

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.

We continue to attract correspondence from Kennedys far and near hoping that the I.K.H.G. can help them with their family history. Read a very short summary of their Kennedy history underneath-

- **Jim Kennedy** lives in Loomis, California. His great grandfather **Francis Michael Kennedy** was born in 1858 in **Cragg, Birdhill, Co. Tipperary** and may well have cousins still resident in the Birdhill/Newport area. Jim also mentions Francis's father Dennis born in Mohorough! Can you help?
- **John Kennedy** lives in Nova Scotia, Canada. His forefather **Cornelius Kennedy** arrived in **New Brunswick** in 1827.
- **Frank Hannigan** is looking for information on Neal and Patrick Kennedy, Gaelic Catholic Kennedys of Donegal. Frank's grandmother is a **Kennedy from Ardara/Killmeaden, Inver, Co, Donegal**. I seem to remember some correspondence re Inver Kennedys in the fairly recent past.
- **Jack Kennedy** knows that his ggggrandfather **James Kennedy** was born c 1777 and married Mary Bannerman in **Roscrea** in 1802.
- **Marion Mitchell** lives in Maine, U.S.A. Marion's ggrandfather **James Kennedy** was born in **Shallee, near Silvermines, Co. Tipperary in 1846**. His parents were **Patrick (born 1812)** and **Margaret Grace (b1813)**. There were 4 other sons. They lived on the Crosdale-Moloney estate in Shallee and may have been evicted in 1852. They emigrated to Massachusetts and later moved to Vermont where they worked in the mines.

If any above of the scant details ring a bell, feel free to make contact for more details, remember our mission to research, preserve and disseminate the rich history of the Kennedys and to connect Kennedy descendants worldwide.

Coronavirus, Covid 19.

As we hopefully begin the process of recovering from the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic we hope all our members, wherever in the world you are have survived the dreaded virus. Our author Brian donned his historian's cap as he reflected on previous times when such issues affected our history. The Black Death in the 1300.s sent the English scurrying back home and left the Kennedys in charge of their own destiny for over 200 years. Interestingly Brian's latest book 'The Resilience of the Irish Kennedys' should provide us all with the courage and determination to overcome this modern enemy.

We had hoped to launch this book at our now cancelled July Gathering – we will now pencil it in for our 2021 Gathering. I'm afraid all things related to the Kennedys have come to halt here in Ireland – no meetings, no further development of our display in the Heritage centre in Nenagh. But as my mother was wont to say 'God is Good'

Ireland - 100 Years Ago.

As Ireland approaches the centenary of its emergence as an Independent Free State I have decided to attempt to give a short summary of Irish history. It might help to give some context to our many members who have never been to Ireland but have heard many stories about the ‘auld sod’ from their Kennedy ancestors.

1916. A small group of Irish Volunteers staged a rebellion, almost exclusively in Dublin, in April 1916 with the aim of establishing an Independent Irish Free State.

The rebellion was poorly organised and easily suppressed by the British forces. The leaders were arrested and either imprisoned in British jails or executed in Kilmainham gaol, Dublin. The executions had the effect of arousing huge sympathy for the executed rebels and through the remainder of 1916, 1917 and 1918 Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Volunteers became the most popular party in Ireland. A general election for the British Parliament in Dec.1918 saw Sinn Fein win 73 of the 105 Irish seats to the Westminster Parliament. They refused to take their seats at Westminster and instead established their own parliament in Dublin. The first Dáil met in Dublin in Jan.1919.

At almost the same time a group of Volunteers, now calling themselves the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) attacked a convoy of ammunition being transported in Co Tipperary. Two policemen of the Royal Irish Constabulary were killed in the ambush. British reprisals were sharp and brutal – the Irish War of Independence had begun. A guerrilla war of ambush and night attack followed by brutal and indiscriminate reprisal continued throughout 1919 and into 1920 So by the time we reach 100 years ago (April, May 1920) the British authorities have sent the infamous Black and Tans to Ireland to deal with these rebels in whatever way they see fit. Their preferred response to attacks on British forces was to rampage and burn any nearby towns. Limerick City, Dublin City, and many smaller towns around Ireland were burned and left desolate by the Black and Tans. This, naturally, served only to increase the resolve of the Irish people to win their independence.

I am going to leave my history lesson there –don’t want to overload, but I will continue in future newsletters. In the meantime if anyone has family stories from that time they might like to share with our Kennedy brethren please email them on to me for inclusion in future newsletters.

Lackeen Castle

Every time you receive a newsletter you are looking at a picture of Lackeen Castle at the left side of our Header. As you can see it is quite well preserved and continues to be a must visit for all Kennedy visitors to North Tipperary. Lackeen castle, or to give it a more proper term, tower house was built probably some time in the mid 1500,s and was the ancestral home of the O Kennedys Fionn for more than 200 years. It is still quite well preserved with an internal stone spiral staircase giving access to the upper floors. We know that Donough Kennedy was ordered by Cromwell to transplant to Connaught in 1655 but a recently discovered inscription on the castle wall shows that the same Donough returned to Lackeen in 1657. The last recorded Kennedy in Lackeen was John Kennedy in 1766. Lots more information about Lackeen is in Brian’s first book ‘The Irish Kennedys –the story of the Rebellious O Kennedys’.

Terry Kennedy’s DNA

Brian’s oldest son Terrence Brian Kennedy visited Ireland for the first time last year. Being something of a chip off the old block he decided to see if there was any validation of what he had heard about his Irish relatives. The following charts are just a small sample of what he found. It was a surprise to see some of the names of people with whom he and his father are related.

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DNA Story for Terry Kennedy

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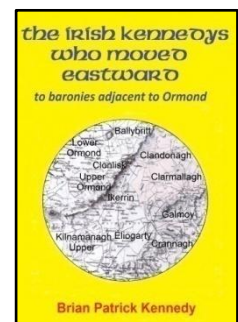
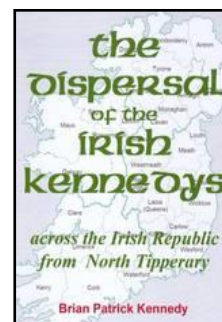
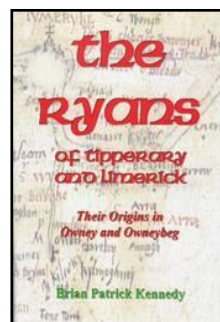
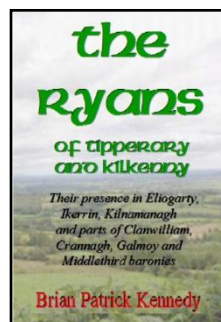
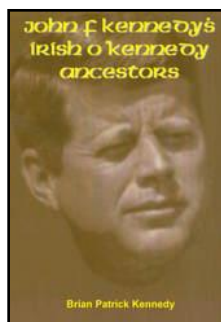
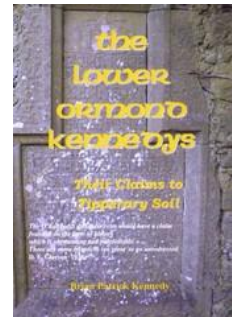
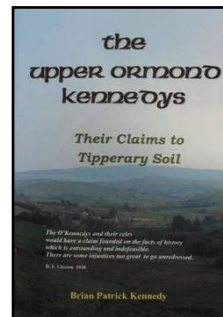
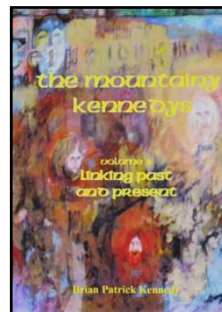
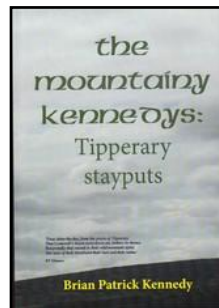
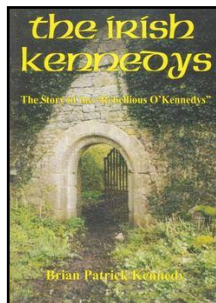
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