

# 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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*Donnchadh Ó Cinnéide R.I.P.*

We begin this newsletter with the sad news of the passing of Donnchadh Ó Cinnéide. Donnchadh took over the Chairmanship of the I.K.H.G committee in 2019 and proved a most able, efficient and affable chairperson. He had a keen interest in history in general and in Irish Kennedy history in particular. He was steeped in Irish culture with a great love of the Irish language and Irish music. He was very active in promotion of all things Gaelic, exemplified by his work with Ceomhaltas and his energetic endeavour in the establishment of Brú Ború cultural centre in Cashel. He was very active in his local parish of Boherlahan-Dualla, near Cashel, never shying away from lending a weekly hand. He was most at home sitting in front of a microphone in Tipp Mid West radio station playing the music of local and national traditional musicians and singers. He interviewed Brian Patrick Kennedy live on air on all of Brian's visits to Ireland and those lucky enough to attend our last full gathering in 2019 will remember Donnchadh delivering a few lovely old Irish songs to an appreciative audience in John Benny's pub in Dingle.

Donnchadh passed peacefully in his home on 9<sup>th</sup> August, On behalf of I.K.H.G. I want to express our sympathy to Donnchadh's family and to his partner Ann. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### **Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering 2023.**

Plans are afoot to have a Kennedy Clan Gathering in 2023. We are aiming to organise a gathering around the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July i.e. July 9<sup>th</sup>. We are conscious that many people will need to make their plans in a timely fashion so unless something drastic happens in the meantime you can start making your plans for early July 2023. If that particular weekend does not suit you we hope to be able to facilitate some way of enabling people to make a virtual contribution on a digital platform. Will keep you updated as we firm up our plans.

### **Calling Irish Kennedys in Canada, particularly Newfoundland and Labrador.**

Mildred Howard lives in Nova Scotia, Canada. She has documents showing an Edward Kennedy of Newfoundland who inherited property from his grandfather in 1747. She is also very interested in a group of 72 men including one Phillip Kennedy who sailed from Ireland to Newfoundland in 1811. She would love to hear from any Kennedys in this area of Canada who may have some connection to or any information on any of these emigrants.

### **Calling Kennedys around Carrick-on-Suir in particular and Counties Waterford and Cork in general.**

David Kennedy lives in Maine, U.S.A. and has been undertaking much research in his family ancestry in Ireland.

He hopes to come to the Ireland this autumn and to continue his research in the Waterford/ Cork area. He would be very interested in connecting with other Kennedys with connections to this area either in person or on virtual platforms. I am aware of some members who have traced their roots back to west Waterford so I will be very happy to facilitate these people hooking up with David.

## **Irish Folklore**

*Following on from my piece about Irish folklore in last newsletter this piece was forwarded to me by Jim Kennedy.*

This story was compiled by a school child in Newport for a project in 1930s.

There is a holy well in Cragg. Cragg is situated about 2 miles to the N.W. of Newport. A stream which rises in Ballinahinch about 2 miles distant, disappeared about 200 yards above the well, and re-appears, forming the well, about 30 yards N.E. of the old graveyard. The river continues on though Shower Bog and thence to the Mulcair. Over the well stands an enormous ash tree, whose protecting branches, with those of adjacent whitethorn trees practically overshadow the well, affording shelter to the numerous pilgrims who make their "rounds" of the well and pray for the intercession of the Saints in order to be relieved of their bodily or mental ailments. The "rounds" are 7 in number. The pilgrim first takes 7 pebbles from the running stream, recites the Pater Noster, Hail Mary, Creed and Gloria, then throws the pebbles into the well, and walks round the well, passing through the churchyard to the front of the well where the pilgrims kneel and pray. The well is decorated with offerings of beads, sacred pictures etc left there by pilgrims on completion of their rounds. According to legend the well was in ancient times situated close to St. Cominet's bed, but as cattle were being allowed into it the well moved.

*The above piece taken from the Irish Folklore Commission and supplied by Jim Kennedy.*

Jim Kennedy lives with his wife Kathy near Sacramento, California, U.S.A. He can trace his roots back to Hugh Kennedy of Glencroe (1716-1776) and his family lived in a house they called Cragg

House near Birdhill, Newport from 1840 to 1880. He recently visited North Tipperary and travelled to many areas of Kennedy interest on his trip.



*Jim and Kathy Kennedy in walls of Lackeen Castle*



*Jim, Kathy and Maura Kennedy within church ruins at Rathurles ringfort*

## [Looking back 100 years –Ireland in August/ September 1922](#)

I left my look back at Ireland of 100 years ago with the outbreak of Civil War between those against the Treaty with Britain which had been ratified by Dail Eireann and those on the pro treaty side. This war continued with increased ferocity through the summer of 1922. The main towns of Munster – Cork, Limerick and Waterford were brought back under the control of the Free State Army. The anti-treaty forces resorted to a guerrilla campaign and in an ambush in August 1922 General Michael Collins was killed in west Cork. Collins, as head of the I.R.A Intelligence unit had been hugely influential in the success of the War of Independence and had also been a key negotiator of the Treaty. His death brought a sense of shock to the whole country but the Civil War continued nonetheless.

## **IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS**

Brian Patrick is continuing his work on “The Resilience of the Irish Kennedys”. Covid 19 has hampered progress of this book but it is expected to be available in 2023.

However, Brian Patrick and his oldest son, Terrence Brian, are working on another book that will dramatically change the perspective on the history of the Irish Kennedys. They are collaborating on writing a new book “Our Irish Kennedy Y-DNA Roots – Early northern Tipperary origins in the first millenium”. There were Kennedys in North Tipperary earlier than Cinneidi, stepfather of Brian Boru. The following passage is from the new book:

***The science of Y DNA provides a startling fresh perspective on our Kennedy family resilience and origins. Not only does it provide a new way of looking at the diverse nature of what constitutes being a Kennedy but when combined with***



*extant historical records it provides a new and rich understanding of Kennedy connections and origins in Northern Tipperary in the first millennium that date back well before the birth of Christ. This new baseline also allows further insights to be drawn from our current understanding of the family history in the second millennium.*

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

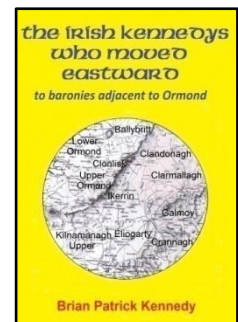
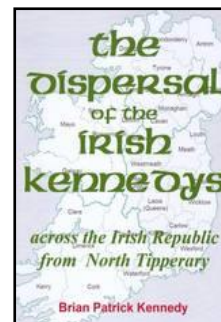
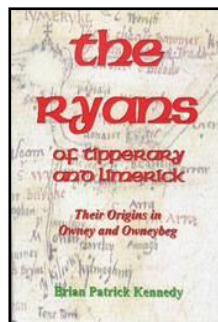
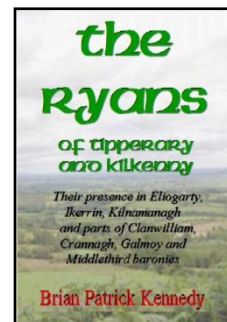
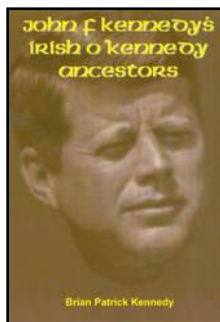
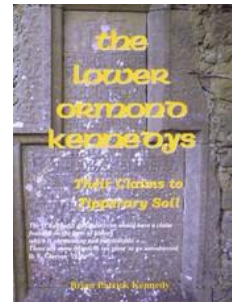
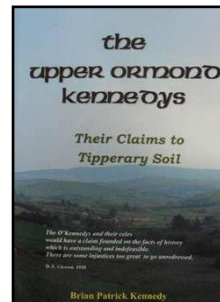
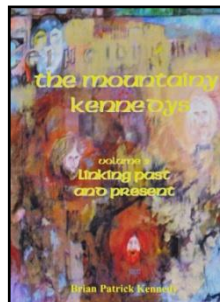
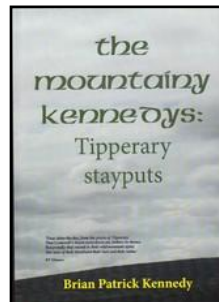
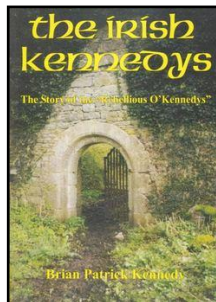
In the meantime “The Ryans of Ireland”- from their origins in Uí Dróna and Uí Cheinnselaig is now available from the bookshops listed below..

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.  
The Bookshop. NENAGH. Tipperary  
The Kennedy Homestead, DUNGANSTOWN. Wexford. Ph. 051 388 264  
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In order to make all earlier editions of the original mailing list generally available, Sean Kennedy has kindly volunteered to publish an **Internet Blog** that will provides appropriately edited posts in order from the first issue. You will find the Blog if you click on

<https://tikhg.blogspot.com>

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