

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.

Covid Update from Ireland

I once again start our newsletter under a Covid cloud. Things have certainly improved here in Ireland with almost 90% adults now vaccinated. Hospitality is re-opening gradually with a corresponding improvement in social interaction though we are still quite a bit away from lifting of all restrictions. I am conscious of the wildly different circumstances our members around the world may be experiencing so a sincere best wishes to all members and their families. I hope you have escaped the worst of the pandemic and the other natural disasters currently besetting our planet. If you are unfortunate enough to have lost ones dear to you can I remind you of a little consolation I've heard from some of our Dingle cousins –

Níl said imithe uainn, tá said imithe romhainn

They are not gone from us just gone ahead of us.

New Members.

- **Ciaran Daithi Coinneach Iarfhlaithe Kennedy lives in St. Helen's in North West England.**

Ciarán's grandad, Thomas Kennedy was born in Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny in 1848, son of William Kennedy. DNA research tells Ciaran that he is descended from the Dal Cais tribe and he is eager to explore any connections with members if the I.K.H.G.

- **Geraldine Murphy got in touch from New Zealand and is exploring links between the Ormond Kennedys and the Dingle Kennedys.**

Following is an extract from her email.

My great great grandmother was Johanna Kennedy who married James Neligan of Ballinvounig near Dingle around 1822/23. According to her death record she was 91 when she died in 1892 so was born around 1801. It is possible she is a daughter of Maurice Kennedy and Judith Currane mentioned on the tombstone in Garfinny cemetery as descendants of the Kennedys from Nenagh but I can't prove this. I would be most grateful for any information about her.

- **Mildred Howard_ made contact from Canada,**

I am interested discovering the origin in Ireland of my Kennedys, who emigrated to Newfoundland, Canada , I would guess during the 1700s.

Are there any documents or otherwise that may give a clue as to this connection, or perhaps someone who may also be interested in this line of Kennedys.

The earliest I can find, is EDWARD KENNEDY of Newfoundland, who inherited property from his grandfather in 1747..

Look forward to hearing from you..

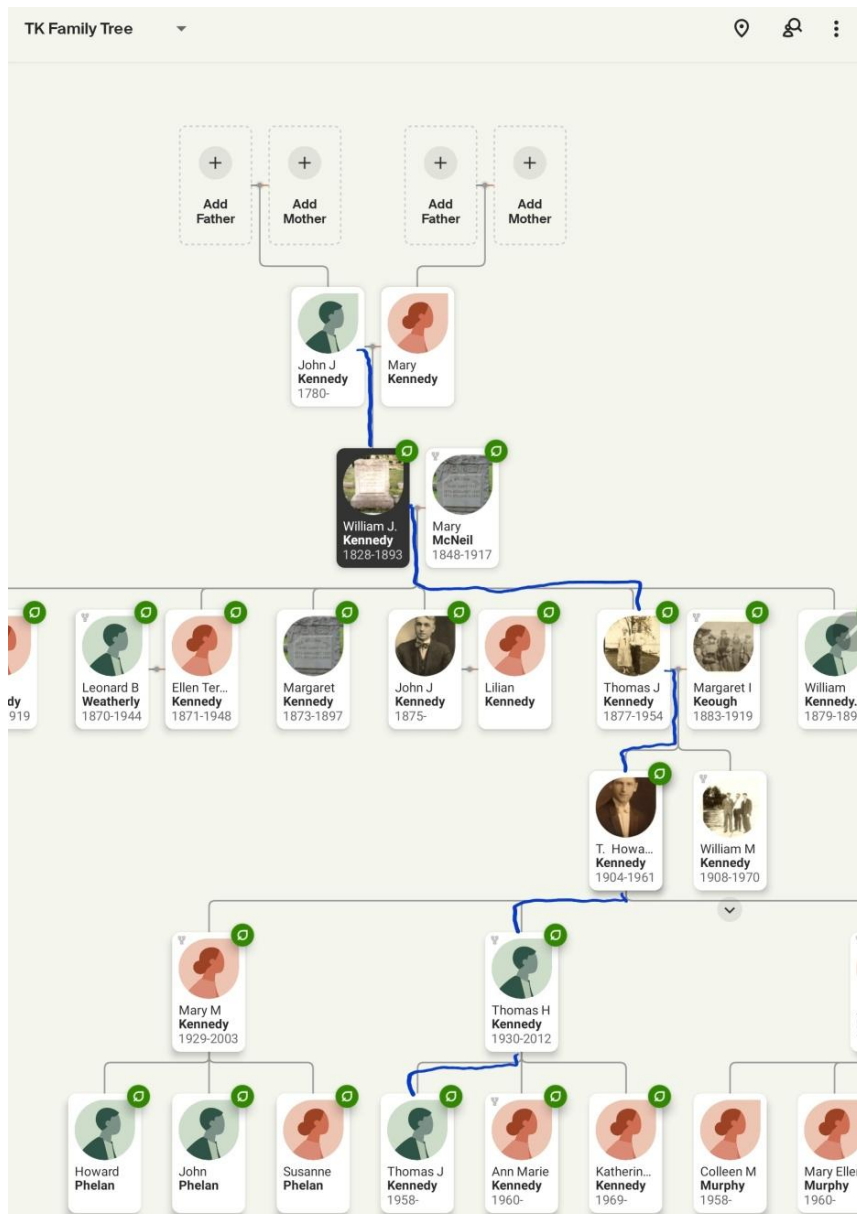
Not a lot of information there but perhaps someone may be able to help.


- **Thomas Joseph Kennedy lives in Seattle.**

A short extract from Thomas's email

Thou, based in Seattle, Washington. USA, I spend a few months each year in Limerick. I've been able to trace heritage back to the late 1780's but lose connections after that. Would love to get to know other Kennedys, as well as, tracing deeper into my family heritage.



Below is a section from Thomas' family tree.





John J Kennedy

1780 -
3rd great-grandfather

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Summary

John J Kennedy was born in 1780 in Ireland. He had one son with Mary Kennedy in 1828.


1780

Birth

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
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Search for information about Thomas's birth.

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Recommendation

Search for information about Thomas's military service.

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1828

Birth of Son

His son William J. was born in 1828 in Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland.
1828 • Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland

1893

Death of Son

His son William J. passed away in 1893 in Jamestown, New York, at the age of 65.
1893 • Jamestown, Chautauqua, New York, USA

We are delighted to welcome Ciarán, Geraldine, Thomas and Mildred to the Irish Kennedy Heritage group and perhaps might meet up one day at a Clan Gathering.

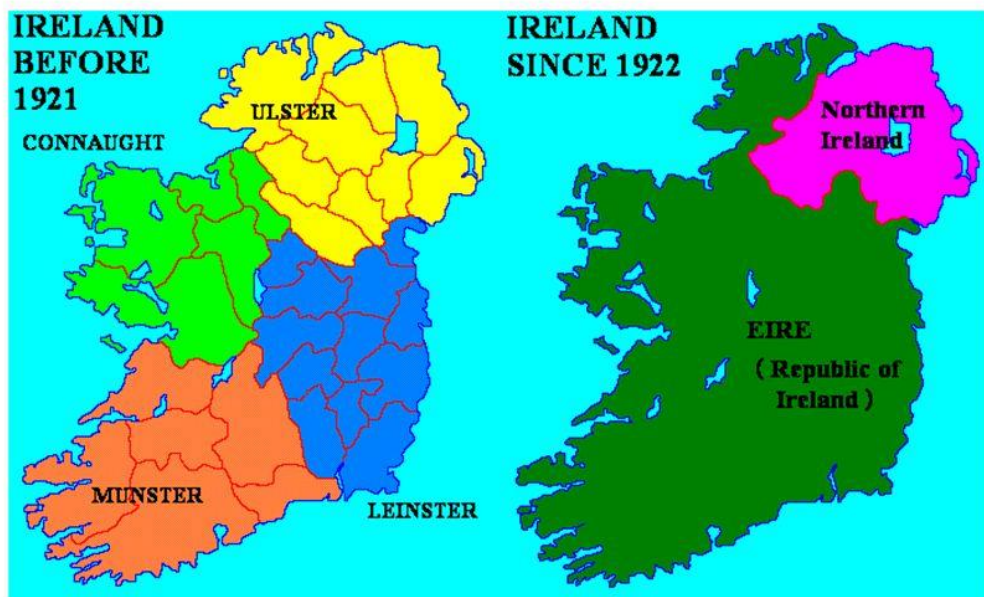
Céad míle fáilte romhaibh go léir.

Looking back 100 years –Ireland in Aug. 1921

In August 1921 an uneasy peace reigned in Ireland. A truce in the War of Independence had been agreed between the British and Irish authorities bringing to an end the hostilities that had been going on for nearly 2 and a half years. The hated and feared Black and Tans were confined to barracks. Behind the scenes talks were taking place to facilitate the opening of face to face discussions to negotiate a Peace Treaty.

A parliament had already been set up in Belfast to administer the 6 counties of Northern Ireland. This partition of Ireland and the British insistence on Irish parliamentarians having to swear an Oath of Allegiance to the British monarch were the 2 big stumbling blocks from an Irish point of view but eventually in December 1921 the terms of an Anglo-Irish Treaty were agreed by both sides. 26 counties would be known as the Irish Free State (later Eire and Republic of Ireland) and would be an independent state while remaining part of the British Empire.

1922: The Partition of the Island



The terms of the Treaty were to prove highly controversial but were ratified in a Dáil (new Irish Parliament) vote in Jan. 1922

I will look back over the fall-out from the Treaty negotiations in future newsletters.

Some more facts about the Irish Workhouses

In the previous newsletter I included a short history of the workhouses in Ireland and Borrisokane workhouse in particular. It dealt mainly with the terrible conditions that prevailed during and immediately after the famine years of the 1850's and 60's when hunger and disease resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people, many buried unidentified in mass graves. I am indebted to Phyllis Kennedy, Toomevara, for the following which gives an idea of the changing role from workhouse to hospital down through the decades.

Borrisokane Workhouse 1900-1901.

Though built in 1852/53 to house 600 inmates the census of 1901 recorded 100 inmates and this included 15 tramps. There were 60 disabled inmates including 1 male of 100 years. The weather determined the number of tramps present on any particular day. There was a staff of 7 to manage the affairs of the workhouse-

Timothy Heenan	Master
Margaret Kennedy	Head Nurse and Matron
Norah Kennedy	Trained Nurse
Kate Byrne	Nurse
Mary Cavanagh	Nurse
Kate McNamara	Female Servant
Hugh Mannion	Porter

For all health care workers out there the Matron received a salary increase of £10 in 1901 bringing her annual salary to £50 plus furnished apartment and first class provisions.

IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

Brian Patrick has diverted work on “The Resilience of the Irish Kennedys”. Covid 19 has hampered progress of this book but it is expected to be available later in 2022. However, in the meantime Brian is working with his son Terry on a book to be titled “Our Irish Kennedy DNA”. Terry had a comprehensive Y-DNA test which has added much more to the test that Brian had with Trinity College in 2004. Terry’s Y-DNA Haplogroup R-BY39725 reveals that they are not descended from the Dalcassians but from another Kennedy who lived in North Munster in the late 900ADs after the death of the Dalcassian Kennedy ancestor. There appear to be only a few Kennedys in this group so more research is underway to establish its origins.

So these will then be added to the impressive list of publications by Brian already available.

Internationally all books can be obtained via “The Irish Kennedys” web page at <https://theirkennedys.weebly.com>

The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

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

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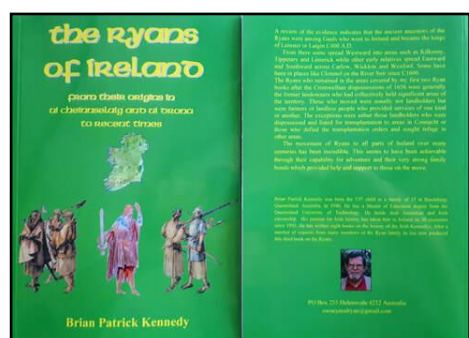
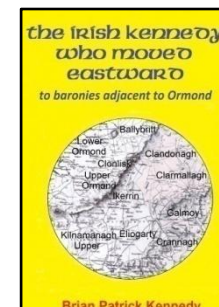
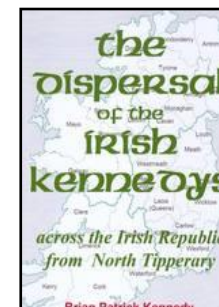
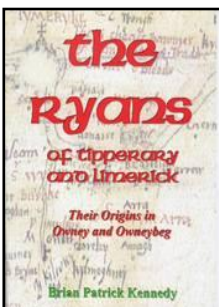
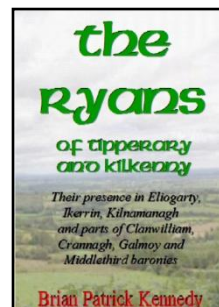
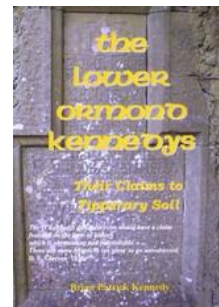
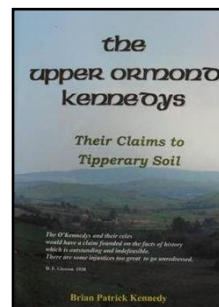
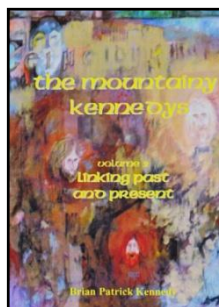
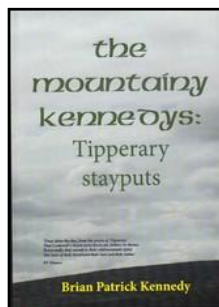
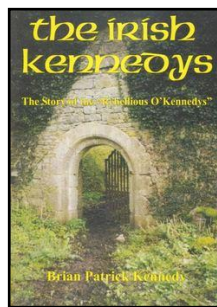
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Phyllis Kennedy, Garnafana, TOOMEVARA. Tipperary. Ph. 067 26069

Harvest Fresh, Main St. Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary. Ph. 3536727060.

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