

Irish Kennedy Heritage Group



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



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Fáilte

As springtime comes dripping slowly to Co. Tipperary, I am conscious that many of our members have experienced extreme weather events in their parts of the world, resulting in loss of property and much personal trauma. We wish that you will be able to overcome these damaging acts of nature and that the rest of 2024 will be more favourable for everybody.

William (Bill) Kennedy R.I.P.

We were very saddened to hear of the unexpected passing of Bill Kennedy, just before Christmas. Bill lived in Riverside, California, where he combined running a law firm with his passion for being an avocado farmer. His other great passion was his interest in the Irish Kennedys, and he has been a regular visit to our annual gatherings, where his ready charm and wit endeared him to all who met him. We send our sincere sympathies to his wife Christine on her great loss and imagine him already organizing a Kennedy gathering with those who have gone before him. May his gentle soul rest in Peace.



The late Bill Kennedy, with The Rock of Cashel in the background, I.K.H.G. 2019.

Membership of I.K.H.G.

Many thanks to those who continue to forward their annual membership fee of the I.K.H.G. Fortunately we continue to receive many requests for information from many parts of the globe.

Alan Thill, has sent the following message:

Message Body:

I am a descendant of George Kennedy, born around 1820 in Tipperary County, probably Nenagh, to John Kennedy (b. 1795) and Catherine (Mary) Brett. emigrated to Quebec, Canada before 1841. He was a Tailor, maybe father also. Can you help?? I found John's marriage to Mary Brett in Borrisoleigh 11 May 1817. If this is the correct John, his baptism states his parents are Thomas Kennedy and Margaret Flannery.

Angela Kennedy Downey, lives in South Kilkenny and would love to find more information on her Kennedy roots

As a child I didn't know much about the Kennedy side of the family. A few years ago I did a little research and found the information below. If anyone has information to add to this I would very much appreciate it.

I was the youngest of eight children, four boys and four girls. I grew up in the 60s in Co Kilkenny. I still live in Co Kilkenny I have two sons and four grandchildren.

My Father was William Francis Kennedy. He was born 24 April 1916 in Castlepollard, Westmeath. He married my mother Mary Whearty. He passed away in Kilkenny 24 July 1990. Mary followed in 1995.

William was the second youngest of eight children.

William had a first cousin Michael Joseph Kennedy he was a TD for Longford –Westmeath constituency.

His father was Joseph Kennedy. He was born 22 December 1877. He appeared to be the youngest of seven children. He married Mary Butler 7 August 1903. He passed away 26 September 1952. Mary passed away 11 April 1962.

His father, Patrick Kennedy married Julie Darby/Kennedy.

Patrick & Julie had seven children. Joseph was the youngest.

Fiona Kennedy lives in London and is making her first trip to Tipperary shortly. Her only information is that her Kennedys came from around Clonmel, in South Tipperary.

June Kennedy Rooney lives in Mallow, Co. Cork. She has also enrolled her grandson Matthias and her granddaughter Isabel Cleary who now lives in Denmark.

Marie Quirke has not just become a member but has also joined our Committee. Marie lives in Thurles now, was born near Kilcommon and has a wealth of knowledge on her Kennedy ancestors whom she traces back to the Kennedys of Bredagha, Toomevara in the 18th/19th centuries.

Patrick Kennedy, lives in Templemore, Co. Tipperary, has also joined our Committee and like his cousin Marie (above) is a Bredagha Kennedy.

Margaret Kennedy Clarke, Limerick. born in Dublin, family moved to Dublin after death of her Grandfather Matthew Kennedy, his widow Maria, and several family members returned to the family burial ground in Lorrha, Matthew and Maria were direct descendents of Iriel O Kennedy of Ballyhaugh Castle.

Clan Gathering 2024.

Our 2024 clan gathering is scheduled for Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th July. We hope to centre our Friday activities around the town of Nenagh, taking in a visit to The Heritage Centre, Nenagh Castle and town, and night time entertainment in a local establishment. Then on Saturday evening we will repair to Kennedy's Angelsey Lounge in Rearcross for a chance to chat, connect and reminisce with all and sundry. From past experiences of Kennedy visitors, we realise that finding accommodation in mid July can be very difficult so I am listing some possible providers in the area for your convenience-

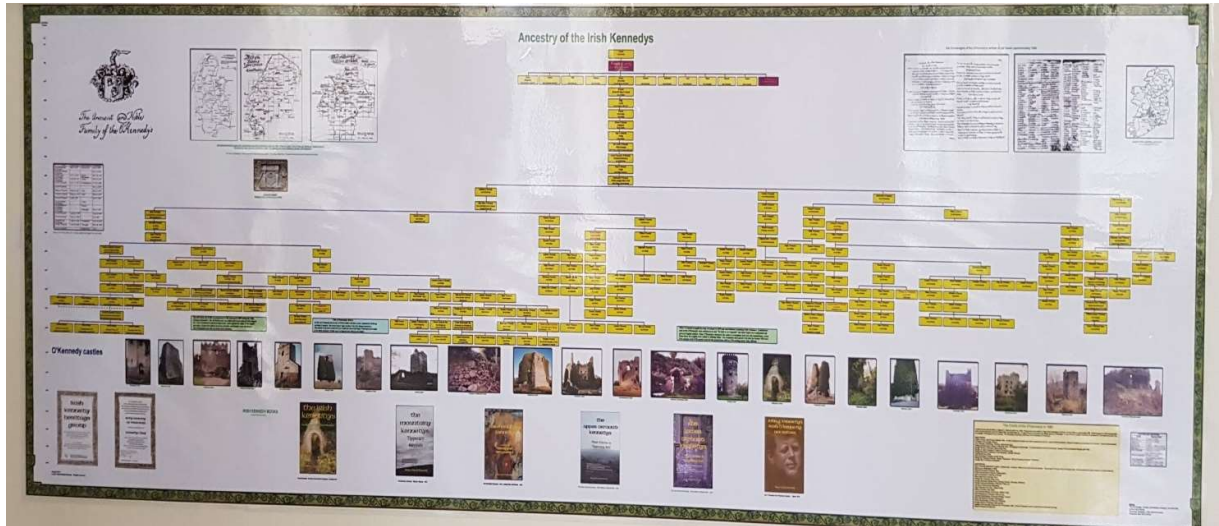
Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh.
Lakeside Hotel, Ballina/Killaloe.
Killaloe Hotel.
County Arms Hotel, Birr, Co. Offaly
Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick City.
Kilmurray Arms Hotel, Castletroy, Limerick City.
Williamsferry Bed & Breakfast, Nenagh.
Maryville Bed & Breakfast, Nenagh.
Willowbrook B & B Nenagh.
River Run Cottages, Terryglass, Nenagh
Fuchsia Lane Farm Holiday Rentals, Terryglass, Nenagh.

This is not a complete list by any means.
You will get details of these and many more by googling them on the internet.

Irish Kennedy Display.

Back around 2014 the I.K.H.G. got permission to put on display documents and memorabilia relevant to the Irish Kennedys in Nenagh Heritage Centre. Phyllis Kennedy and her husband Pat took on the task of assembling as much material as they could source for the display. In the intervening years the fruits of their work have been seen by countless visitors to Nenagh. Though it was initially seen as a temporary display, the authorities now want this display as a permanent exhibition in the Centre. If you haven't been able to view it in person the main features are the Kennedy Genealogical Chart, covering over one thousand years, (courtesy of Brian Patrick Kennedy), copies of many Ormond Deeds (treaties agreed between Kennedy chiefs and Norman Lords during the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries) plus countless photographs and family histories donated by Kennedys from Ireland and abroad.

To honour our now permanent status in the Heritage Centre, Phyllis is in the process of updating our display. If you have records/photographs of your own family history or any interesting memorabilia that you wouldn't mind sharing publicly, Phyllis and Pat would love to hear from you. You may contact me at this email address and I will gladly facilitate the transfer of documents, photos and stories.



Ancestry of the Irish Kennedys – Centre-piece of IKHG Display in Heritage Centre

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 – 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://theirishkennedys.weebly.com>

The Irish Kennedys books may be obtained in Ireland from:

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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PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

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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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtsQKz-VAUw&feature=youtu.be>

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