

# CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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compiled by Marian Crowley Chamberlain



## Letter from the Crowley Clan Taoiseach

Recent months have brought a number of positive accomplishments for the Crowley Clan. Planning continues for the September 2004 Gathering in Bantry Co. Cork. The Crowley Committee had several meetings, the most recent this month. Based on the comments on the Guest Book on the Crowley web site, interest around the world is very high for the next Clan Gathering.

We are working with an arm of the Irish government, Duchas, and are currently fencing in the Ruins at the Crowley Castle site to protect it from further damage. A number of Crowleys in the locality are volunteering to erect this fence under the direction of Duchas.

We now have Clan Representatives in several countries to assist in publicizing and answering questions about the 2004 Gathering.

Jim Ritzert continues as Webmaster and we have a web site to be proud of as well as one that is getting much positive feed back. Marian Crowley Chamberlain continues her fine job on the Newsletter and this is the first edition to be on our website.

Recent contributors to the Crowley Castle project are Kevin Crowley, Tallahassee, FL, Ed Crowley, Brookline, MA, Denise Nash, Harbor, OR, and Bobbie Griego, Richmond, CA.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish you all St. Patrick's Day Greetings. Beannachtai na Feile Padraig!

Tom Crowley  
An Taoiseach

## Meeting at Bandon, March 3rd, 2003

Present: Liam Crowley, Bandon - Tanaiste and Treasurer. Johnny Crowley, Bantry - Secretary. Mrs. Horgan, Bandon, Anne Crowley, Bandon. Jerry Crowley, Bandon, Flor Crowley, Bandon. Apologies: Charlie, J.J and Seamus.

Minutes of last meeting were taken as read and signed by Liam.

There are 1281.90 (Irish pounds) in the treasury.

### Matters arising:

#### Crowley Castle Site

Liam reported that he and Tom (Ohio) met with Mr. O'Neill in October and an understanding was reached to erect a fence of oak posts and three rows of larch parallels, approx. eight feet out from the walls. Seamus had sourced the 28 oak posts via John O'Connell of Duchas, Mallow for €250. Liam purchased the 40 creosoted larch parallels rails via West Cork Farm Services at a cost of €400. Also underground EI. Cable and insulators value €56. Johnny reported he had the stainless steel bolts, nuts, washers values €280. The committee agreed to erect the fence March 4, 2003. Seamus to deliver posts, Liam and Jerry the rails, Johnny will have the bolts, etc., plus generator, power drill and bits, water for tea and a kettle, bottle gas and torch, measuring tape, and chain-saw. Flor supplying crowbars, sledges, spades Liam to finalise insurance cover with FBD in the morning.

#### The 2004 Gathering

Provisional programme:

**Fri:** Walkabout in Bantry (Fair Day) to hotel via Bantry House grounds, a get together of world reps and committee to exchange view, music in J.J.'s at night.

**Sat:** Tour Carrignass Castle and Stone Circle at Kealkil, Ahakeera Castle [Crowley Castle Ruins], Gouganne Barra followed by banquet at Westlodge Hotel.

**Sun:** Road bowling at 11 a.m., lunch break, Mass at 2.30 p.m. at Mass Rock in Beach, general meeting and elections at the hotel followed by entertainment.

Prices for Banquet and bus hire will be sent out when finalised, (1) Ticket for buses and banquet and (2) banquet only. Lunches and other meals will be arranged privately. Thanking all those who attended and promised to be at the site next morning Liam set the venue for the next meeting to be at the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry when the committee can do a tour of the proposed programme sites.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

## From Marian's Desk

I'd like to share a letter I received recently:

Dear Marian,

We are descendants of Jeremiah J. Crowley. We would like to start getting the Crowley Clan Newsletter. We love being Crowleys. May God be with you. Savannah Crowley age 10 and Wyatt Crowley age 6.

The letter was neatly written in Savannah's own hand. As far as I know she is the youngest person to subscribe to our newsletter. Her father, Norm Crowley, explained to me that the family doesn't have a computer, however Savannah learned about The Crowley Clan Newsletter on the computer in her classroom at school.

This is a wonderful example of the power of the Internet and its positive influence on the younger generation. And it helps to explain why beginning with this issue, the newsletter will be available in electronic form on the website [www.crowleyclan.com](http://www.crowleyclan.com).

Thanks to the time and expertise of our Webmaster, Jim Ritzert, this will be the first newsletter to be published in both the traditional paper and ink form and the Internet electronic form. Jim assures me that if all goes well, this newsletter should be on the website very soon. Consequently, we will be able to reach a much larger audience of Crowleys around the world.

There are still readers who either don't have access to the web or who prefer to receive newsletters via the traditional form. And readers will have that option. I find this all very exciting. I have only one fear. Where will I get copy for future newsletters! Most of the research articles and the news items that are published come along with readers' renewal checks. Now I'm going to have to ask all of you readers, whether you are reading paper or a computer screen, to be active contributors to this newsletter.

Any primary research is very valuable to those of us doing family history. But stories and news are valuable too. One of the most popular parts of the newsletter continues to be the Crowley News From Around The World.

I love getting your letters and your e-mails. And phone calls, like the one from Norm Crowley, are welcome also. Whatever method you use, please help fill this newsletter with interesting items.

*Slan, Marian*

# Miscellaneous Notes on the Name of Crowley

*by Mary Casteleyn*

Taken from the manuscript material held by The Irish Genealogical Research Society in London - The manuscript "The Roll of Irish Conformists (1703-1778)" is the work of Father Wallace Clare and lists the following Crowleys as conforming to the established (Protestant) church in Ireland.

Crowley, Catherine, of the parish of Tracton, County Cork

Date of Conformity, 4<sup>th</sup> April 1736

Crowley, Rev. Cornelius, oath taken at Tralee, County Kerry

Date of Conformity 15<sup>th</sup> September 1751

Crowley, Mr. Thomas, practitioner in physic

Date of Conformity 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1771

## Crowley Clan News from Around the World

**Carol Barlow of Rocklin, CA, USA:** Although I'm now into the other half of my genetic inheritance (Austrian/German), I still love to hear about the Irish half. I especially enjoyed the short bio on John Crowley of Dromcloc. My daughter and I met John, Dympha and their family when we stayed at their B & B in 1990. John and I discussed how difficult it was to find our Crowley forebears with "210 miles" of their offspring in Co. Cork.

**Betty Bookser of Pittsburgh, PA, USA:** I have been trying for years to get my family out of Wales and back to their origin in Ireland. Both my Crowleys and Sweeneys immigrated to Wales during the mid 1800's and remained there. All the census information lists their origin as County Cork with one exception.

**Mary Casteleyn of London, England:** I was speaking to Tom Crowley about the desirability of establishing a library of Crowley material somewhere in Cork - there is quite a bit which has been published, including the Newsletter. Also I have an article that is coming out in The Irish Genealogist 2002 Vol. 10 No. 5 on "The Crowleys in India". These are Crowleys who served in British India and some of whom ended up as musicians in the King of Oudh's band in the early 19th century. Oudh is in Northern India.

**William S. Crowley of the US Armed Forces:** My brother James E. Crowley attends renaissance fairs in California and participates in steel on steel competitions, battling with full armor and using steel swords. He is currently number two in the state and is unbeaten in siege competition. He is trying to become the best in the U.S. His sword and helmet are well known by those who participate in this field of combat. You might say he has kept up our family heritage. I have been called to serve our country. I don't know where I'm going, but I will represent the clan and carry on our clan's tradition as warriors. I wish you well and will try to write from wherever I go to keep you up to date. Please send any further email to [larissa.nugis@attbi.com](mailto:larissa.nugis@attbi.com).

**Sue Crowley of Yuma, AZ, USA:** July 27<sup>th</sup> some friends from California (4 RV rigs) picked me up and we went on a wonderful trip through BC, the Yukon and Alaska. We saw lots of unforgettable sites. It was a trip of a lifetime. September 25<sup>th</sup> Kaileia Leilani Angelique was born to Jesika. She is my third great grandchild.

**Tom Crowley of Gwent, Wales:** Many thanks for the newsletter which is always more than interesting. Good to see the dates are now fixed for the 2004 gathering. It is a good venue, an interesting area, quite a lot to see and places of interest. I think people will find it so. A few miles west around the coastline is the town of Castletown Beara. This is the area where O'Sullivan Beara, head of the O'Sullivan Clan, fought the English. And when the battle was going against him he called on the O'Crowleys of Dunmanway to go down and support him. They mustered a force and went down, but the weather being atrocious with rain and dense fog, got lost in the bog land near Beara and never reached O'Sullivan in time. The story in part is told in Michael-Patrick's book.

**Mary Catherine Clubb of Aurora, CO, USA:** My family grew on 17 September when we welcomed my second great grandson, 2 days before his brother's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. I haven't seen him and probably won't for quite a while. I was 87 in October.

**Peggy Crowley of Goderich, Ontario, Canada:** I really enjoy the newsletter and all the Crowley data.

**Betty Halberg of Port Angeles, WA, USA:** I have just found another Crowley "cousin" and have shared your newsletter. Keep up the good work.

# Marriage Register of Skibbereen Parish

*Submitted by Co. Myles R. O'Crowley*

**9 Sept 1855**

James Crowley married Anne Calnan  
Witnesses: John Corcoran & James Desmond

**21 Aug 1856**

Denis Crowley married Honora Crowley  
Witnesses: Ellen Carey & James Carey

**24 Feb 1857**

Richard Crowley married Catherine Hegarty  
Witnesses: James Crowley & James Carey

**27 Feb 1859**

James Crowley married Catherine Leonard  
Witnesses: Jeremiah Crowley & John Leonard

**28 Jan 1860**

Michael Crowley married Ellen Donovan  
Witnesses: John Crowley & Catherine Stack

**4 Feb 1860**

Jeremiah Crowley married Honora Brien  
Witnesses: Patrick McCarthy & Catherine Sullivan

**6 Mar 1862**

Pat Crowley married Catherine Crimeen  
Witnesses: Denis Crimeen & Patrick Neill

**16 Jan 1864**

Timothy Crowley married Ellen Savage  
Witnesses: Florence McCarthy & Mary Anne Sheehy

**6 Feb 1864**

Timothy Crowley married Anne McCarthy  
Witnesses: John Neill & James Herlihy

**20 Sep 1870**

Timothy Crowley married Mary Coppinger  
Witnesses: William Regan & Mary Leahy

**21 Feb 1871**

Denis Crowley married Ann Shanahan  
Witnesses: Jeremiah Crowley & Thomas Walsh

**16 Feb 1878**

Patrick Crowley married Mary Holland  
Witnesses: John Wholey & Hanora Donovan

**25 Feb 1879**

Florence Crowley married Johanna Sullivan  
Witnesses: Tim McCarthy & Ellen Shea

**15 Oct 1881**

John Crowley married Mary Sullivan  
Witnesses: John Daly & Julia McCarthy

**3 Nov 1881**

Jeremiah Crowley married Mary Anne Sullivan  
Witnesses: Charles Leonard & Lizzie Neligan

**15 Oct 1882**

Patrick Crowley married Mary Coughlan  
Witnesses: Stephen Coughlan & Mary White

## Crowley Castle Site Update

As many of you know, we have been quite concerned with increased deterioration and damage at the Crowley Castle site at Ahakeera since the purchase of the farm there a few years ago by Mr. O'Neill. As a result of hard work by many people, we have successfully fenced in the ruins.

The Crowley Clan thanks all of those involved in this project - Liam, Flor, Seamus, Johnny, Jerry, J.J. and Dr Sean. The following report from Johnny Crowley is self-explanatory.

Here is a report of happening at the Castle Site on March 4. 2003. Liam, Flor, Jerry, Seamus, Johnny and J.J. started work at 10.30 a.m. Weather was drizzly and wild...raingear and boots were the order. Catherine Power [Duchas-Irish Government] was present from 2.30 to 4.30. O'Neill arrived at start and insisted on keeping IN as close as possible... "8 ft? No way!!!"

Catherine insisted he come to meet her and she pointed out that no further disturbance could take place on the site without a permit and Archaeological supervision. In the end O'Neill proved helpful and transported the timbers, etc. down to the site with his tractor and was quite chatty to all... long may it last.

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