

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 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-

- **Virginia Mc Donald, lives in Anchorage, Alaska.**

Her 2nd ggrandmother Sarah Kennedy was born in Quebec in 1824 and traces her ancestry back to Long Andrew Kennedy. Sarah married a Leonard Henry Hill who was born in Ireland in 1816. Sarah's parents may have been William Kennedy, born in Tipperary in 1791 and Elizabeth Latham born 1797.

- **John Kennedy, now lives in London, U.K but most of his family are in Co. Louth**

John's research has taken him back to the townland of **Bealaclave**, near Rearcross and a Brien Kennedy born in 1854, son of Patrick Kennedy. I suspect there are Kennedys still around the Bealaclave/ Rearcross area who may have some knowledge of John's family history.

- **Mary Kennedy has joined us from Camarillo, California via Chicago.**

She believes that her gggrandfather Kennedy was one of 3 siblings who arrived in the U.S.A, in 1863 from the Nenagh area. She has very little information so far on her Kennedy history but does know that she has many DNA links on Mark Kennedy's Limerick/Tipperary tree.

- **Roger Hoffman lives in Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A.**

He has many Ryan and Kennedy ancestry including a Thomas Ryan, Coumbeg, Upperchurch who married a Bridget Kennedy. He also mentions Big Nellie Kennedy in his family history.

Anyone out there with possible links to Roger or any of our new members please let me know.

Virtual Clan Gathering 2020

Our virtual Clan Gathering took place on 8th Aug 2020. There was great interest worldwide and a large audience of IKHG members and their friends and relations tuned in. Thanks to all who participated by either pre-recording or live presentation of items. Particular thanks to Denis O Malley (married to Maureen Kennedy, Garravane) who assumed the role of chief organiser of the event and who sourced all the technical know - how and support to make it all happen. He simply refused to panic at any stage, even when he discovered that all internet coverage was down in Rearcross a few hours before we were going live. As a committee we were very pleased to be able to fill the void left by the cancellation of the live event and will feel a bit more confident if the situation arises again. For those many people who have been enquiring about the possibility of viewing a recording of the gathering you may now do so by clicking on the following link to You-Tube

<https://youtu.be/IaOpD6ZdaOI>

Thanks to Professor Mark Kennedy for uploading the video and arranging it in separate sections for greater viewing pleasure. Again feel free to share this link with as many friends and Kennedy relations as you wish.

Ireland - 100 Years Ago.

In my previous newsletter I took you back 100 years to 1920 and the Irish War of Independence. It had started in Jan 1919 and when we left it in June 1920 the British had introduced the infamous Black and Tans to Ireland to wreak their campaign of terror in a vain effort to suppress the Irish. The war continued to intensify through the remainder of 1920. Three I.R.A. prisoners died on hunger strike, one of them was Terence McSwiney, the Lord Mayor of Cork whose death provoked international outrage against the British. Other notable events that contributed to further sympathy for the Irish case for Independence was the hanging of 18 year old Kevin Barry in Mountjoy jail in Dublin cf, Kevin Barry,

*In Mountjoy jail, one Monday morning,
High upon the gallows tree,
Kevin Barry gave his young life
For the cause of liberty.*

From Kevin Barry, song by the Wolfe Tones.

and an event that became known as Bloody Sunday in which Tipperary was centrally involved. A Gaelic Football match was arranged for Croke Park, Dublin to raise funds for the support of Republican prisoners. Tipperary and Dublin were the participating teams. While the match was still in progress a column of British Army armoured cars drove on to the pitch and randomly opened fire. 14 people were killed including the Tipperary goalkeeper Michael Hogan, after whom the Hogan Stand in Croke Park is named. Another 70 people were wounded.

The G.A.A. had detailed plans in place this year to commemorate that match, including staging a football match between Tipperary and Dublin with both teams wearing a replica of the jerseys worn in 1920 – Covid 19 has unfortunately put paid to those plans.



Replica of jersey worn by Michael Hogan in Croke Park 1920(courtesy Kieran Bergin Sports)

The war raged on for the rest of 1920 with atrocities committed by both sides and no prospect of peace.

Time travel back 100 years to Ireland would not be a pleasant experience- will continue the story in future newsletters.

Kennedy Gatherings – Where Love Blossoms.

Those of us who attended the 2019 Clan Gathering will have fond memories of William (Bill) Kennedy, who was a most pleasant and jovial companion to all as we travelled around North Tipperary and on our day trip to Cashel. He was unable to accompany us to the Dingle peninsula, in Kerry as his companion Christine (or “driver” according to Bill,) had to return to London for a wedding.

The Kennedys have not prospered for nearly 1000 years by being that gullible, and what many of us suspected has been confirmed by the happy news of Bill and Christine’s wedding in Palm Springs. I’m sure you all join with me in wishing the happy couple all the best in their married lives together.



Bill and Christine on their wedding day.

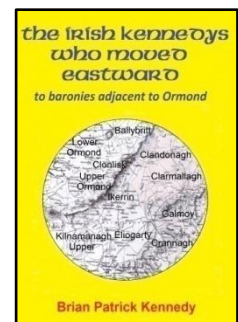
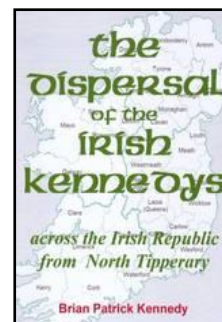
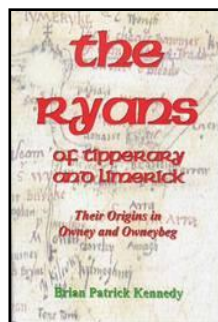
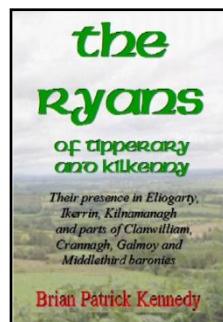
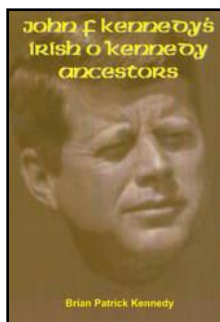
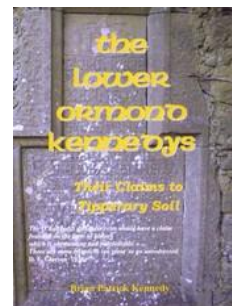
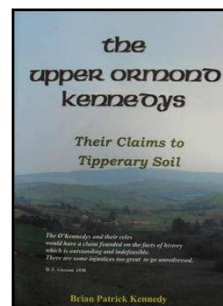
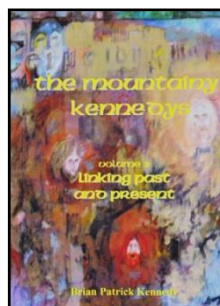
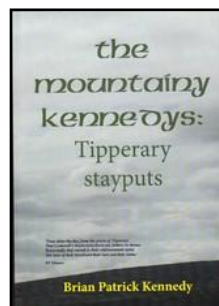
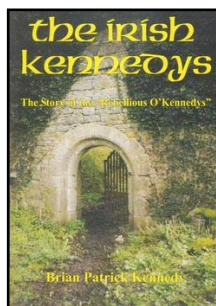
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