

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.

We welcome one new member since our last newsletter. Liam Breunle from California joins his uncle William C. Kennedy as a proud member of I.K.H.G

Clan Gathering 2019.

The annual Kennedy Clan Gathering will take place this year on the week beginning Sunday 14th July. Following are proposed events for the week.

Sunday 14th July .

2 00 pm. Assemble at Chief Rody Kennedy's Anglesey Lounge carpark, Rearcross.

- Motor car trip in convoy to Brian Boru's Fort, Killaloe, the original base and seat of power of King Kennedy of North Munster.
- Brief history of Beal Borúmha and environs by Brian Patrick Kennedy.
- Return to the Anglesey Lounge, Rearcross, for refreshments.

8.00 pm: Annual Gathering including the launch of Brian Patrick's latest book – "The Irish Kennedys who moved Eastward – to baronies adjacent to Ormond".

Tuesday 16th July

Coach trip to Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry.

The Dingle Peninsula has the 2nd highest concentration of Kennedys anywhere in Ireland outside of North Tipperary. Micheál Ó Cinnéide and his Dingle cousins have put together a fantastic list of events for the day beginning in Tom Crean's South Pole Inn in Anascaul, travelling around the peninsula and ending up back in Dingle before returning to Rearcross. You will also of course have the opportunity to see some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere in Ireland. See attached map and itinerary underneath.

Thursday 18th July.

Visit to the Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary. This was the seat of power of the Kings of Munster. Our Chairman, Donncha O Cinnéide has put together a programme of history and culture for the evening of 18th.

- Members will make their own way to Cashel in the late afternoon.
- A historical walk around the rock featuring a visit to King Cormac's chapel will be followed by an evening of food, drink, music and entertainment in the nearby Brú Ború Heritage Centre.
- Some members may wish to prolong the night by taking in a feast of traditional music into the late hours.

Thursday 18th July.

Visit to the Kennedy Homestead, County Wexford.

While this is not on the official program for the Kennedy Gathering this year, some people are planning an independent visit to the ancestral home of US President John F Kennedy at Dunganstown, County Wexford. The visit will make the most of opportunities that they would otherwise miss out on for visitors to Ireland for the Gathering.

The journey will be by individual vehicles leaving Chief Rody Kennedys at 9 am on Thursday 18th July. It will return for the visit to the Rock of Cashel in the late afternoon. Visitors wishing to join this tour should contact the address at the end of this newsletter.

Saturday 20th July.

11.00 am. Foilycleara Kennedy descendant's gathering.

- Assemble at Chief Rody Kennedys at Rearcross.
- Visit to the townland of Foilycleara in convoy.
- Return to the Anglesey lounge for light lunch and Foilycleara gathering in the afternoon.



The Kennedy farm at Foilycleara. Watercolour by Brian Patrick Kennedy

8.00 pm **New Ryan book launch. Upperchurch.**

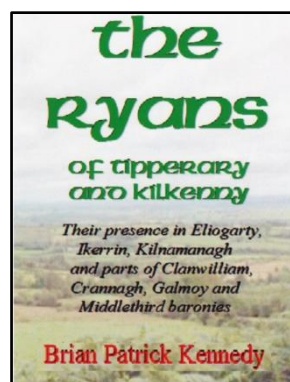
The many connections between the Kennedy and Ryan families have been well in evidence at our gatherings. The Kennedys and the Ryans are inextricable. Their relationship goes back many hundreds of years. It is a challenge to find a Kennedy who is not related to the Ryans or a Ryan who is not related to the Kennedys.

“The Ryans of Tipperary and Kilkenny – their origins in Eliogarty, Ikerrin, Kilnamanagh and parts of Clanwilliam, Crannagh, Galmoy and Middlethird baronies.” will be of interest to many of our members.

The launch takes place in **Pa Ryan's Pub, Upperchurch, Thurles** on Saturday 20th July.

Ryans were first recorded in this area in the year 1305 and there are many of the name there to this day.

For those who wish to stay over, B&B accommodation is available adjacent to Pa's Bar on a first come first served basis.



Irish Kennedy Heritage Group Flyer.

As part of our continuing mission to spread the word of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group the committee has put together an Irish Kennedy flyer which will be available in public buildings around Kennedy territory.

Kennedy Books by Brian Patrick Kennedy

Link: <https://theirishkennedys.weebly.com/>

NEXT BOOK:
The Irish Kennedys who moved eastward to baronies adjacent to Ormond

RIGHT: Author and Historian Brian Kennedy at Läckeen Castle in Lower Ormond, Co. Tipperary

Explore the territories of the Kennedys in Upper and Lower Ormond

Tours of Kennedy Country facilitated each July as part of Annual Clan Gathering

Books available from the following:
 Ryans Bookshop, Nenagh
 Booksween, Thurles
 Phyllis Kennedy, Garnaafana
 Kennedy's Bar & Shop, Rearcross
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History of the Irish Kennedys

The Irish Kennedys have been meeting informally each Summer since 2012. Rody Kennedy's Lounge Bar in Rearcross, Co. Tipperary has been the venue for these clan gatherings.

2014 saw the formal inauguration of Rody Kennedy as Chief of the Kennedy Clan with Brian Kennedy assuming the role of seanchai and historian.

In 2015, during the Annual Clan Gathering, a committee was formed to progress the aims and mission of The Irish Kennedys.

This Committee was granted a room in the Heritage Centre, Nenagh, to display memorabilia and documents relating to the history of the Kennedys.

The Irish Kennedy Surname

The name Kennedy is an anglicised version of the Gaelic name Cinn éide which translates as helmeted head – hence the Kennedy crest of 3 helmeted heads.

Brian Boru as High King of Ireland enacted a law that required all families choose a name that would continue by inheritance. These surnames came into use in the early eleventh century and the name Ó Cinnéide was adopted as a surname by Mahoun, a son of Brian's older brother Don Cuan. The prefix Ó meaning descended from was used up to its repression by the English imposed Penal Laws of the 17th century and today most families simply use the Kennedy name without the Ó prefix.

The original Cinnéide stronghold was near Killaloe in East Clare but they came to occupy first the lands of Lower Ormond and later Upper Ormond in North Tipperary by the middle of the 12th century. They established themselves as Lords of Ormond and during the following centuries built a series of castles to copperfasten their control of these territories.

Their biggest threat came with the Cromwellian Plantation of the mid 1600's where Irish landowners were dispossessed of their lands with the ultimatum of "Go to Hell or to Connacht" but as Kennedy author and historian Brian Patrick Kennedy has outlined in his comprehensive history of the Irish Kennedys the Kennedy clan continued to flourish in Upper and Lower Ormond right up to the present day.

The Kennedy Surname continues to be one of the most common surnames in Ireland today with many other Kennedys dispersed throughout the world.

So whether you live in Ireland or some far flung corner of our world and your name is Kennedy or you are descended from a Kennedy the chances are that your lineage can be traced back to the Kennedys of the baronies of Ormond in North Tipperary.

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group was set up with the aim of providing a centre of contact for all Irish Kennedys worldwide and to preserve and disseminate the rich history of the Kennedys. Old Kennedy burial sites have been investigated, old gravestones researched and updated. Annual Clan gatherings have been organised in Chief Rody Kennedy's Lounge, in Rearcross with guided tours of Kennedy places of interest in Tipperary. We have established a wonderful display of Irish Kennedy History and memorabilia in The Heritage Centre in Nenagh, North Tipperary.

Genealogical Chart of Kennedy of Follycleara showing the ancestor line of Brian Kennedy from Gold Coast, Australia back to Upper Ormond, Co. Tipperary

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Kennedy Heritage Trip to the Dingle Peninsula, 16th July, 2019

Turas na Ginnéideach go Corca Dhuibhne, 16ú Iúil, 2019

08.30 Bus Departs from Kennedys of Rear Cross, Co Tipperary

(Drive via N21 Limerick-Adare- Castleisland and N86 west of Tralee, 180 kms).

11.00 Stop at the South Pole Inn, Annascaul, for a coffee & briefing

(Pub was opened by Tom Crean, when he returned from the Antarctic /British Navy.)

11.30 Visit Ballinacourty graveyard, near Annascaul (ref p. 284 of Brian Kennedy's book)

(Many Kennedy tombs & the resting place of Tom Crean.)

12.15 Visit Garfinny graveyard, near Lispole (Meet Tom Lynch.)

(Gravestone of Maurice Kennedy 1815, cited in *"The Dispersal Of Irish Kennedys"*, p.291)

1.00pm Drive via Dingle around the scenic Slea Head

1.30pm Visit Ionad An Bhlascaoid /Blasket Centre, Dún Chaoin

Light lunch & two short talks/discussion

- **Dara Ó Cinneide**, Journalist/Footballer, on the Story of the Kennedy brothers
- **Lorcán Ó Cinnéide**, on the Life of Fr. John Kennedy of West Kerry & Australia

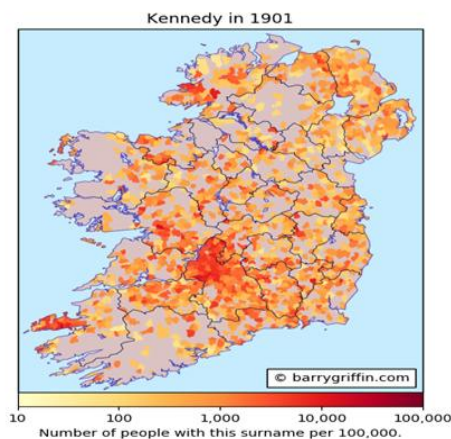
3.00pm Visit Ventry- Meet Kennedy clan descendants in Cill Mhica' Domhnaigh

4.00pm Clan Gathering upstairs in John Benny Moriarty's, Strand St, Dingle.

- Fear & Bean a'Tí: **John Benny & Éilis Kennedy**;
- Refreshments & music; meet local historians & some of the Dingle Kennedys.

6.00 pm Return bus trip from Dingle - Rear Cross (2 hours, 45 Mins)

8.45 pm Estimated return to Rear Cross, Co Tipp.



The rugged Dingle Peninsula area (from Annascaul west) has some of the highest densities of Kennedy descendants, outside of the North Tipperary "heartland". The Griffith Valuation, c.1850 recorded 246 Kennedy occupier families on the Peninsula ("Dispersal Of Irish Kennedys", p.292.) This trip will visit some of the places linked with "Kerry Kennedys".

It would be very helpful if we could have an idea of numbers for coach trip to Dingle. Cost is expected to be €25 per person. If intending to travel on the coach trip please let me or any member of the committee know to help with our planning. It promises to be a great day.

Presentation of Kennedy Books to Glucksman Library, University of Limerick. (U.L.)

The complete collection (so far) of Irish Kennedy Books by Brian Patrick Kennedy was presented by I.K.H.G. Committee to the U.L. Library recently. These books will be stored in the Glucksman Library, U.L. and will of course be available to students and scholars engaged in genealogical and historical research. Mr. Ken Bergin, Special Collections Librarian, received the collection on behalf of U.L. He expressed both professional admiration and appreciation for the huge body of work put together by Brian Patrick and acknowledged the invaluable amount of information brought together in the collection. He was hugely impressed by the Genealogical chart of Tom Kennedy, Derk, compiled by Brian Patrick and asked that it be also included in the collection



Tom Kennedy, Derk, Ken Bergin, U.L. Phyllis Kennedy, Donncha O Cinnéide



Admiring Tom Kennedy's Genealogical Chart –Tom Kennedy, Ken Bergin, Phyllis Kennedy, Tom Kennedy.

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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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 provide appropriately edited posts in order from the first issue. You will find the Blog if you click on <https://tikhg.blogspot.com>

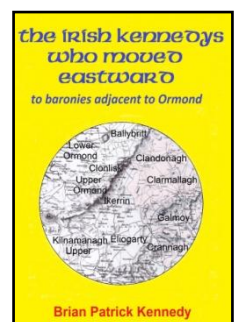
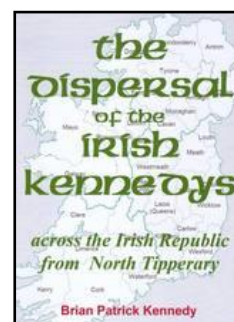
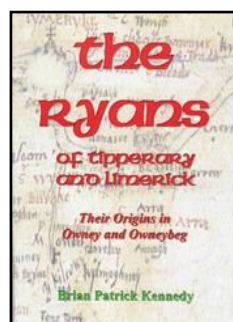
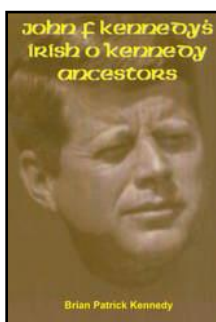
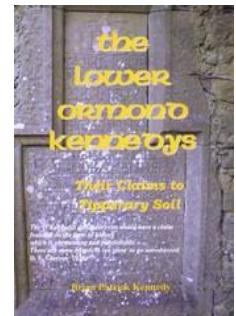
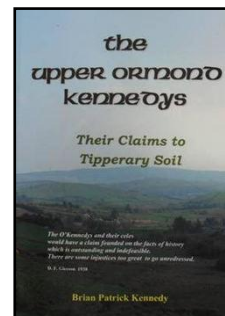
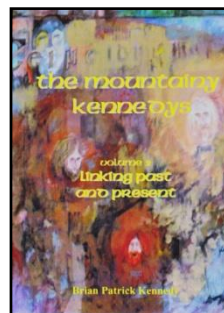
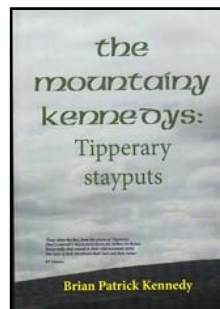
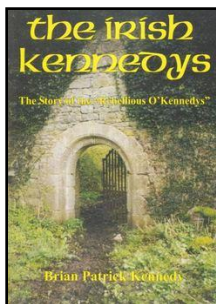
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The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

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