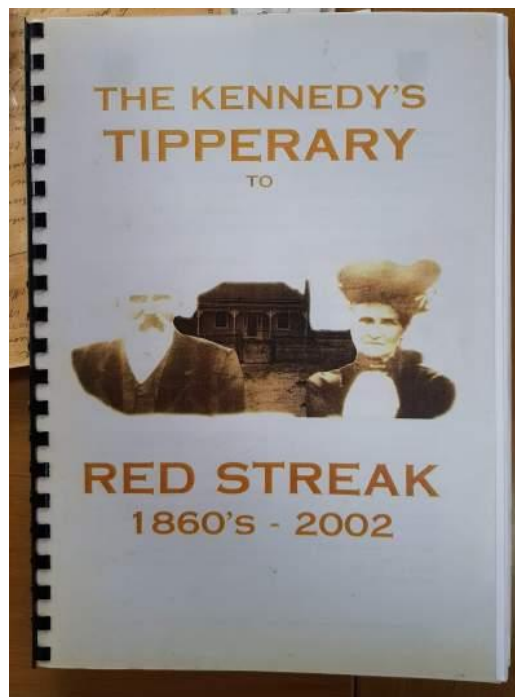
Chief Rody Kennedy

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Fáilte / Welcome.

Greetings and best wishes to all members of our Irish Kennedy Heritage Group with a special “céad míle fáilte” to our new members –

- Peter Kennedy, lives in Payson, Arizona, U.S.A. His great grandfather Patrick Kennedy emigrated from Minard West , Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry to Iowa between 1850 and 1870. Peter visited Ireland in September and made his way from the Kennedy homestead in Wexford to the Kennedy Heritage display in Nenagh and on to the land of his great grandfather in Co. Kerry.
- Colleen Bergin travelled from Melbourne, Australia to Ballyhane, Templederry Co. Tipperary, from where her great grandfather emigrated in the late 19th century. Colleen has already traced the diverse paths travelled by the descendants of her great grandfather John Kennedy and his siblings Winifred, Mary and Catherine. A fascinating account of their family history has been put together in a booklet entitled “**The Kennedys –Tipperary to Red Streak 1860s – 2002**”. Colleen generously gave me a copy which will now be displayed in our Kennedy Display in The Heritage Centre in Nenagh.



(couple on the cover is John Kennedy and his wife Mary Ann Wright, married in Creswick, 1877).

By coincidence I've had contact from Kennedy descendants from three very different parts of the world, all tracing their Kennedy roots back to the small townland of Ballyhane, in the parish of Templeberry - Colleen Bergin (above) from Melbourne, Australia,. Sean Kennedy from Seattle, U.S.A and Marlise Wunderli from Switzerland. Potential for International performance of "Templeberry my Home"!

- Maggie Kennedy Brady is a proud Kennedy woman I am told, now living in Victoria, Australia
- Patrick Joseph Kennedy, a brother of Maggie's, lives in Listowel, Co. Kerry
- Noel Buckley is descended from the Kennedys of Cooga, Upperchurch and closely related to the Kennedys of Garravane which guarantees him plenty of cousins in this Irish Kennedy Heritage group.

Kennedy Heritage Display

A lovely new feature has been put on display in the Heritage Centre recently. Phyllis Kennedy with the help of the Garravane Kennedys has put together a most interesting pictorial record of their family ranging from their home in Garravane to the playing fields of Australia.



It features among others the father and grandfather of Prof. Mark Kennedy and is a welcome addition to the Kennedy display.

The Kennedy Display continues to attract many visitors with much favourable comment in the Visitors' Book as we persevere in our mission of researching, preserving and disseminating the rich history of the Irish Kennedys

Phyllis would love to hear from other Kennedys who would be willing to have their family memorabilia displayed.

Clan Gathering 2019.

Sunday July 14th is the provisional date for our 2019 Gathering. The Committee are preparing an interesting itinerary for the day and are open to any suggestions that might be forthcoming from members.

Brian, of course will be launching his latest Kennedy history book – this one dealing with the Kennedys in the Baronies immediately adjoining Ormond, at the gathering.

Fr. Rody.

Many members of the I.K.H.G. will hear occasional references to Fr. Rody .

Monsignor Roger Kennedy, to give him his full title, was born at Knocknamoheragh, near Toor, Newport, County Tipperary. His parents, Tim and Mary Kennedy both came from farming backgrounds – Mary being Mary Ryan (Rogers) from Kilcommon. Due to the untimely death of his mother his early education saw him move from Toor National School to Cahernahallia National School, near Doon where he resided with his Aunt. He then attended Doon Christian Brother's School and after his Leaving Cert went to St. Patrick's College, Thurles where he studied for the priesthood. Ordained in 1941 for the Diocese of Maitland, New South Wales he was unable to travel to Australia because of the War and ministered in the Diocese of Cashel & Emly. During those years in Thurles Rody developed a keen interest in local history and collected folklore for the Irish Folklore Commission. He studied parish and school records and amassed a wealth of local knowledge which he recorded in his enthralling book "From Bun Ciamalta Vale to New South Wales"

Fr. Rody eventually arrived in New South Wales in 1943. He served in six different parishes and in 1951 he was appointed as a Monsignor. With the Irish Kennedy farming blood coursing through his veins, Monsignor Roger involved himself in acquiring land for these parishes. He fostered strong links with politicians and planning officials to progress the building of schools and churches for the betterment of his parishioners. Despite his deep commitment to his work in New South Wales Fr. Rody never lost contact with his roots or the people of Bun Ciamalta.

He retired from his ministry in 1991 and died three years later in 1994.

Note: Tim Lee from Roscrea (a close relative) has had Fr. Rody's book reprinted and has copies available if you are interested. Contact me at the address below if you wish to obtain one.

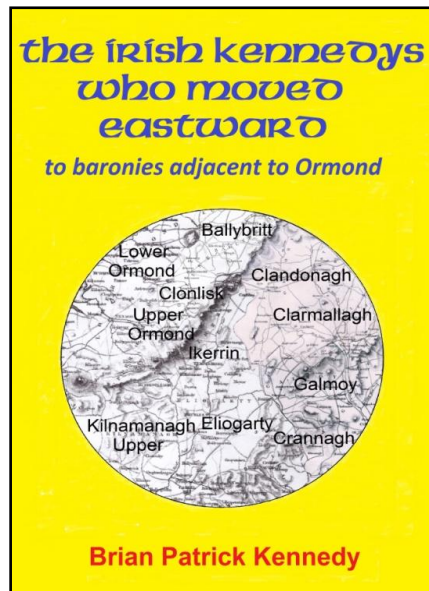


Fr. Rody "From Bun Ciamalta Vale to New South Wales"

The Irish Kennedys who moved eastwards to Baronies adjacent to Ormond.

Now that *The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys* is available on the bookshelves Brian has turned his attention to another group of Irish Kennedys. Research and writing is almost finished in preparation for his next book "The Irish Kennedys who moved eastward to Baronies adjacent to Ormond" It will I'm sure prove an invaluable resource to Kennedys living in these areas.

If your Kennedys are from the baronies of Eliogarty, Ikerrin and Kilnamanagh Upper in North Tipperary, Clandonagh and Clarmallagh in Offaly and Galmoy and Crannagh in Kilkenny you will find much detail to help with your research.



General Data Protection Regulations. (for our newer members)

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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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>

IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

Brian has made 29 visits to Ireland from Australia searching out, recording and publishing the history of the Irish Kennedys. He has entirely funded the production of nine books to date. While they have not been written for profit, it would assist in the production of future books if you would obtain copies of those books that are relevant to your Kennedys. Of course, he occasionally hears from people who tell him "I have all of your books".

Internationally all books can be obtained via "The Irish Kennedys" web page at <https://theirkennedys.weebly.com>

The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

Chief Rody Kennedy's Bar and Shop. Rencross. Tipperary. Ph. 062 79104

The Bookworm Bookshop. THURLES. Tipperary. Ph. 504 22257.

The Bookshop. Friar Street. NENAGH. Tipperary

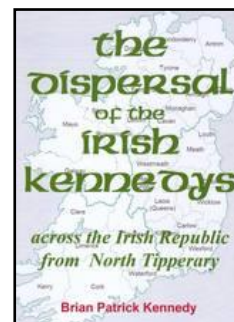
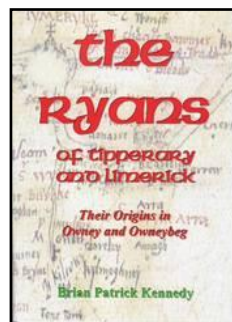
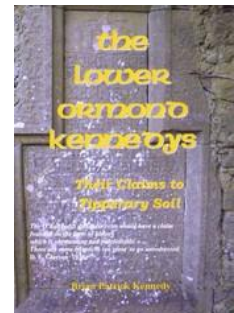
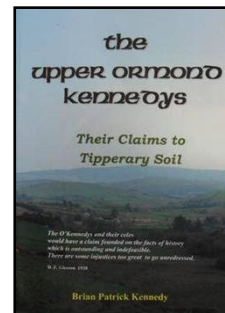
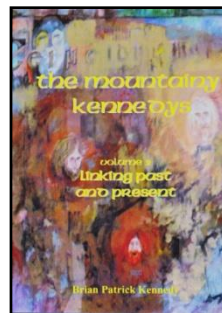
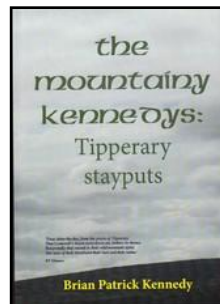
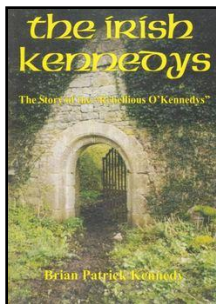
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Phyllis Kennedy, Garnafana, TOOMEVARA. Tipperary. Ph. 067 26069

Harvest Fresh, Main St. Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary. Ph. 3536727060.

Alan Hanna's Bookshop, 270 Rathmines Road Lower, DUBLIN 6

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Next book:

The Irish Kennedys who moved eastward To baronies adjacent to Ormond

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