

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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compiled by Marian Crowley Chamberlain



Restoration Finished at Crowley Castle

O’Crowley’s Castle is looking great! The work on phase three of the restoration is complete, and the hearth and windows are visible and well defined. It is easy to stand facing the north wall and visualize what life must have been like for our ancestors in the 1500’s.

We have some members of the Crowley Clan Council who live in County Cork to thank for this remarkable restoration. These Crowleys had the courage of their convictions when they made an interest-free loan to the Crowley Clan for the castle work. They felt it was imperative to do the work as soon as possible for two reasons. First, there was the fear that delaying would cause further damage and deterioration. And, second, they knew that waiting would only result in a higher cost for the project.

Now it is time for us to say thank you by helping with the loan repayment. The total for the work was €33,000, and the outstanding balance is €14,000. That is a lot of money by any standards. But we can do it. Several people have already made the loan. If 28 people would pledge €500, or if 56 people would pledge €250 a year, we would be debt free by 2011. Of course both larger and smaller donations are always welcome. But, right now we are looking for readers of this newsletter to come forward. Please contact your country representatives today, and let them know what you are willing to pledge. Any questions or comments, contact me. crowleychamberlain@gmail.com.

Crowley Clan Council April Meeting

The Crowley Clan Council met on the evening of April 21, 2008 at Jerry Crowley's pub in Crossmahon. Thirteen council members were present representing Bandon, Clonakilty, and the United States.

Three sites were considered for the Crowley Clan Gathering in 2010, Kinsale, Bantry, and Macroom. It was decided that Macroom would be a good choice since it is midway between Bandon and Bantry, and since we have not had a gathering there before. Bantry will be a back-up, if Macroom doesn't work out. Secretary Mary O'Flynn and Sunny Crowley will check out the venues and report back.

Dierdre Crowley suggested that we stage a promotion for the 2010 Crowley Gathering. It would involve finding 100 Crowleys from age one to age 100 and photographing them at the gathering.

Tim Crowley will look into redoing the Crowley Clan Website. And James Crowley volunteered to work with the company doing the revision and to learn how to maintain the site.

There was a discussion about methods of repaying the loans on the O'Crowley Castle restoration. Flor Crowley suggestion asking for pledges from Crowleys around the world. Marian said she would write an article about this idea for the next newsletter.

Everyone was pleased with the finished castle. The council discussed possibly adding a plaque on the fence or on a stone stating the dates of the castle and of the restoration.

Various people who have been of help to the Crowley Clan were mentioned as deserving our thanks. Marian said she would write thank-you letters.

The meeting was adjourned. If you would like more information on any of these issues, contact any Crowley Clan Council member.

Macroom Is Chosen for 2010 Crowley Clan Gathering

After considering three towns as possible venues for the next Crowley Clan Gathering in Ireland, the Crowley Council has chosen Macroom.

The town of Macroom calls itself the "Mid-Cork Capital". As the name indicates it is on the N22 halfway between Cork City and Killarney. Its location makes it a good choice both for local Crowleys and for those from abroad. It is close to most attractions in Cork, but is in a quiet, rural setting.

If you haven't been to Macroom and would like more information (and would like to see some pictures of the town and area), check out the website at www.macroom.ie.

The Crowley Clan Newsletter will make more information available as it is received.

Crowley Clan News from Around the World



Janelle Crowley, Woodstock, IL, (jcrowley@woodstockil.gov):

We had a great visit with Aunt Joanne and family! We miss everyone so, and how we long for the large family gatherings back on the farm!

(Janelle and her sister Michaela traveled from Illinois to Ohio to visit their aunt Joanne Crowley who is recovering from a very serious automobile accident. Here are Cousins Steve Crowley, Janelle Crowley, Matt Crowley &

Michaela Crowley Havemann, all great grandchildren of John Crowley born in 1848 in County Cork.)

Bert Koutney, Tampa Bay, FL (rkoutney@tampabay.rr.com):

I am searching for more information on my family. My great-great grandparents were Cain Crowley and Joanna (Annie) Donovan. Their child, David Henry Crowley, was born on September 15, 1861 in Clonakilty, Cork, Ireland. David married Catherine Harding, daughter of John Harding and Catherine McCarthy also of Clonakilty.

David and Catherine met and married in Boston MA in 1882. They had 13 children including my grandfather, Joseph Crowley, born 1895 in Boston. Joseph married Catherine (Kitty) O'Brien. I believe the O'Briens also hailed from Clonakilty. She was the daughter of Lawrence O'Brien and Annie McCarthy, and she was born in Boston in 1896. This is as far back as I have been able to trace.

I am trying to find out more about Cain Crowley, his ancestors, the McCarthys, the Donovans, and the O'Briens. Any knowledge of Cain Crowley's parentage would be GREATLY appreciated. And since I live in Tampa, FL, I would love to visit during the reception of the Clan Gathering. As I have always known, I come from "Hardy Warriors". Thank you for the history. I take pride in such a noble & strong family!



Pauline Crowley-Zieltjes, New Zealand (nakicrowley@gmail.com):

We held a Crowley Cousin Bon Voyage Party for Kieran Crowley, my first cousin, before his departure from New Zealand to Canada. Kieran is an ex-All Black player in our NZ rugby team. He has been invited to coach the Canadian Rugby International Team. He and his family are leaving to reside in Vancouver Island, and we are all very proud of him. He is the great grandson of Daniel

Crowley of Kilmichael, Cork who came to NZ in 1880s. Photo is of Kieran and his wife Sue with my mum and dad, Joyce and Des Crowley.

Richard Crowley, Boston, MA (richardpcrowley@aol.com):

I am glad to hear that the last bit of the Castle Project is going to be done soon. It shows that this organization has good, strong, member who are joined not only by name but in action too.

I had my DNA sample done after we returned from Ireland in September, and found the results. It seems that I have cousins in Ireland! I share a great grandfather with a family in the Bandon area. I had no idea.

I thought I had run into a dead end last trip when I finally discovered my grandfather's farm, but the current owners had no idea where any of the Crowleys who lived there before them had gone. I'm still in shock to think I have real relatives in Ireland.

My newly found cousin's son, Tim Crowley, is coming to Boston for the summer, and I have invited him to spend some time with us. He will get to meet his cousin of the same name and age. That is why the clan network is so great!

Become Part of the Crowley Clan DNA Study & Find Your Cousins in Ireland

Richard Crowley is lucky. But he is not the only member of the Crowley DNA Group to find his roots and also his relatives in Ireland. Wouldn't you like to do the same?

Catherine Budd is our DNA study coordinator, and her contact information is on [page 2](#). Check out Family Tree DNA on the web. Their FAQ will tell you all you ever wanted to know about the process and about the company.

News From The Crowley Archives

by Mary Casteleyn

Some Wills and Other Things

Please note – all spellings as in original document.

From the Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland 1536-1810 edited by Sir Arthur Vicars (1897)

1747 Crowley, Charles, Mitchelstown County Cork, Gent
1780 Crowley, Cornelius
1800 Crowley, Daniel, Ballyglass, County Cork, farmer
1762 Crowley, Humphrey, Cork, Merchant
1796 Crowley, Humphrey, City of Cork
1657 Crowley, John, Carrigilyne, County cork
1767 Crowley, Margt(Margaret), north suburb of Cork, widow
1796 Crowley, Patrick, Bandon road, suburbs of Cork, Merchant
1705 Croly, Cromack, Dublin, Merchant
1809 Croly, John, south Crig(?) County Cork
1623 Croly, Patrick, Dublin, shoemaker

From the Index of the Cork and Ross Wills 1548-1800

1751 Crowley, Daniel, Timoleague, Cork
1749 Crowley, Demetrius, Cork and Cadiz (Spain)
1785 Crowley, Mary Cork
1685 Crowly, Cornelius
1765 Crowly, Denis, Blackpool, County Cork
1641 Crowly, Donogh, Killnacross
1748 Crowly, Florence, Doughlass, County Cork
1756 Crowly, John, Skibbareen, County Cork
1740 Crowly, Margaret, Robertstown, County Cork
1786 Crowly, Thomas(Rev), Coolnagurrane, Abbystoury, County Cork
1796 Crowly, Timothy. P.P. Skibbareen
1773 Crowly, William, Gurteen
1683 O'Crouly, Teige, Behagallane
1789 O'Crowly, Timothy, P.P. Killmocomoy

From the Index of the Cloyne Wills 1621-1800

1728 Crowly, Cornelius, Rallicraheen
1747 Crowly, Denis, Castlelyons
1793 Crowly, John, Castlemartyr

From the Index of the Waterford and Lismore Wills 1645-1800

1785 Crowly, Thomas, Curreenegine

From the Index of the Ardfert and Aghadoe Wills 1690-1800

1785 Crowley, James, Westwood, Cahir, County Kerry

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Crowleys Attend Clans of Ireland Meeting

On Saturday April 18th, Liam Crowley and Marian Crowley Chamberlain traveled to Dublin and attended the Annual General Meeting and Open Day of the Clans of Ireland Ltd. Although the Crowley Clan has been registered with the Clans of Ireland for several years, this was the first time that we actively participated in the annual meeting.

The Clans of Ireland was incorporated in 1990 as a limited company, and it provides guidance in establishing and maintaining a successful clan society and coordinates the activities of Irish clans. There are about 250 registered clans. The active clans (including the Crowley Clan) are entitled to attend and to vote at the annual meeting.

Before the meeting began, clans were encouraged to set up displays around the edge of the meeting hall. The Crowley Clan display included the past issue of our newsletter and a banner with our coat of arms. Other clans had similar displays. There was time for fellowship and sharing of ideas about our clans.

Two speakers presented in the morning. Dr. David Howlett of Oxford University, who is the editor of *The Dictionary of Medieval Latin From British Sources*, spoke on the important contributions the Irish made in not only preserving the Latin language but also in perfecting its use in literature. He pointed out that the Irish were the first people to learn Latin as a foreign language.

Maurice O'Keeffe, author of *The Premier County of Tipperary, Living Voices*, spoke on his project to record oral history in Ireland. He has traveled around Ireland since 1990 and recorded the stories of older people from the counties of Kerry, Clare, Cork, Laois, Kilkenny, Mayo, Limerick, Galway, Kerry, Tipperary, and Offaly. He emphasized the importance of making these recordings while there is still time before the history fades away. His oral histories are on CDs, and they are available at www.irishlifeandlore.com.

The new Clans of Ireland website was launched just before the lunch break. When it is fully operative, each member clan will be able to use it as a vehicle to spread information about their activities. You can view the site at www.clansofireland.com.

The business meeting and election of officers was held in the afternoon. This was followed by an open discussion about clan gatherings, clan activities, and DNA projects. Participants felt that the Clans of Ireland should do more to encourage and promote DNA testing by individual clans. Several clans told of their projects and their successes.

Jack Melton Croley 1927-2008

The following obituary appeared in the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* on 21 June 2008.

James Melton Croley Jr., 81 Sarasota, formerly of Colorado Springs, Colo., died June 19, 2008.

A memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. today at Hawkins Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Iris; sons Jeff of North Port and Michael of Daytona Beach; a brother, James C. of Ft. Smith, Ark.; sisters Myrtice Ford, Ermigene Clarkson and Jonell Kitchen, all of Sarasota, Virnell Carson of Lakeland Ga., and Jimmie Lee Smith of Salisbury, N.C.; and a granddaughter.

The Crowley Clan sends our deep sympathy to Jack's family.