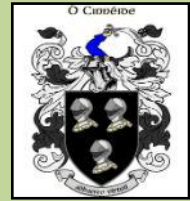


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The mission of the Irish Kennedy Heritage Group is to research, preserve and disseminate the history of the Irish Kennedys.



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Fáilte

Greetings from a wet and windy Tipperary.

The Gathering 2023.

Our 2023 Irish Kennedy Clan Gathering has come and gone but the memories will last for a long time. The memory of the buzz of chat and laughter that was so obvious that first morning as people congregated in The Abbey Court Hotel in Nenagh, and continued unabated right through the Saturday and Sunday – the memory of people from far flung places making connections with some common story or person from their family's past- the invasion of the little Sceal shop in Lorrha village (they weren't expecting so many) – the joy on peoples' faces as they travelled back to the time of their Kennedy ancestors in the Dominican Abbey and Lackeen Castle in Lorrha, – the difficulty of Padraig Moran making himself heard over the noise of the machines bringing in the silage bales and then, again back to the constant chatter in the Fairgreen Café in Borrisokane and Kennedy's Bar in Rearcross. What surprised me? First of all how punctual the Kennedys are – I thought I'd go in to the Abbey Court good and early on the Saturday and be there to greet our visitors as they arrived – the place was already throbbing when I got there. Similarly Kennedys Bar in Rearcross on the Sunday evening- the place was packed when I arrived at what I thought was a nice early time.

What didn't surprise me was how easily the Kennedys mingled and looked after each other – thanks to all who willingly shared seats in their cars as we travelled the roads of Lower Ormond.

Sincere thanks to the members of the I.K.H.G here in Tipperary for their work in organizing the Gathering. Thanks to our various guides, James, David and Pádraig in Lower Ormond for helping us to bridge some of the gaps between the past and present, and to Colm, for making parking available for us near Lackeen Castle. Thanks to Sean Kennedy for providing the map of our travels in North Tipperary. Many thanks also to Bryan and Lucinda, and to Eamon and Katelyn, for sharing their experiences of coming back to settle in Ireland. Thanks also to Professor Mark Kennedy for giving us an insight into his Kennedy DNA project and finally to Brian Patrick and Terrence Kennedy as they furthered our understanding of our Kennedy ancestry with the launch of "Our Irish Kennedy DNA Roots- Hidden in Plain Sight". We Irish Kennedys are indeed very fortunate to have such committed people providing us with such a huge amount of data to refer to – Brian Patrick with his vast amount of historical records collated in his many books, while Mark's comprehensive DNA research helps to fill in some of the gaps in the paper records.

We hope that those who came to the 2023 Gathering found something useful or interesting over the course of the weekend and that all had safe travels as they returned to their homelands.

For those who attended and for those who weren't able to get to Tipperary I am including a photographic summary of the two days.

We had a large cohort of new members and I hope they are all included in my updated mailing list. Please let me know if you become aware of any members who are not receiving our newsletters.

Membership:

If people wish to pay their annual membership of €20, I will be happy to facilitate payment through electronic funds transfer, Paypal or just old fashioned cheque.

As I stated, we are a voluntary organization and our needs are fairly simple, but we do incur quite an amount of expense in paying for our guides, and insurance for our gathering as well as lots of little miscellaneous expenses. We are also mindful of the possible risks of having so many cars travelling in convoy on quite narrow roads, so we will probably look at the feasibility of maybe hiring buses, in future and it would be nice to have the funds available to be able to do that.



Local guide James addressing the Clan Gathering in the Dominican Priory in Lorrha There are 7 flat gravestones in this priory placed over the graves of Kennedys, dating back to 1729 plus wall memorials dating back to 1692.



Local historian, David, recounting the history of Lackeen Castle. Lackeen, which is featured in the header of all newsletters, was a stronghold of the Kennedys for almost 300 years.



Lots of chat over tea and scones in Sceal Community Shop, Lorrha.



Padraig Moran recounting the history of the old stone farm buildings visible in the background



Terrence Kennedy speaking at the launch of “Our Irish Kennedy DNA Roots – Hidden in Plain Sight”



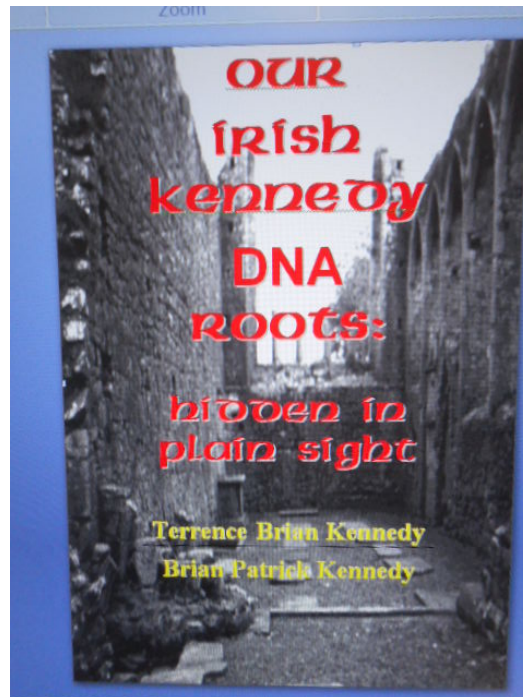
Chairman Richard Kennedy,(on left) keeping a good eye on proceedings as Bryan, Lucinda, Eamon and Katelyn recount their experiences of settling in Ireland.

IRISH KENNEDYS BOOKS

Brian Patrick and his oldest son, Terrence Brian, have finished working on another book that will dramatically change the perspective on the history of the Irish Kennedys. "Our Irish Kennedy Y-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.

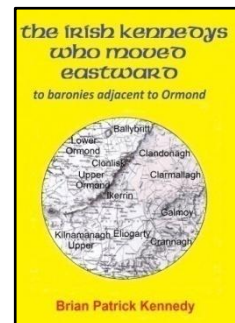
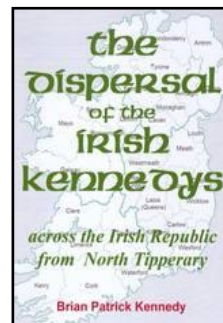
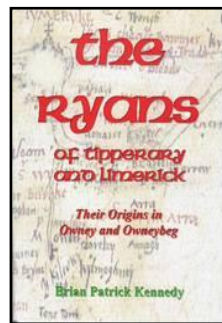
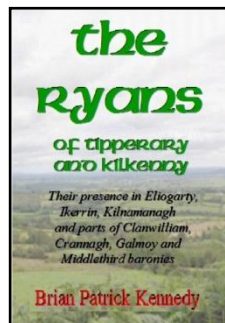
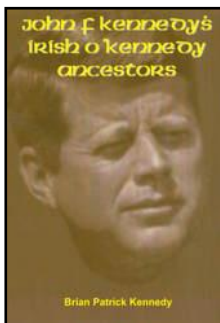
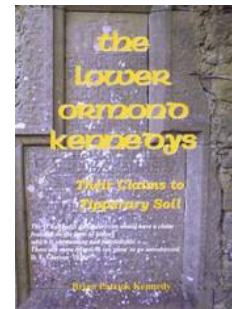
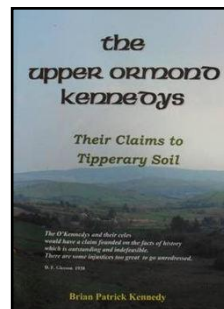
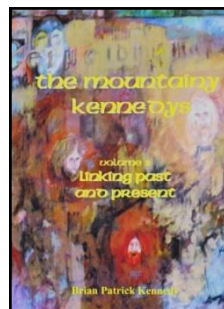
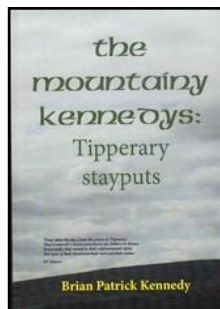
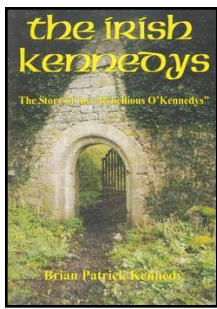


In the meantime "The Ryans of Ireland"- from their origins in Uí Dróna and Uí Cheinnselaig is now available from the bookshops listed below..

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