

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.



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Fáilte

New Chairperson.

The Irish Kennedys have been known as a resilient clan, a term that could be still applied to our Committee here in Ireland. Having lost our Chairperson Donnchadh and our chief Rody in close succession, other members of our Committee suffered family losses also. All this combined with the restraints of Covid severely hampered our ability to continue to carry on our mission of researching, preserving and disseminating the history of the Irish Kennedys. However, I am glad to relate that light has appeared at the end of the tunnel, and we are eagerly looking forward to the rest of 2023. Firstly, I am delighted to announce that Richard Kennedy has agreed to assume the role of Chairperson of I.K.H.G. Richard lives in Clarina, just outside Limerick city. He has been very involved in farming and in Irish Farming organisations for many years and is widely known and highly respected throughout Ireland.



Richard Kennedy, New Chairperson of I.K.H.G.

Annual Clan Gathering 2023.

This year's Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering will be held mainly on the weekend of Saturday, Sunday 8th and 9th of July. The finer details will be finalised between now and July but I am in a position to give the broad outlines.

Saturday 9th July.

Group will meet up at Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh (11.00am to 12.00pm approx.) and

- travel by car to the historic village of Lorrha (about 20 miles). Local guide will lead us on walking tour of the village which includes many connections to the Lower Ormond Kennedy chiefs.
- Travel to Lackeen Castle, (Kennedy Castle featured in header of newsletter) where local guides will recount the history of the Kennedys in Lackeen for over 300 years.
- Travel back towards Borrisokane to Coorevan Farm where landowner Pdraig will recount developments on his farm from 1830's, when the farm came into his family ownership, pre-famine, right down to the modern productive farm he works today.
- Retire to local hostelry in Borrisokane for refreshments as desired.

This is a broad outline of Saturday's activities - there may well be some alterations but nothing major.

We estimate that this trip around lower Ormond Kennedy country should take about 4 to 5 hours at a nice leisurely pace. Leave Borrisokane in your own time.

Sunday 10th July

- Meet up at Kennedy's Angelsey lounge, Rearcross, Sunday evening for chat and entertainment.
- Prof. Mark Kennedy will give summary on his Irish Kennedy DNA project.
- Launch of "Our Irish Kennedy DNA Roots, Hidden in Plain Sight" by Terrence Brian Kennedy and Brian Patrick Kennedy.
- Irish traditional music and entertainment by local performers.
- Coming back to settle in Ireland – the land of our ancestors. Our experience by some people who have now settled in Ireland, having come to visit one of our annual gatherings.

On Sunday night we will arrange 2 day trips for those interested, probably for Tuesday 11th July.

Trip 1. A visit to the Nenagh Heritage centre to include the Irish Kennedy Heritage Display there, plus a tour of Nenagh Castle.

Trip 2. A day trip in Co. Limerick to include a visit to Lough Gur, an ancient archaeological site dating back to almost 3000 B.C.

These will be informal trips arranged at the Gathering , depending on interest.

For people who do not have their own means of travel, I expect that they will be accommodated in the cars of other members.

If there is anything else I can help with, feel free to contact me.

Joe Kennedy

Congratulations to Joe Kennedy, Massachusetts. U.S.A.

On his recent visit to Ireland, President Joe Biden was accompanied by Joe Kennedy. Joe has recently been appointed as the U.S.A's Special Envoy for Northern Ireland. Joe is a grandson of Robert Kennedy, brother of J.F.K. and was good enough to record a goodwill message for the I.K.H.G virtual gathering of 2020. We wish him the best of luck in this demanding role.



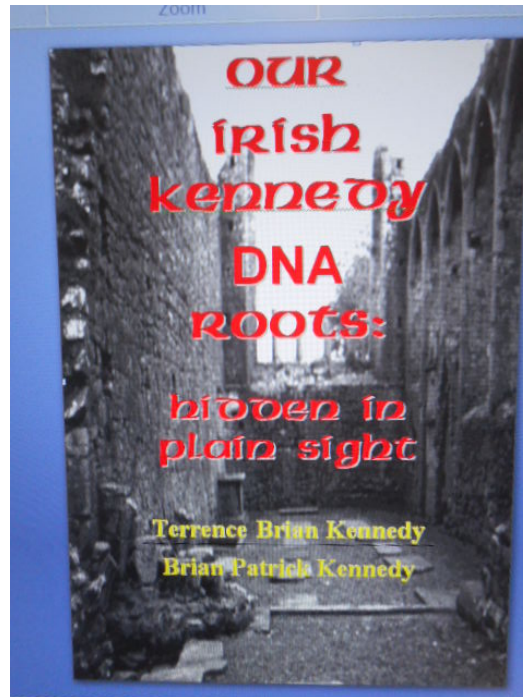
Joseph P. Kennedy III. Courtesy of Getty Images.

Any resemblance to Richard above?

IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

Brian Patrick and his oldest son, Terrence Brian, have completed another book that will dramatically change the perspective on the history of the Irish Kennedys. They have collaborated on writing a new book "Our Irish Kennedy DNA Roots – hidden in plain sight". 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.

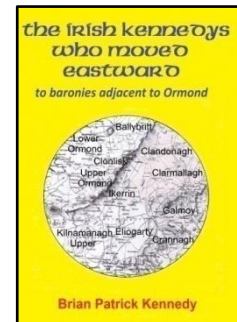
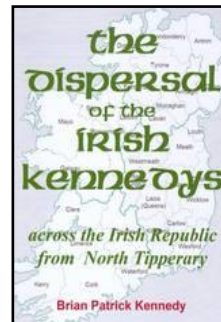
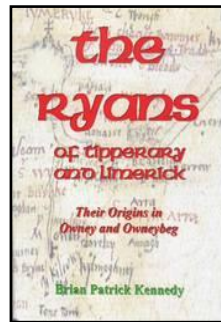
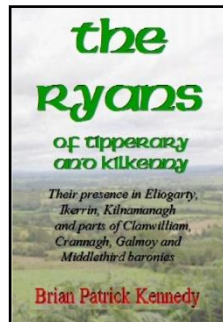
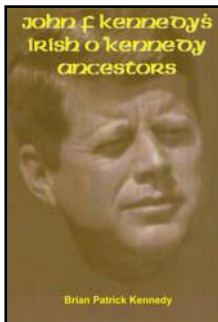
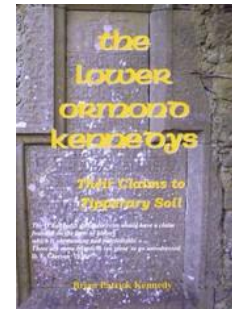
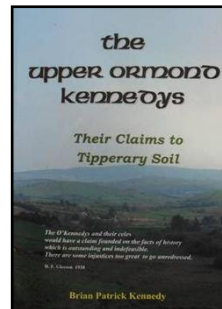
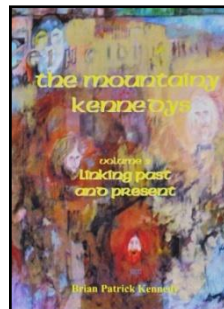
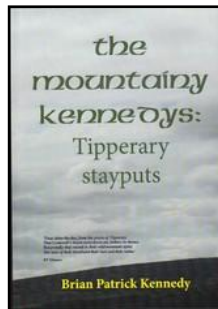
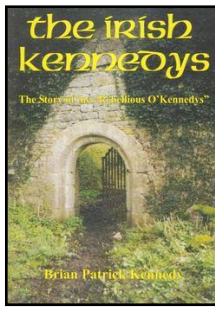
The Bookshop. NENAGH. Tipperary

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

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

Alan Hanna's Bookshop, 270 Rathmines Road Lower, DUBLIN 6

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