

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Crowley Clan Taoiseach

While in Ireland in early May, I had an opportunity to see and/or talk to the members of the Crowley Clan Committee who have been busy making plans for the September 2004 Gathering in Bantry, Co Cork. Tanaiste Liam Crowley and I visited the Castle site. The fencing, which was done by Crowley volunteers, is now complete and looks great.

This was expensive but necessary to protect what is left of the Ruins. The current owner keeps about fifty cows in that field and the potential for damage was very great. We also presented the landowner with a small gift on behalf of the Clan. Rùnaí Johnny Crowley and I visited an O'Sullivan castle being restored and the associated archeological dig, which we plan to tour during the Gathering next year.

Also thanks Charles Crowley of Massachusetts for information on the first Gathering, Dr Sean Crowley and Tanaiste Liam Crowley for assistance in compiling the list of past Taoisigh, and Michael-Patrick Crowley for the donation of €750 from the sale of his Crowley book. Marian Crowley Chamberlain and Jim Ritzert continue to do a great job on the newsletter and web site, respectively.

Look forward to meeting many of you in Bantry in September 2004. Míle Buíochas!

Tom Crowley
An Taoiseach

History of the Crowley Clan Gatherings

In the modern era there apparently have been seven gatherings of the Crowleys. The first was in 1970 in Bandon County Cork and was highlighted by a motorcade of 200 Crowleys to the site of the Crowley castle at Ahakeera near Dunmanway. Crowleys worldwide participated including one from Nairobi, Kenya. All branches of the family were represented-Crowley Riochs, Bachach, Doireanach, Ceanthan, Doinine Bui, and Beldum.

James Crowley, who was a veteran of the Irish War of Independence, was unanimously elected Taoiseach. In 1920 James Crowley had been captured and handcuffed by eight English soldiers, but he escaped. As reported in the *Cork Examiner* in 1970: "Coming to the main road junction well-know to Mr. Crowley, he broke ranks, knocked his eight-man escort to the ground with a shoulder heave, broke his handcuffs and cleared a five-foot gate after getting a blow of a rifle butt on the head and made good his escape. Mr. Crowley is credited as being the only Irishman ever whilst handcuffed securely by British captors to make good his escape in their presence by breaking handcuffs."

Elections were held in subsequent years, but gatherings were apparently small and informal. The next gathering was in 1979 presided by Taoiseach Flor Crowley N.T. (If anyone has added information of Gatherings not mentioned, I would like to hear from him or her).The 1981 rally was held on September 13 in Kilbrittain, County Cork. A reception was held at the "Pink Elephant." Dr Sean Crowley was elected as Taoiseach and Dr. Patrick Crowley, County Kilkenny, gave a presentation on the role of the Crowleys at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014.

The next gathering occurred ten years later in 1991 at the Mass Rock in Kilshinihan with Fr. Dan Crowley (Coachford) and Fr. Liam Crowley (Ballinadee) presiding. A visit was made to the Abbey in Timoleague where three Crowleys served as Guardians of the Friary from 1666-1672. At the evening meal in the "Pink Elephant," 150 Crowleys enjoyed presentations by Mrs. Kathleen Crowley Doyle (Behabullane) and Michael Patrick Crowley (Paris, France). John V. Crowley P.C. was elected as Taoiseach.

Gatherings were then held in various County Cork venues, during September, at three-year intervals: 1995 in Dunmanway, 1998 in Bandon, 2001 in Clonakilty. We will cover these in a future issue.The next Gathering will be September 3, 4, and 5, 2004 in Bantry, County Cork at the Westlodge Hotel.

Thomas Crowley, An Taoiseach

Taoisgh Of The Crowley Clan (Modern Era)

James Crowley	1970-1971
Donal Crowley	1971-1972
David Crowley	1972-1975
Flor Crowley N.T.	1975-1979
Flor Crowley T.D.	1979-1981
Dr. Sean Crowley	1981-1982
Christy Crowley	1983-1991
John V. Crowley	1991-1992
Kitty Horgan	1992-1995
Flor Crowley	1995-1998
Charles Crowley	1998-2001
Thomas R. Crowley	2001-2004

It is interesting to note that David Crowley above is the father of the current (2001-2004) Tanaiste, Liam Crowley.

From Marian's Desk

If you have access to the worldwide web, I hope you have checked out our clan website at www.crowleyclan.com. And, if you've checked it recently, you have no doubt noticed that our clan newsletter is now online! We owe a huge thank-you to our talented webmaster, Jim Ritzert. Since we began publishing the newsletter in 1996, I've wanted to put it online, but that was far beyond my limited computer skills. Jim has made it all possible.

The entire website is a credit to Jim and to our clan. It is very well done. And now if you click on "newsletter" and then on "check it out" you will find our March *Crowley Clan Newsletter*. Amazing! And in a few weeks this July *Crowley Clan Newsletter* will also be posted on the site.

This July newsletter is full of interesting information. We are continuing to run the list of Crowley information from Skibbereen contributed by Col. Myles O'Crowley of California. And William Crowley of Florida sent a helpful article on using the Internet to do family history research. Charles Crowley of Massachusetts sent a clipping from the *Cork Examiner* from sometime in the 1970's about the first modern gathering of our clan. This inspired the article on the front page researched and written by Thomas Crowley of Ohio.

Readers from England, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, and the USA have sent in news, family information, and research questions. We have more information about the ongoing plans for our next gathering of the clan in Bantry in 2004. And there is additional news from our clan committee in Ireland.

We are always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. And they need not be long or scholarly. Do you have interesting family stories? Have you done family research? Has your branch of the clan had a family reunion? Have there been births, marriages, deaths that have occurred recently and you would like to tell us about? We are all really just one big family, and readers would like to know more about their "cousins".

A year from now many of us will be making last minute preparations for a trip to Ireland and the Crowley clan gathering. September 2004 will be here before we know it. Hope you are planning to join us in Bantry.

Slán, Marian

p.s. Michael-Patrick Crowley of France reports that all remaining orders of his book on the history of the Crowley Clan will be mailed by 8/1/03.

Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Nancy Wark (nancywark1@hotmail.com) According to his naturalization papers Timothy Crowley was born 1807 (but I also have him born in 1814 so don't know) in County Cork. He emigrated from Cove in April 1836 to Buffalo, NY age 19 resident of Delaware Twp. He married on 22 April 1848 in Cool Springs Twp, Mercer, PA to a Mary Ann Armstrong who was born 5 Oct 1816 and died 12 May 1859. In the 1850 Census for the Borough of Cool Springs Twp, Mercer, PA he is listed as a 30-year-old farmer with his wife Mary Ann Crowley 34 years old from PA and a 1 year old daughter Jane (Mary Jane) from PA, who later married Samuel Bestwick. His will was probated 17 July 1867, but don't know where he or his wife was buried. Daughter Isabella V. (Bell Virginia) married Hudson Snider. Maybe someone has information about dear Timothy. He must have had a family!

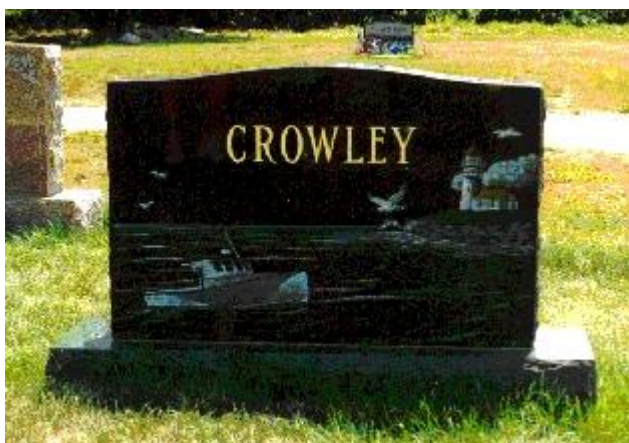
Charles S. Crowley of Melbourne, FL: Thanks so much for being our ears and voices. See ya in Bantry????

Liam Crowley of Bandon, County Cork: Thank you for the \$200 the Crowley Clan Newsletter donated to the clan fund. As you may know we are in the process of fencing the Crowley castle. So with this work in progress we were delighted with the money you sent. I would also like to say it is a delight to get the Clan newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Sue Crowley of Yuma, AZ: Crowley Manor in Ullenhall, England was built between 1850 and 1890 on the land originally owned by Robert Crowley who came from Ireland in 1495. This home is still called Crowley Manor by the local people.

Peach Van Gronigen, Simcoe, ONT: Everything is well here. I have been doing some research and have found that there are over 500 Crowleys in Canada. I have sent letters to some in each province telling them about the next reunion. If some of our American Crowleys have relatives here I hope they will also pass on the information. I don't have any e-mails for any of them yet but I will let you know when I do.

Warren Smith (w.j.smith@att.net): There were three Abraham Crowleys in MA at approximately the same time!!!! My line goes back to Abraham Crowley, b. circa 1741, d. before July 1821, m. Hannah Capron, b. 1746-1747, Attleboro, MA and d. 1839. Children were Royal, John, Hannah, George Capron, Walter, Ellis, and Mary. They moved to VT. Land was probably a grant for service during the Rev. War. Word of mouth makes Abraham's father a seaman (anything from a captain to a sailor without rank). My line is George Capron m. Polly Harris and had children Mary, Louisa, Laura, Orlin, Harvey, Joseph, Alfred, and Jesse. I believe they originated in Ireland, but most were Anglican. If anyone sees something of interest please contact me and I will give further information.



Mervyn Patrick Crowley of Linthicum Heights, MD: I'm a 7th descendant of Jeremiah Crowley who was born between 1745-55<>1827 and was founder of Crowley Island, Addison Maine. There are 2 Crowley Islands in Maine. One in Addison, and the other in Corea. If you plug "Crowley Island" into a search engine, you can find some information on both Crowley Islands. This photo of a Crowley tombstone is in the Corea cemetery.

Mary Casteleyn of London: I am trying to sell my London house and move to another part of England. I will keep you informed of new address etc., when the move finally takes place. You will appreciate that I currently do not have much time for family research. Congratulations on the Newsletter online. It is very good and I have printed it off for my records. Tom Crowley was in London last week and it was very nice to see him again and his daughter Katie.

Joan Crowley Frost (JOREDPRO@aol.com): In tracing my Great Uncle James Crowley, I hope to find the records of my Grandfather, Daniel Crowley, who became an American citizen in 1903. I haven't had much luck and would appreciate any advice. I believe there were several "Uncles" who immigrated to the USA. James may not have remained here, since I find no descendants of his on this side of the ocean. My father said there was a statue of James in his hometown in Ireland for his feats as a great runner, but I don't recall if Dad mentioned the town. He also was a member of the Irish-American Athletic Club, (as was John L. Sullivan). Once there was an article printed in either the Spartanburg (SC) Herald or Journal, approx. 1965, about James Crowley running against local men in a race years before, and that he was known to have a mug of beer during the race, and then continued on to win.

Betty Halberg (halberg@olypen.com): I am descended from Denis Crowley of Coachford, County Cork, who married Johanna Walsh (1820). They had Richard, b. May 4, 1826, Honora or Hanna, b. April 7, 1828, Mary b. May 8, 1829 and Jeremiah b. Dec. 25, 1832. Johanna must have died and Denis, a tavern owner on the main street of Coachford, married my ancestor Catherine Conner (1837). Denis and Catherine had Timothy b. Dec. 8, 1838, Catherine, b. July 24, 1839, Denis, b. April 8, 1841, Daniel, b. Jan. 9, 1843, and Mathew, b. Feb. 20, 1846. The Crowley family immigrated to Bangor, via Boston (we think). My mother never knew Denis had been married twice. I wrote to St. John's Parish in Coachford and Fr. Browne could not find record of Denis and Johanna's marriage or Johanna's death notice. The family came to the US in 1846 or 47. I've not been able to find a ship record, a definite 1850 Census record, nor a death certificate for Denis Crowley's in Bangor. Maybe some of your readers could help us out.

Marriage Register of Skibbereen Parish

Submitted by Co. Myles R. O'Crowley

14 Jan 1821

Denis of Myles Crowley & Hanora Driscoll, High Street
Sponsors: Cornelius Crowley & Sara Crowley

08 Apr 1821

Jeremiah of Timothy Crowley & Mary Donoghue, Derrygareen
Sponsors: James Sullivan & Ellen Neill

18 Apr 1821

Jeremiah, a bastard, to Cornelius Crowley, Shopkeeper & Catherine Collins, a vagrant
Sponsor: Mary Murphy

02 May 1821

Jane of Charles Crowley & Mary Russel by Rev. Jerh. Moloney
Sponsors: Rev. Jerh. Crowley & Mary Ann Donovan

02 Sep 1821

Mary of Timothy Crowley & Catherine Driscoll, High Street
Sponsors: Jeremiah Crowley & Eliza Savage

30 Sep 1821

Michael of Timothy Crowley & Mary Spillane, Creagh
Sponsors: Edward Gilbertson & Ellen McCarthy

02 Feb 1824

Cornelius of Myles Crowley & Hanora Driscoll, Bridgetown
Sponsors: Daniel McCarthy & Betty Gorman

25 Apr 1824

Timothy of Con Crowley & Catherine Staunton, Main Street
Sponsors: John Staunton & Mary Collins

13 Jun 1825

Timothy of Florence Crowley & Mary Barry, High Street
Sponsors: Denis Mahony & Mary Leary

10 Jun 1826

Nanno of Charles Crowley & Mary Russell, Windmill
Sponsors: Rev. Charles Davis & Mary Crowley

31 Oct 1826

Ellen of Con Crowley & Catherine Staunton, North St.
Sponsors: Thomas Crowley & Catherine Atteridge

31 Dec 1826

Denis of Timothy Crowley & Catherine Driscoll, High St.
Sponsors: Richard Barry & Mary Crowley

In Search of Our "Roots"

by William Crowley

I was interested in locating some "Ancestors", and being a frugal Crowley, I searched the Internet for sources available without paying for access. To save a few pennies, I used one of my favorite search tools, *Copernic Agent Professional*, a client side (your PC) search program which queries a number of search engines at one "shot".

We all have a different branch of the family tree; hopefully, we have branches, or this would be a boring world. For this brief piece, I share the information I obtained from my search. The terms used: Ships New York Cork Ireland 1849. Hopefully, the information and suggestions will give you a few ideas on following up on those long lost "roots".

I searched using a request for "all words" as a search on the "exact terms" would have had no results (I tried it). The positioning of words is crucial. Copernic sorts and orders the results. First cast a wide net with as few words as possible, then "drill down" by adding more key words. There are no guarantees that the data are on the Internet, or may be hidden within a "gateway", such as www.Ancestry.com. You have to pay after a free trial. The public library will serve you well too. A few references:

- <http://www.lengel.net/workshop/boolean.html>
- <http://www.pgce.soton.ac.uk/ict/nc/fto/search.htm>
- <http://www.libraryinstruction.com/boolean.html>

Different results could have been returned with the addition, deletion or rearrangement of words. Even misspelling Crowley may have added some knowledge. I extracted the name CROWLEY from several passenger lists placed on the Web, as of May 12, 2003. Here are a few of the "Crowley" listings; perhaps there are a few relatives in the list.

Passengers Crowley. National Archives Microfilm Publications (www.nara.gov), Section 237 Roll # 73, Name of Vessel: Ship Argyle, Port of Embarkation: Cork, Date of Arrival: June 17, 1848, Number of Passengers: 578, Ship's Master: T. Brockbauty (sp) (NOTE: Not all NARA records are on line, the following item is an extract on a Web Site.)

Crowley, Mary, age 20, spinster (I enjoy that quaint characterization, age 20 and a spinster)

Passengers on Ship SWAN from Cork to New York, 4 September 1849.

Pat Crowley Cork, Ireland to New York, 13 February 1849, Collector of the Customs for the District of New York - Port of New York.

Con Crowley, 45, M, Farmer

Ellen Crowley, 40,F

Jerry Crowley, 3,M

Ellen Crowley, infant,

Well, enough "Crowleys", related or not. I did hit a free trial list of online ship's passengers. You might wish to locate a few "relatives" at: http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/tousa_ny182549.shtml