

# THE KELLY CLAN ASSOCIATION

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WHAT IS THIS?

Clue: It is situated in Northampton, UK.

Answer inside with more pics



## Letter from your Editor

Hello All

I hope you have had a good summer. The weather here in Ireland was mixed but that's what you expect here and the rain keeps this wonderful country green! Having said that we had a most unusual heatwave in the month of July which brought a variety of shapes and sizes into view at Spanish Point beach which is where I live. All in all the summer of 2013 has to go down as one of the best for many years.

It seems strange writing this before the summer is over and talking about Christmas, Autumn and the like but that's what has to be done. Forward planning, as I keep telling my husband! The Kelly Clan Council will be meeting in early October to discuss a venue for the next Gathering in 2015. If anybody has any suggestions we would love to hear them. It is always good to have someone "on the ground" for our Gatherings - a bit of local knowledge goes a long way and the Council are very experienced in organising, so don't be put off suggesting a venue local to you because you would have plenty of help and back up support.

Bernie and Michael Kelly had their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration during the summer, attended by many friends and family. A beautiful mass was celebrated in the garden of their house by the Rt Rev Malachy Hallinan, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Galway, who also happens to be Michael's first cousin. Michael's mother and Malachy's mother were sisters, Bridget Sheils and Mary-Ann Sheils respectively. You will have read about the Sheils connection to Michael Kelly and the Martin Sheil's Park in our newsletter No. 55.

I'm sure many of you have been celebrating events over the year, one way or another. Please let us have details of any anniversaries, birthdays or celebrations that you or your family have. It is always interesting to hear about what you are doing and a few pictures to go with them are great to have.

Also featured is an article on Kelly the boy from Killane. This was contributed by local Wexford historian, Gloria Binions. Gloria has done extensive research into John Kelly and has the graveyard at Killane annotated, along with other local graveyards in that area, if anyone is interested in following that up, her e mail address is at the bottom of her article.

In my relaxing moments, which are few and far between, I have been listening to the beautiful harp music of Laoise Kelly. Laoise is the daughter of Dr Des Kelly and she treated us to a lovely selection of her music at our Gathering in May this year. The music is a joy to listen to.

On that note, I will sign off! Don't forget, this is YOUR newsletter and all contributions are very welcome so keep them coming. Happy Winter!

Mary K

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Please note, our new website address is

[www.kellyclans.com](http://www.kellyclans.com)

The site is being updated at the moment but it can be accessed to view the Home Page. Please send any photos, information etc. that you would like included in this new, improved Kelly Clan website, to Bernie Kelly at

[clankellyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:clankellyinfo@gmail.com)

### GET WELL WISHES

Michael Pearmain, the husband of Kitty [Kelly], Tipperary has recently undergone a hip operation in the UK. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them both at the next Gathering!



Mike and Kitty at the Gathering 2013

## What is that photograph??

Well, the answer is:

A sculpture, entitled *Discovery*, which celebrates Francis Crick's discovery in 1953 of the DNA double helix. The sculpture dominates the main shopping street in the town of Northampton and is a very interesting shape, being some 6 metres high, depicting two identical human shapes. There are two inscriptions by the side of it which read:

*"Francis Crick*

*One of the greatest British scientist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

*Born in Weston Favell, Northampton and educated at Northampton Grammar School, Crick became involved in scientific research at Cambridge University where he unlocked the secret of life, the double helix structure of DNA.*

*He later moved to California to study the human brain and consciousness in the field of neuroscience at the Salk Institute. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962 and the Order of Merit in 1991."*

*"Discovery*

*This sculpture, Discovery commemorates the life and work of Francis Crick 1916-2004.*

*Inspired by Francis Crick and James Watson's discovery of the double-helix structure of DNA in 1953, Discovery was created by Lucy Glendinning.*

*The sculpture was commissioned by Northampton Borough Council, assisted by Northamptonshire County Council and generously funded by the Wilson Foundation.*

*The columns are over 6 metres high and made from brushed stainless steel; each holds a life size identical marble resin figure.*

*December 2005."*

Francis Crick, together with the American James Watson and Maurice Wilkins were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1962. Francis Harry Compton Crick was born in Weston Favell, Northamptonshire on 8 June 1916. He died in 2004, aged 88. The sculpture celebrates the life of a world class scientist who must surely be considered the greatest Northamptonian of all time - by discovering DNA he unlocked the whole future of genetics and the alphabet of life. Northampton is justly very proud of its most famous son!



## John Kelly the “Boy from Killanne”

1773-1798

The Kelly family originating in Kilbranish, Co.Carlow moved to Wheelagower, Killealy, and then to reside in Killanne c.1770.

John Kelly was son of Mary Redmond and her husband John Kelly senior, a tenant farmer and shopkeeper. It is believed that it was Mary Redmond who owned the pub in Killanne and resided with a widowed or unmarried sister at the time of Mary's marriage prior to 1770.

There were at least six children in the family and possibly eight or nine, however we have definite proof of the names of six born between the years 1773 and 1789. They were John, Bridget, Anne, Catherine, Eleanor and William. A Mary Kelly was probably one of the daughters born before John junior Kelly

John's mother did not approve of him joining the United Irishmen as her own family the Redmond's had suffered greatly by being involved in the struggle for Irish freedom. From a letter written by John in 1797 to Mr.Colclough of Duffry Hall, Killealy we know that he was probably not involved deeply with the rebellion until after that period. Kelly's cousin Fr.Mogue Kearns and his friend later General Thomas Cloney of Moneyhore probably influenced him greatly. It is believed that a northern United Irishman William Putman McCabe was also secretly recruiting in the area in 1797. From 1770 all the Kelly children were born in this building. On 29th May, 1798 Kelly marched with his men to Enniscorthy to join the rebels on Vinegar Hill. The next day he and General Cloney fought at the Battle of the Three Rocks near Wexford town. On the 4th June 1798 Kelly returned home to this house and in the early hours of 5th June mustered more men to join the thousand men from the Barony of Bantry to fight at the Battle of Ross. Kelly suffered a severe thigh wound at the old Cavalry Barracks (which stood on the site of St.Joseph's School) and was taken via Horetown to a hiding place in Wexford town where his sister lived. Sometime between the 22nd-29th June 1798 Colonel John Kelly was executed on Wexford Bridge. His body was thrown in the river and his head was brought by his sister to be interred in the family grave beneath the large Celtic Cross in Killanne old Graveyard.

*"Glory Oh, Glory O to her brave sons who died for the cause of long downtrodden man, glory O to Mount Leinster'. Ireland's own darling and pride dauntless Kelly the boy from Killanne."*

P.J. McCall.

Research Gloria Binions, Killanne. Local Historian: e-mail gloog @[eircom.net](mailto:gloog@eircom.net)

## **New Council Members**

Those of you who were at the AGM held in May this year will know that 4 new Council members were proposed and seconded. They were Aidan Kelly [Australia], who works closely with Raymond Kelly, our DNA programme co-ordinator; Judy Kelly Fausch [USA], Dr Des Kelly [Westport, Ireland] and Brenda Kelly [Co Wicklow, Ireland]. Judy was previously on the Council and has been persuaded to come back; Dr Des is a brother of our Dr Joe who has been a much valued Council member for many years. Unfortunately, Brenda has had to resign the post due to unforeseen work commitments and we wish her well with those.

### ***About Aidan:***

Aidan lives in Fremantle, Western Australia. His grandfather, Martin Kelly was born in County Galway in 1862 and migrated to Australia eventually settling in Western Australia. DNA testing has revealed that he is a Ui-Maine Kelly and Aidan is actively researching how his family links to the other known Ui-Maine Kelly families.

Aidan was born in 1963. He has 6 brothers and sisters and is married with one son. He is a biological sciences/law graduate and works in Australia as a lawyer assisting clients to develop mining projects and related infrastructure such as railways, powerlines and ports. To balance life he plays double bass and ukulele (he is the conductor of the Fremantle Ukulele Collective) and plays hockey (not sure for how much longer). He uses his science knowledge to closely follow the expanding field of genetic genealogy and is a co-administrator of the Kelly DNA study.

### ***About Judy:***

Judy grew up the youngest of seven children in Southwest Iowa in the central part of the United States and now lives with husband, Don and their cat, Elsie, in Central Iowa. So she hasn't moved too far away from home in her lifetime. However, Ireland is definitely a home to Judy, also.

Judy currently works 3 days a week and plans to spend more time on her family history, which she says she has neglected for a while. This, for Judy, ties in very well with working on the Kelly Clan Council. In the past, people Judy has met and heard at Kelly Clan Gatherings have been instrumental in moving along her family research.

Judy, along with her sister and cousin were at the Gathering at the Abbey Hotel in Roscommon in 1995. Although she hasn't attended every gathering since then, she has attended quite a few and made friends with members of the group who now seem like family. As a member of the Council, Judy hopes to help promote our Clan and help others gain from sharing in the wealth of knowledge of culture, history and genealogy that many members have.

Judy won't be able to attend all Council meetings and will not be available for much of the work that takes place locally "behind the scenes" when planning events. However, the bonus is promoting the Clan in various places and in various formats and being available during the Gathering to help with whatever needs to be done. Judy's final thoughts were "of course, it is always such fun to travel "home" to visit at least every 2 years!" And we look forward to that!

### ***About Dr Des:***

More on Des in our next Newsletter.

Your Editor heard recently from Phil Kelly who lives in USA. Phil is a member of the DNA programme and he sent an article outlining his family and their history. Who knows, perhaps someone reading this newsletter may find a link through that information. Keep us informed!

### **Greetings from Jackson, Alabama, USA!**

I am Phillip Allen Kelly, American by birth, Southerner by choice, and of Irish blood by the grace of God. My father, Rev. James Allen Kelly, taught me that I was Irish from the day I was born, and reminded me continually until the day he went to be with the Lord. I will never forget him singing “Danny Boy” to me in his high tenor voice. Of my 16 great grandparents, 14 are either of Irish, Scot, or Welsh descent.

#### **ABOUT US:**

- I am an engineer, papermaker, and accomplished musician.
- My wife is Jamee Colleen Dwyer Kelly, whose paternal ancestry was obviously Irish.
- Our son Addison James is an engineer for a large US aerospace corporation.
- Our daughter Allison Marie is a nurse, and was recently married to Andrew Hope. Allison is in a battle with Crohn’s disease and is campaigning zealously for a cure.
- Allison, Jamee, and I have a Christian musical ministry. We write, record, and perform Contemporary Christian and Southern US Gospel music.

#### **GENEALOGY**

I would strongly encourage anyone who has not had their DNA tested to do so. My 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin Bruce Elvin Kelly and I, shown below, are enrolled in the Kelly Family Tree DNA study. Our Y DNA does not match that of the high kings of Ireland, but it does place our ancestry near that region. Bruce and I had been researching our family for years and only through the DNA study were we able to connect. We met in person several years ago, and although our lines had been separated well over 100 years, we learned we had much in common. Our common ancestor is Jackson Kelly, b 1825 in Fairfield County, SC. Pictured below is my specific family line. (Addison, left, was the son of Jackson Kelly. My son Addison James was named after him.)



I believe that I am at least 6 generations removed from Ireland. I believe my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather, John Kelly, or his forbear, migrated to Virginia Colony in the 1700’s. I have thus far been unable to prove the link between Jackson and John, but will continue to endeavor [sic] to persevere.

I have summarized my research below:

- I am a proven descendent of Jackson Kelly, b 1825 in South Carolina.
- I believe Jackson's father to be William Kelly, b 1791 in SC to John Kelly.(Educated Guess)
- John Kelly, b mid 1700's in Virginia settled in South Carolina after the American Revolution in Fairfield County, SC. John fought in the same battles as seen in the movie, "The Patriot", at Eutaw Springs and Cowpens, SC.
- Jackson relocated as a child to Mississippi with his father William in the late 1820's,(Educated Guess)
- Jackson returned as a young man to SC when his father William died(Educated Guess)
- Jackson married Eliza Branham (Brannan) of Kershaw Co, SC. (Fact)
- Jackson, Eliza, and family relocated to Stewart County Georgia before the American War of Northern Aggression(Fact)
- My great grandfather Addison Kelly was born near Lumpkin Georgia, 1860.(Fact)
- Jackson was in the Georgia State Line Guard during the American Civil War and was killed defending Georgia during Sherman's march to the sea(Fact)
- Jackson is buried in Rose Hill Confederate Cemetery in Macon, GA(Fact)
- Jackson's wife, Eliza, and their children, including my great grandfather Addison Kelly returned to SC.(Fact)
- One of Jackson and Eliza's children, John Andrew Jackson Kelly, headed west and settled in Kansas. This is Bruce Kelly's great grandfather.
- My g grandfather, Addison, remained in SC, married Elizabeth Rabon and had Abe Kelly, my grandfather.
- Abe married Annie Essie Jones, and settled in Kershaw County, SC where they had eleven children, including my father, Rev. James Allen Kelly.
- Dad married Marie Genelle Dease, and had me, Phillip Allen Kelly.



## Still on the Genealogy Trail:

The August issue (15<sup>th</sup> edition) of Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine is **now LIVE & FREE** to read/download via [www.irishlivesremembered.com](http://www.irishlivesremembered.com)

In the August edition there are 86 pages of Irish genealogy news, events and resources with a focus on **Tracing Your Ancestors in KILDARE** with 29 pages dedicated to the county. Mario Corrigan shares his experience working with **American Actress Rosie O'Donnell** on helping locate her Kildare ancestors.

There are details of future seminars and local family history talks, a Monaghan diaspora event, accredited courses in Limerick & Cork, Kate Adie finds her Waterford roots, free family history days throughout Ireland, lesser known resources for genealogists, an insight into Vexillology, a welcome to P.R.O.N.I., a search for Lynn Dello, a Louth bandmaster in Prince Edward Island, a mobile van in Kerry providing Genealogy advice, nomination request for Rockstar Genealogists, a Kerry Memorial Card project, a 28 year wait for a reply to a letter, Irish saints painted on a wooden chest in New Jersey, a Galway artist creates a beautiful way to capture family history and a useful resource on Irish registers in Continental Europe.

There is a look inside Carton House and information about the dukes of Leinster, there are practical tips and advice on genealogy research, libraries, local genealogy centres, Kildare surnames and heritage centre and an Athy man in the Easter Rising, findmypast.Ireland updates, books and much more.

## Did you know?

**Kelly's Directory** (or more formally, the **Kelly's, Post Office and Harrod & Co Directory**) was a [trade directory](#) in the United Kingdom that listed all businesses and tradespeople in a particular city or town, as well as a general directory of postal addresses of local [gentry](#), landowners, charities, and other facilities. In effect, it was a Victorian version of today's [Yellow Pages](#). Many reference libraries still keep their copies of these directories, which are now an important source for historical research.

The namesake and originator of the directory was [Frederic Festus Kelly](#). In 1835 or 1836 he became chief inspector of letter-carriers for the inland or general post office, and took over publication of the Post Office London Directory, whose copyright was in private hands despite its semi-official association with the post office, and which Kelly had to purchase from the widow of his predecessor.

He founded Kelly & Co. and he and various family members gradually expanded the company over the next several decades, producing directories for an increasing number of UK [counties](#) and buying out or putting out of business various competing publishers of directories.

Source: Wikipedia

## **A bit of Trivia from Judy Kelly Fausch !**

**Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?**

**If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?**

**If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?**

**Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?**

**Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?**

**Why do "tug" boats push their barges?**

**Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?**

**Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?**

**Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?**

**Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?**

**Why is "phonetic" not spelled the way it sounds?**

### **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST – THE KELLY BOYS IN TIPPERARY**



**Michael Martin, Larry, Michael Shellfish, Aidan, Dr Joe, Joe UK, Joe Cav, Joe California**