

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.

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group continues to grow with new members joining us from Ireland and abroad.

- Pat Kennedy lives in Navan, Co. Meath. His 1st cousin, twice removed, Kate Kennedy emigrated to the U.S.A. in the mid 1800s and established a formidable and proud reputation for herself as a teacher and activist in the San Francisco area.
- Brian and Lucinda Kennedy from Ballan, Victoria, Australia joined us at our Clan Gathering. Brian's Kennedys hailed from Clogheen, in South Tipperary. They put their thoughts on the Gathering on paper which you may read further down.
- John Ryan comes from Templederry in North Tipperary. His mother Mary Kennedy is descended from the Glencroe Kennedys of Toor, Rearcross..
- Russell Kennedy is from Massachusetts, U.S.A. His great grandfather emigrated from Ireland in the early 1900s. His Dad was 1 of 12 kids so Russell is at the centre of a large circle of Kennedy cousins in the States.
- Vicki Hughes from Sydney, Australia and her husband Dennis also came to the Clan gathering. Vicki has traced her Kennedy ancestry to Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.
- Carole Jackson lives in New Zealand. By contacting the I.K.H.G. Carole was able to establish links to Kennedy cousins in U.K and Australia, descended from the Kennedy blacksmiths of Merton Hall, Borrisokane
- Eamonn Ryan from Upperchurch, Co. Tipperary
- Maureen Moloughney also from Upperchurch area.
- Sean O Cinnéide, from Sutton, Co. Dublin
- Sarah Audet from Minnesota, U.S.A.. See summary of Sarah's research below in the hope that it may ring bells with some of our members.

My maternal great grandmother was Emily Kennedy. She emigrated to upstate NY in 1880. Her sister Josephine did as well.

I have found out much information about Emily and Josephine from my mother as well as from census and other records from the US. These records are limited however only stating that Emily (or Josephine) was born in Ireland as were her mother and father. Emily married Thomas Heffernan. The Heffernan family was rooted in County Tipperary. My mother's father's parents also emigrated from County Tipperary in the mid 1800s. Timothy Heffernan (1785 – 1831), my 3rd great grandfather, was born in 1785 Shronell and married in Clonoulty, Ireland, on 7 Feb 1815 in the Cashel and Emly diocese. Catherine Dwyer was my 3rd great grandmother. Catherine was born in Rossmore, Co. Tipperary (1794 – 1869). My 2nd great grandfather, Patrick Heffernan (1819 – 1907), was born on 9 Dec 1818 in Clonoulty, Tipperary, Ireland. Patrick emigrated to America in 1846. Patrick married Bridget Ryan 1828 – 1886), who was also born in County Tipperary in the Cashel and Emly diocese, on 5 Nov 1848 in Chicopee, Massachusetts. One of their sons was Thomas Heffernan (1853 – 1928), my great

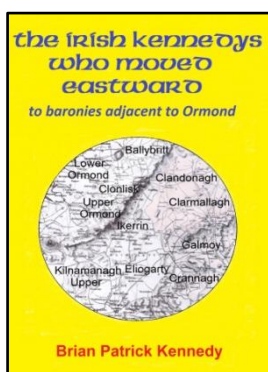
grandfather. The Patrick and Bridget family moved to Cazenovia, NY where my maternal grandmother (Loretto Heffernan 1894 - 1980) was born. Her husband, my grandfather, Edward White (1889 - 1968) was born in Cazenovia, NY, as well as my mother and my siblings.

Loretto's mother was Emily Mary Kennedy (1859 – 1928). I have not been successful finding out where Emily was from in Ireland. I only know she emigrated around 1880, married Thomas Heffernan in Cazenovia, NY in 1880, and they raised their family in Cazenovia, NY. There is a record of Emily Heffernan living in the same house as Thomas Heffernan in the June 1880 Census in Fabius, NY. Emily had the occupation of servant and Thomas as farmer. It seems that Emily may have known Thomas, or at least the Heffernan family, before emigrating from Ireland and getting married within a year's time, but hard to say. I do know Emily had a sister Josephine Kennedy who also emigrated around 1880 to Central NY. Josephine married Michael Nix and raised their family in Auburn, NY, about 45 minutes west of Cazenovia, NY. Michael Nix (1845 – 1926) was born in Lurriga, Limerick, Ireland. The sisters (Emily and Josephine) saw each other often and the cousins grew up together.

Note from Tom Kennedy. I intend to include at least one such feature of family research in future newsletters in line with our mission of connecting Kennedys worldwide. If you would like your research to be featured drop me an e-mail.

IRISH KENNEDYS ANNUAL CLAN GATHERING 2019.

Kennedys from around the globe enjoyed a hugely enjoyable and informative get together from their base in North Tipperary recently. Visitors from Australia, U.S.A. Great Britain and many parts of Ireland enjoyed a wide variety of cultural events throughout the week. A visit to Brian Boru's fort near Killaloe was followed by an informal get together in Rody Kennedy's Angelsey Lounge in Rearcross for the launch of Brian Patrick Kennedy's latest book 'The Irish Kennedys who moved Eastward to baronies adjacent to Ormond'.



A trip to the Dingle Peninsula to connect with our Kerry cousins whose ancestors migrated from the Nenagh area in the 1800s proved very informative thanks to the help of local historians Micheál O Cinnéide, Tomás O Cinnéide and Pádraig O Falbhaigh. Accounts of O Cinnéide families in Dingle area were delivered by Lorcan and Dara O Cinnéide while the bright sunshine ensured that the beautiful scenery was enjoyed at its resplendent best.

A guided tour of the Rock of Cashel including the magnificent Cormac's chapel was rounded off with a highly entertaining night at Brú Ború. With many of our visitors taking the opportunity to visit their ancestral homelands around North Tipperary and to connect with distant cousins the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group can reflect on a highly successful week in our continuing efforts to disseminate the rich history of the Irish Kennedys and to connect Irish Kennedys worldwide.

For Brian Patrick there was one more important function – the launch in Upperchurch of his “History of the Ryans of Tipperary and Kilkenny”



Kennedys at Brian Ború's fort.

The following was penned by Brian and Lucinda Kennedy from Ballan, Victoria on their visit to the Clan Gathering

AN AUSTRALIAN IN IRELAND FOR THE IRISH KENNEDY CLAN GATHERING 2019

Walking into Kennedy's bar in Rearcross on a magnificent Irish summer's day became the starting point of one of the most rewarding experiences I can recall. Admittedly, I had a few butterflies in my stomach with the anticipation and thoughts that I had travelled over 15,000km for this event, but once I entered Rody Kennedy's Bar, ventured through the Anglesea lounge then back into the bright sunshine to the meeting place, my thoughts were 'lets make the most of this occasion'. Little did I know how much this gathering was going to impact me.

As soon as I opened my mouth and uttered "hello" in a broad Australian accent, it became immediate to the other guests and organisers what I was there for. The warm, welcoming, beaming smiles immediately gave me a sense of calm and belonging. A brief introduction by myself and wife Lucinda to the gathering then quickly turned to chats with fellow Kennedys about well, "Kennedys". Receiving our name tags made it official, we were part of the clan.

The convoy of cars to the Kennedy fort at Killaloe was a chance to gather my thoughts and plan for the activities which were to happen next. We arrived at the Kennedy Fort and strolled along the path to the site, picking up on conversations with fellow Kennedys along the way. Soon enough we were faced with a large bank of earth. After a short walk around the ring fort, approximately 50mts across and 4mts high, an opening appeared and all the Kennedys entered the original home of the very first Kennedy. Brian Patrick Kennedy eloquently and passionately read passages from his book "The Resilient Kennedys". As he read about how the first Kennedys survived and prospered at the site, his words began painting images in my mind and the surroundings became full of life, as it was over 1000 years ago. As Brian gave great detail of the origins of the Kennedys, I could not help but look up at the sunlight filtering through the canopy of the overhead trees and feeling the significance of what the site meant to me and all Kennedys present.

We had a short break for some dinner, then regathered at Rearcross for an evening of further discovery and the launch of Brian Patrick Kennedy's new book 'The Irish Kennedys Who Moved Eastward'. A night of more introductions and an analysis of how my Kennedys may be connected to your Kennedys, later become more relaxed (with the assistance of a few pints of Guinness) with chats about life in Ireland and life in Australia. Paddy Whelan was most patient and obliging with continuous questions about the science of DNA. By the way, I posted my kit and eagerly await my results to hopefully breakdown those genealogy walls. As the night drew to a close I walked out of Chief Rody Kennedy's bar feeling immensely pleased with the new friendships and it was not just because we shared a surname. The Sunday's Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering had come to a close, but a bus trip to Dingle, County Kerry was still to come.

O'Kinneide - I had seen the name written on a page numerous times, but the first time I heard it pronounced I thought 'wow', I was not expecting that. Is it 'o-kin-aid-ja' (my apologies for butchering the beautiful Irish language) I need to practice that one. This simple enlightenment made me realise I have so much to learn about Kennedys and Ireland.

Tuesday saw the clan meet once more at Rearcross to catch a bus for a trip to Dingle, County Kerry. It was such a pleasure not to drive, as we had been touring and now had the chance to stare out the window at beautiful Ireland. Conversations along the way were very informative, with a local knowledge commentary freely chatted amongst the clan. We arrived at Annascaul and spent time in a small cafe while guest speakers from the area gave detailed history of Kennedys in the Dingle Peninsula and how they got there. The local Kennedy history was told, as has been for hundreds of years, passed down through generations, giving a real connection to all Kennedys related to the story. My Kennedy history was very different; not knowing any details prior to my grandfather until I began the quest to find some answers. After years of research, I have traced back to my gggreatgrand father who left Ireland in 1852. All I have are mainly names, dates and some little bits of information from research along the way. Personally it was so pleasing to hear history given in such detail with colourful stories to enhance the experience. After a few scones and a cup of tea it was back on the bus and our next stop saw us near the Blasket Islands.

What a unique history this place holds with a community living on a small island until recent times. With generations of Kennedys enriched in the area, this story was superbly told by Dara O'Cinneide. Dara was a fine orator, conveying the rich meaning of the special place his Kennedys held in the area and giving the long lines of Kennedy fisherman and farmers a unique connection to the sea and land. Dara added to an already impressive talk by citing poetry, adding colour to a story as only the Irish know how. It wasn't until the later stages of his presentation that I found out Dara was a football champion, captaining Kerry to an All Ireland final. As an avid Australian Rules Football fan, Dara just went up another level of respect. Well done Dara.

A presentation on Fr John Joseph Kennedy by Lorcan O'Cinneide was a story of adventure, something not usually associated with priests. This Kennedy story held a personal connection as I live only a short distance away from where Fr John Joseph Kennedy resided in Victoria and have similar family wartime encounters. Lorcan's presentation had me engrossed as he travelled through the wonderful life of Fr John Joseph Kennedy and I had to personally thank him for the opportunity.

Back on the bus and a short trip to Dingle gave me the opportunity to listen to traditional Irish music and enjoy a few pints to cap off a fine day. Eilis Kennedy sang beautiful Irish songs with the most angelic voice, accompanied by accordion player John Benny. Several members of the Kennedy Clan joined the merriment and performed some Irish ballads of the highest quality. There were shouts of requests for other members to sing, especially wanting some Australians to perform a song. I sheepishly sipped on my Guinness, avoiding eye contact thinking 'you don't want to hear me sing', then thinking 'maybe if I have a few more beers' I would pluck up the courage and poorly sing 'Throw your arms around me' by Hunters and Collectors (something for my fellow Australians).

Then it was back on the bus for the long trip back to Rearcross. A big thank you to Liam our bus driver for his tireless work to get us home safely. The ride home was a chance to reflect and from that, the one thing that was foremost in my mind, was 'culture'. I had experienced a day few Australians and Kennedys would encounter. I now feel richer for the experience and a big thank you to all people who made it possible.

The Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is in good hands.

The Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering 2019 experience will stay with me forever and I can't wait to share my stories with family back home. Thanks once again from Brian and Lucinda Kennedy, Ballan, Victoria, Australia.

Meanwhile is it 'o-kin-aid-ja' or 'o-kin-aye-ger' or maybe.....?



Brian and Lucinda Kennedy lead the way to Brian Ború's fort

Thanks to Brian and Lucinda for taking the trouble of recording their Clan Gathering memories.



Kennedys on The Rock of Cashel, July 2019.

A huge thanks to all involved in planning this year's gathering with special mention to Micheál Ó Cinnéide and his Dingle cousins for their thoughtful input into our gathering . Hopefully your Tipperary cousins will be able to reciprocate some year soon.



Garfinny graveyard, near Annascaul, Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry

Evidence that the Kennedys of the Dingle Peninsula originated in the Nenagh area of North Tipperary comes from a headstone in Garfinny graveyard and is recorded in Brian's book "The Dispersal of The Irish Kennedys"

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JAMES KENNEDY AND HIS WIFE ALICE MORIARTY ACHILLON.
SAID MAUR^{CE} AND JAM^S WERE THE SONS OF JOHN,
SON OF MAURICE, SON OF JOHN KENNEDY
WHO IN THE DAYS OF CROMWELL LEFT NENAGH IN ORMOND
AND SETTLED IN THE PARISH OF GARFINACH.-
THIS STONE IS CONSECRATYED TO THEIR MEMORY BY
JOS^HKENNEDY, M.D.AND REV^D JAM^S KENNEDY,P.P. OF DINGLE, SONS OF
SAID JAMES, A.D.1816

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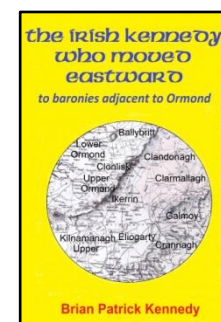
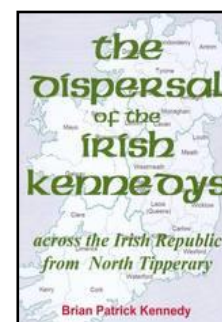
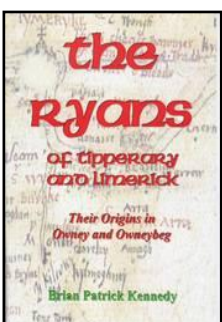
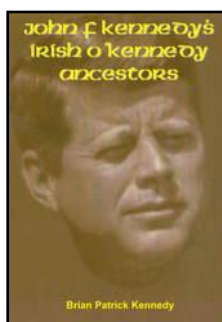
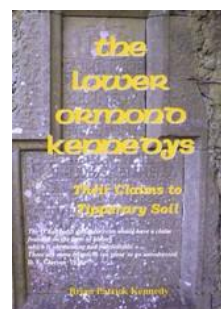
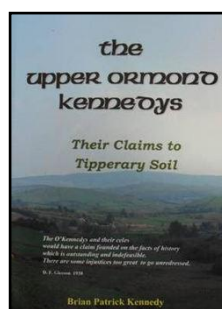
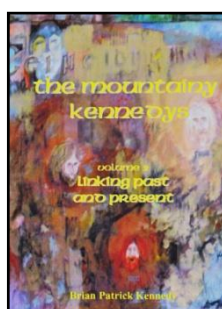
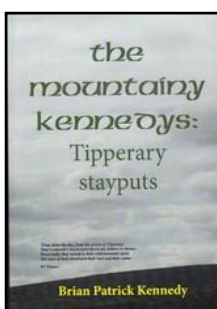
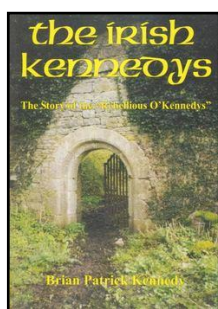
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