

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.

As Kennedys in Australia 'enjoy' record high temperatures and Kennedys in the U.S. and Canada cope with record lows we in Ireland send our best wishes to all our far flung cousins and hope you all stay safe. By co-incidence we welcome three new members - Caroline Coghlan, nee Kennedy, from Victoria, Australia, William C Kennedy from California, U.S.A. and Taylor Kennedy from Ontario, Canada.

Caroline is a niece of Professor Mark Kennedy and will shortly be part of a large gathering of Kennedys in Melbourne. What a lovely idea to have a Kennedy gathering so far from Tipperary' William Kennedy is a member of a law firm who call themselves 'lawyers who fight' I believe this probably comes from William's uncle Les Kennedy who at one stage in his career was No. 3 ranked heavyweight in the U.S.A. including among his victims Max Baer, later to be heavyweight champion of the world. William's ancestors were blacksmiths so the toughness is bred there for many generations.

Taylor Kennedy lives in Waterdown, Ontario, and can trace his roots back to a William Kennedy, born in Terryglass around 1806 and Mannions and Waters of Lorrha.

As with all our international members we look forward to maybe meeting up with you in Kennedy Country, Tipperary, at some future stage.

2019 A.G.M.

The 2019 A.G.M. of the I.K.H.G. was held in Chief Rody Kennedy's Anglesey Lounge in Rearcross, Co. Tipperary on 15th January. Chairperson Michael Kennedy stepped down from the Chair with Donnchadh O Cinnéide taking over as Chairperson and Marc O Cinnéide assuming the position of Treasurer.

Michael has been Chairperson since our inauguration in 2015 and was a very calm, well organised leader of our fledgling group in its formative years. Michael's contribution to the I.K.H.G was acknowledged by all members who wished him the best as he devotes more of his time to the farming sector.

Our new Chairperson Donnchadh lives near Cashel, Co. Tipperary. He has a huge interest in Irish heritage, culture and music and hosts a weekly programme of Irish traditional music on a local Tipperary radio station Tipp Mid West. He traces his Kennedy roots back to Foilycleara Kennedys so he has many cousins in the Kennedy Heritage Group. Marc lives in Cappamore and has been a valued member of the I.K.H.G. for many years. Phyllis Kennedy remains as Secretary while yours truly will carry on as P.R.O./ Co-ordinator.



Standing: Tim Lee, Mary Ryan Larry, Mattie Ryan Larry, Pat Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Tom Kennedy, Chief Rody Kennedy
Seated: Tom Kennedy Co-ordinator, Donnchadh O Cinnéide, Chairperson, Phyllis Kennedy, Secretary

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group has grown to 90 members, almost equally divided between Irish and International members. The majority of our non-Irish members come from Australia and U.S.A. with U.K and Canada next in line. We continue to be contacted by people wishing to join our group hoping to make contact with distant Kennedy cousins around the world.

Clan Gathering 2019.

Our plans for this year's Gathering are taking shape.

Sunday July 14th is the date for your diaries.

A trip to Beal Ború, near Killaloe, the stronghold of our common ancestor Cinnéide mac Lorcan in the 10th century, is planned for the Sunday afternoon. All Irish Kennedys are, of course, descended from Cinnéide, son of Don Cuan, (King Brian Ború's older brother) so it will be a trip back across the river Shannon to where it all started. Then we will repair to the Angelsey Lounge at Chief Rody Kennedy's in Rearcross for chat, tracing and refreshments where Brian Patrick Kennedy's latest book 'The Irish Kennedys who moved eastwards to baronies adjacent to Ormond,' will be launched.

A number of options for day tours during the following week are being explored at present - more details as we get nearer the time. This will be our 9th Annual get together and is of course the highlight of our year with many Kennedys already having their travel plans in place.

Adventurous Spirit of the Kennedys

Many of our overseas members, I'm sure, have at some time in their lives thought about the journeys undertaken by their ancestors as they sought to escape the poverty and repression that prevailed in Ireland in the 19th century. A long voyage across the seas to a mysterious and often little known destination awaited those who managed to make their way to Cobh or Dublin in the knowledge that they would never see the green grass of Ireland again. I'm not suggesting that adventure was the motivation for those trips but today I want to draw your attention to a trip being undertaken by a present day Kennedy which is definitely driven by a spirit of adventure.

Irial Kennedy from Baltimore, Co. Cork had a dream to sail around the world in a yacht. Irial is a cousin of one of our members, Redmond (Reddy) O Regan from Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Reddy, a proud member of I.K.H.G. is descended from Richard Kennedy from Annagh in Lower Ormond, a very illustrious family whose exploits will feature in a future edition of our newsletter.

But back to Irial:

After spending almost 2 years reconditioning an old steel hulled yacht, Irial and his partner Ciara set sail from Baltimore, Co. Cork in December 2017. and in June 2018 arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. From there they navigated to Toronto, Canada where they are staying over the winter before they resume their voyage. We in I.K.H.G wish Irial and Ciara all the best on the remainder of their adventure.

You can follow their progress on <https://asailingadventure.com/>

Note: The name Irial O'Kennedy and its variations can be found in places such as Ballyhagh in Lower Ormond over 500 years ago.

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<https://tikhg.blogspot.com/>

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The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

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

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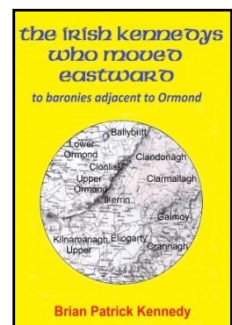
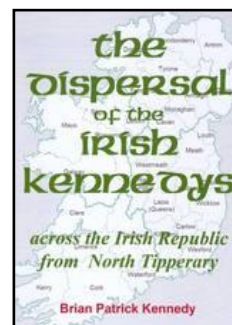
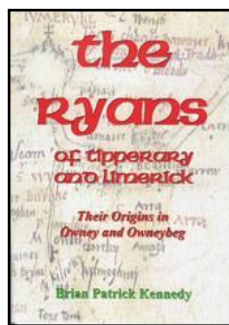
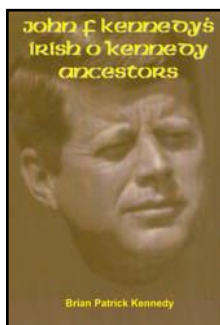
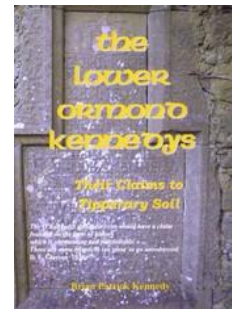
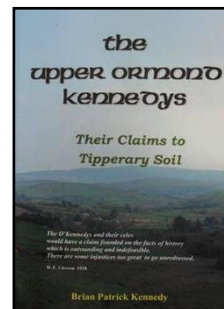
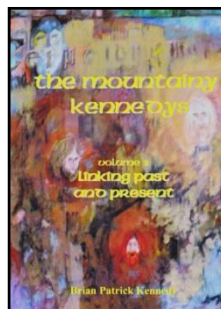
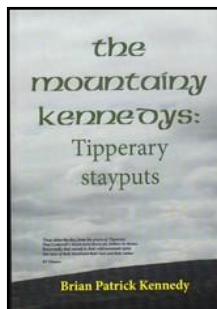
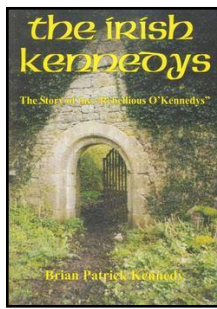
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