

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

Dear members,

I am very conscious of the continuing threat posed by Covid 19 so my sincere hope is that wherever you are in our ravaged world when you receive this newsletter you remain safe and healthy.

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-

- Jean Darling lives in Katy, on the outskirts of Houston, Texas, U.S.A. Her 2nd g grandfather Michael Francis Kennedy was baptized in Clash, Co. Waterford in 1826. Michael's parents were John C Kennedy and Margaret Fitzgerald. Jean's mother, Joe Ann Kennedy was born in Dallas, Texas in 1927. (Note: See P360 of "The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys". Listed in the Tithe Applotment Books for 1834 for the townland of Ballinamaltina, Clashmore, Waterford, is Francis Kennedy, perhaps an uncle of Michael.)
- John Fraser Kennedy lives in Ohakune, New Zealand .His ggrandfather James Kennedy of Woodstown, Waterford had a 1st cousin John Kennedy of Ballyhane, Templederry. John is the 4th person to make contact through our website who can trace back to Kennedys of Ballyhane.
- Fiona Hyslop lives in the U.K. Her father Lawrence was born in Edinburgh but Fiona is really interested in her 3rd ggrandfather Patrick Kennedy who was born in Clare in 1809. He married Judith Lynch. Their offspring were Patrick 1851, Ellen 1853, Thomas 1854, John 1856, Martin 1857, Bridget 1860, Johanna 1863, Ann 1865. (Now here is a challenge! There were 30 Patrick Kennedys listed as occupiers in County Clare in Griffiths Valuation C1850. See pages 264-267 of "The Dispersal of the Irish Kennedys")
- Cecilia Kennedy. Cecilia's great great grandfather was a herdsman in Graigueachullaire, Dunmore, Co. Galway in the early 1900's. He was known as Paddy 'Black' as another Patrick Kennedy, known as 'Red' also lived there. Cecilia believes they were cousins.

As always these new members are very welcome to the I.K.H.G and would really appreciate if any of our members can add any further information to what they already know of their Kennedy ancestry. If you can help let me know and I will facilitate further contact.

Virtual Clan Gathering 2020

In our previous newsletter I provided a link to a recording of our gathering on You-Tube.

Prof. Mark Kennedy has now made a version publicly available on You Tube which can be accessed by simply typing in Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering 2020 (or something similar) on the search button on You Tube. It also has the benefit of being segmented so you can visit various sections at your pleasure.

Thanks to Mark for his assistance with this.

More from Irish History

by Pat Kennedy, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary

The Influence of the Norman Invasion of 1169 on Irish History.

After the battle of Clontarf, and the defeat of the Danes. Ireland entered a century of relative peace. The usual warfare between various petty kings was the normal way of life in Ireland. The king of Leinster Dermot one of the more warlike provincial kings having carried off Dervla wife of O'Rourke of Breffine, soon tired of her and sent her back to O'Rourke. An insult not forgiven, soon afterward a coalition of local kings and lords deposed Dermot, he fled to Wales in 1164 to gain assistance to regain his kingship, being already familiar with the Normans in Wales, at the same time the Irish church was in dispute with Rome, so with the blessing of Pope Adrian (An Englishman) the Normans had permission to invade Ireland.

Four years later the Normans. Fitzstephans, landed at Bannow bay Wexford. Strongbow, De Clare, and others followed soon afterward and established footholds in most parts of Ireland especially in the Southeast.

Henry 2nd was in France at the time of the invasion, he hurried over to Ireland in 1171 to keep control of his knights, the Normans were French speakers, and in the next, 150 years or so consolidated their presence here. About 1350 a Gaelic resurgence, confined the Normans to the Pale,(the East Southeast) until about 1530.

They gradually mingled and intermarried with the Irish and spoke Gaelic, and so the mantra was born, they became more Irish than the Irish themselves.

The Black Death, the hundred years war with France, and almost constant war with Scotland, and the war of the Roses contributed to the Gaelic resurgence

The preminent Anglo-Norman lords, Fitzgeralds Earls of Kildare and Desmond, the Butlers Earls of Ormond, and to a lesser extent De Burgos (Burkes) Clanrichard and Mc Williams in Mayo were more or less the administration of Ireland. All this was about to change.

The O'Kennedys and the Normans. See Brian Patrick Kennedy's book (The Irish Kennedys).

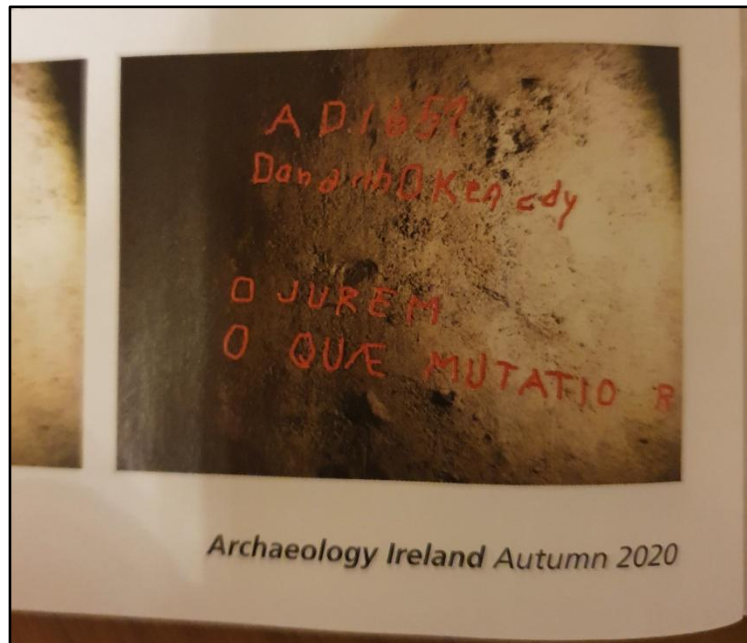
Pat is an active member of the Committee of the I.K.H.G. and has a great interest in Irish History



Discussion about the Irish Kennedy family chart during the IKHG visit to the Dingle Peninsula Kennedys in 2019
Dara Ó Cinnéide of Kerry football fame deep in discussion with Brian

Lackeen Castle features in Archaeology Ireland Magazine.

The autumn edition of Archaeology Ireland contains an article by local Lorrha historian David Broderick on writing on the wall of Lackeen Castle. David discovered the previously unknown inscription in 2018 and was kind enough to share his discovery with myself, Brian Patrick Kennedy and some other members of the I.K.H.G. at that time. Brian did make reference to the discovery at our 2019 gathering but ethics dictated that finer details be left to David to make public.



An enhanced photo from wall of Lackeen Castle ,Photo courtesy of Archaeology Ireland

The text of the inscription, written in Latin, reads,

AD 1657 Donogh O Kennedy

O Jurem

O Quae

Mutatio

David points out that Donogh O Kennedy was the last of the great O Kennedys of Lackeen. He was evicted to Connaught by the Cromwellians in 1665 but this inscription scribbled on the interior wall of Lackeen shows that Donogh was back in Lackeen two years later. David has translated the Latin inscription into English as follows:

AD 1657 Donogh O Kennedy

Oh Curse/s

Oh what a change

Strange, Strange, Strange

A really interesting illustration of the changing circumstances of the O Kennedys as a result of Cromwell's invasion of Ireland

For more background on Donogh O Kennedy and Lackeen Castle see Brian's book 'The Irish Kennedys – The Story of the Rebellious O Kennedys or The Lower Ormond Kennedys – Their Claims to Tipperary Soil.

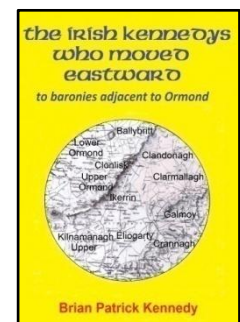
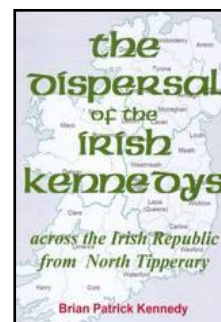
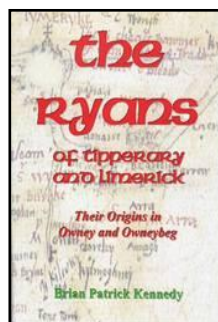
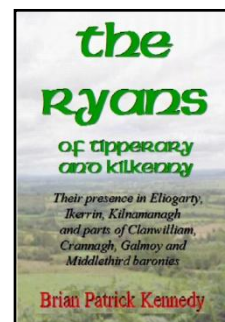
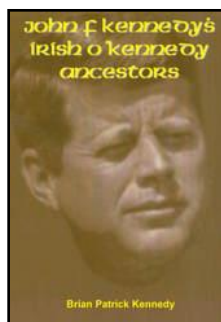
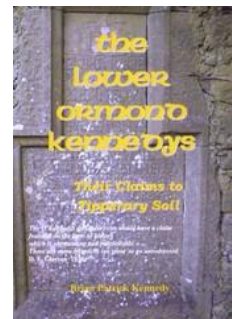
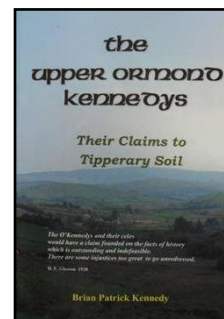
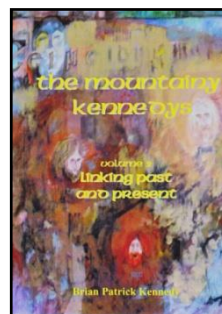
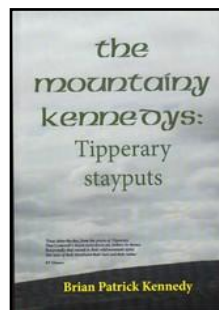
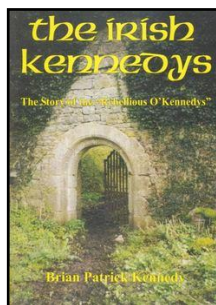
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