

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

COVID UPDATE FROM IRELAND

It has been a case of one step forward, one step backward with the Covid pandemic here in Ireland. As we appear to be managing the virus a new mutation appears and sets us back to square one again. We are still alive and kicking however and hope you are the same wherever in the world you are. I get occasional enquiries re our next Kennedy Clan gathering – the truth is God only knows. When it becomes safe and permissible to gather in outdoor and indoor groups again and when international travel becomes possible then we will start to plan our next gathering. We will keep you informed as things hopefully improve.

NEW MEMBERS

Fergus Kennedy was born in Waterford in Ireland but now lives in Vancouver, Canada. Fergus has discovered he is a 2nd cousin of Pat Kennedy of Garnafana, Toomevara so has probably quite a few connections with members of our Irish Kennedys. Fergus's father has had a most interesting life, including being imprisoned by the Japanese in 1941 and being forced to work on the building of the bridge over the River Kwai. He is married to Margaret Gleeson from Borrisoleigh and is eager to make contact with possible Kennedy cousins through the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group.

Michael Howard made contact from North Queensland.

See below a copy of his email:

Hi Tom,

I reside in Nth Queensland, Australia and I am in need of your help.

My name is Michael Howard and I have begun a search to locate the parentage of Catherine Howard nee Kennedy b 1828, County Limerick. Trial Date 1/1/1848 7 years VDL for stealing a cow. Her brother Andrew b 1834- 1903 served in 57th Regiment of Foot campaign in NZ and a constable in Launceston, Tasmania. I believe her father was Andrew Kennedy born circa 1815 Rathkeale/Rathleale?, Limerick and wife Mary nee Hogan b 821 County Kilkenny, Ireland. I was wondering if you could forward me some advice as where to start my searching or should I engage a researcher. There seems to be a plenty of Kennedys in County Limerick!!! So far no real luck.

Regards Michael.

Sheridan Kennedy

Hello, I have traced our particular collection of Kennedys back to one of several Patrick Kennedys around the Nenagh/Ballymackey area. I'm interested in organising membership for my father who bought a copy of Brian's book "The Rebellious O'Kennedys" when he was in Ireland and learnt that the author lived just 'down the road' (in Australian parlance) at the Gold Coast. My father lives in St Lucia, Brisbane and his great grandfather John arrived in Brisbane in 1854

Thank you
Sheridan

If anyone can help Sheridan Kennedy, Michael Howard or Fergus Kennedy with their family research please let me know and I will arrange contact between the relevant members.

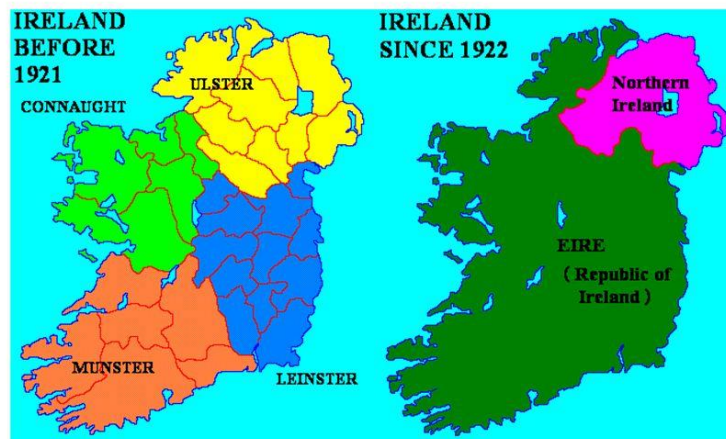
In the meantime **Ciarán Daithí Kennedy** who featured in our most recent newsletter is hoping some member may be able to help:

I am looking for a brooch, pin stud, cufflinks or badge of Brian Boru who was my Ancestor.
Can you help? When is the next Kennedy clan gathering in Ireland?

Thanks,
Ciaran Daithi Coinneach Iarfhlaith Kennedy

LOOKING BACK 100 YEARS – IRELAND IN DECEMBER 1921

1922: The Partition of the Island



As the truce in the War of Independence continued tense negotiations took place in London throughout November and December between the British and Irish negotiating teams. Then on Dec. 6th 1921 articles of agreement were signed by both parties and the Irish delegation returned to Dublin for ratification of the terms by the Dail, (Irish Parliament). The Irish republicans were deeply divided over the negotiated terms and after much heated debate the terms of the treaty were ratified by Dail Eireann in Jan.1922 by just 7 votes. Eamonn de Valera who opposed the terms of the Treaty resigned as President of Sinn Fein while the pro treaty deputies set about the mammoth task of setting up an independent Irish Free State. Ireland now had its own elected

government to govern the country – albeit 26 counties instead of the hoped for all 32 county island. The saddest episode in the sad history of Ireland was about to unfold but we will hold that until 2022.

NENAGH CASTLE



After 800 years the history of Nenagh is being celebrated this year and naturally the castle that many of you will have visited during your visit to Kennedy territory features centrally in this history. The castle features frequently also in the history of the Irish Kennedys. The O Kennedys seem to have taken occupancy of the castle from the Butlers in the early 1300's but the Butlers didn't go away, so over the following years the two families entered into a number of agreements interspersed by occasional outbreaks of warfare between them. Details of Ormond Deeds relating to matters between the Butlers and the O Kennedys are all listed in 'The Irish Kennedys – The Story of the Rebellious O Kennedys' by Brian Patrick Kennedy.

IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

Brian Patrick is continuing his work on "The Resilience of the Irish Kennedys" and also "Our Irish Kennedy Y-DNA". Covid 19 has hampered progress of these book but they are expected to be available in 2022. However in the meantime "The Ryans of Ireland- from their origins in Uí Dróna and Uí Cheinnselaig" is now available. This adds 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

The Bookworm Bookshop. THURLES. Tipperary. Ph. 504 22257.

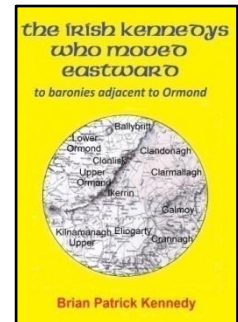
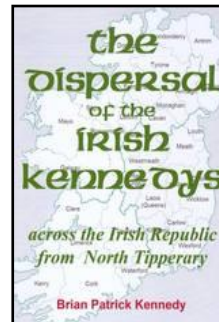
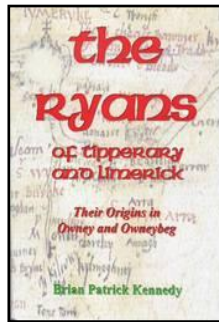
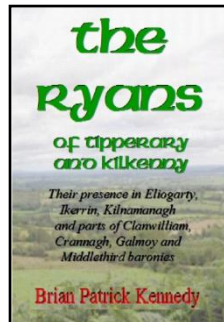
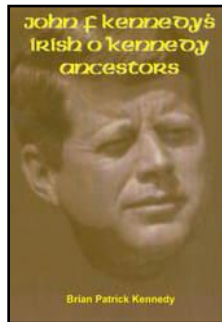
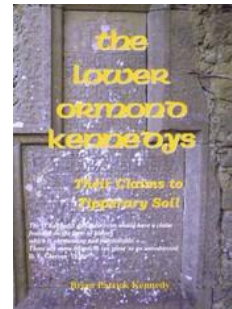
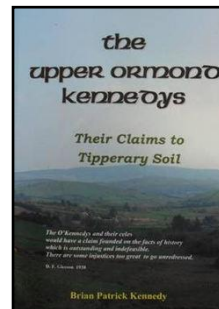
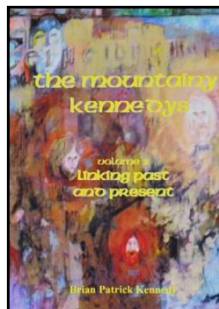
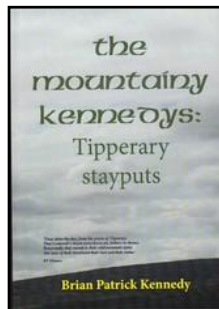
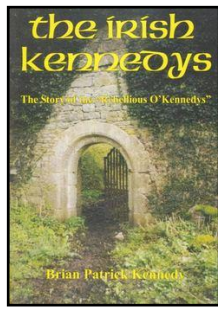
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The Kennedy Homestead, DUNGANSTOWN. Wexford. Ph. 051 388 264

Phyllis Kennedy, Garnafana, TOOMEVARA. Tipperary. Ph. 353 858703971

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