

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Minutes of the CC Council April Meeting

The Crowley Clan Council met on the evening of 27th April at Jerry Crowley's pub in Crossmahon. Jerry, Liam, Larry, Flor, and Ann from Bandon and Marian from USA were present. Flor gave the treasurer's report and stated that because of recent donations the castle restoration debt has been reduced from €14,000 to €12,000. Discussion followed about ways to raise the remainder of the money needed.

The council members were all in agreement that the changes Jim Ritzert made to the website were quite positive. Everyone is happy with its new face and agreed that we do not need to spend money changing the site. The council commended Jim for his excellent work as webmaster.

There was a discussion about using the services of Pay Pal to make donations to the treasury easier. A member of the Crowley Clan has looked into this and has made a recommendation that we try it. After some discussion, it was decided to try the service for a year and see if donations increase. Marian agreed to pursue it with the help of Flor.

After learning that the hotel in Macroom which we intended to use for the 2010 gathering is experiencing management problems, the council discussed various alternatives and decided to look at another town, namely Kinsale. Marian said she would go to Kinsale and talk to the two primary hotels with banquet facilities there. The meeting was adjourned.

KINSALE WILL HOST 2010 CROWLEY CLAN GATHERING!!

The Crowley Clan Council is pleased to announce that Acton's Hotel on the waterfront in historic Kinsale will be the primary venue for the Crowley Gathering scheduled for September 10, 11, and 12, 2010.

Kinsale is a popular seaside town that dates back to medieval times and holds a high place in the history of Ireland's struggle for independence. The town has winding streets, beautiful buildings, and interesting shops, restaurants, and pubs.

Acton's Hotel is situated on the waterfront and is a traditional full-service hotel. Rooms are available there as well in other Kinsale hotels and B&Bs.

The location of Kinsale is advantageous to anyone who would like to fly into Cork City and take public or shared transportation into nearby Kinsale. The town itself is quite walkable. You can find full information at www.kinsale.ie. The hotel also has a website at www.actonskinsale.com.

Gathering Announcement

The 2010 Crowley Clan Gathering has been moved to the town of Kinsale on the southern coast of County Cork.

Primary venue is Acton's Hotel.

Reservations can be made at res@actonshotelkinsale.com or by phoning 353 (0)21 477 9900. Dierdre and Monika are the contacts at reservations. The hotel requires a 50% deposit or a credit card number.

Cancellation is four days prior.

Acton's is quoting us 2 night bed and breakfast

€110.00 per person (Friday & Saturday)

€40.00 per person (Sunday)

€20.00 per room per night sea view supplement

Acton's is holding 50 rooms for us, but I would advise you to make your reservation soon.

Any questions, contact Marian. I look forward to seeing you all in Kinsale.

Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Don Perkins, New Albany, Indiana, USA (dcperkins@mcreecewb.com): I regret to inform you that my wife, Bobbie, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer last July, and it had spread. She went through seven periods of chemo plus surgery, but she passed away on March 7, 2009. We celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary February 6, 2009. She really enjoyed the 2007 Ireland reunion, and we were looking forward to 2010.

I also have cancer, and have had 41 radiation treatments and then six chemo periods. Not sure of the outcome or whether I could make it to Ireland. I sure want to attend. If I don't make it, just give me an old fashioned Irish wake. You all are some of the nicest people I could ever want to have as cousins.

David Crowley, Eckington, Worcestershire, UK (dave@whitegateszero.wanadoo.co.uk): I have recently found the Crowley Clan website, and it intrigues me. Recent research we have carried out takes us back to Denis Crowley born in 1765. Perhaps the most interesting find was Jerimiah Crowley born 1785 in Killarney, Ireland. I would like to trace the lineage back as far as possible, but it stops there with Jerimiah. Perhaps could you point me in the direction I need to go because somewhere one of the Crowley Clan, probably in Ireland, might be able to help me.

When my grandfather William Jerimiah (1888-1969) died, in his possessions was a family bible I remember as a child and there were pages of handwritten names in the first few pages. Sadly the book, which was the size of a small suitcase, disappeared.

Terry Crowley, Goderich, Ontario, Canada (terryachara@yahoo.ca): It is on a very rare occasion that I would ever recommend a book to anyone; however, there are exceptions to the rule and this is one of them. My daughter, Mary, gave me this book as a gift for my birthday a couple of weeks ago and since then I have been totally captivated by it. The title of the book is "*Tracing Your Irish Family History*" by Anthony Adolph. It is a soft cover with 223 pages. It contains information for anyone who is interested in researching his or her ancestry.

What I was most intrigued about was that the surname "Crowley" is mentioned on 26 different pages. Michael-Patrick and his book are acknowledged and there is special mention of Tom as being instrumental in setting up the Crowley DNA Project. Even if you're not into tracing your Irish Ancestry, this book makes for fascinating reading about Ireland and its history.



Pauline Crowley-Zieltjes, New Plymouth, New Zealand

(nakicrowley@gmail.com): Hi all from NZ. I thought you might be interested to know that our Practical Education Institute is celebrating 20 years in business!

All is well here, but we are hating the winter wet. The time spent at our schools in Brisbane is warmer, but still wet.

Blessings to all.

Mary Casteleyen, Birmingham, UK

(mary.casteleyen@btinternet.com): As promised here are two more articles for the newsletter. By the way Brian Crowley was re-elected as MEP in the recent Irish elections to the European Parliament (the first week of June).

Jerry Lenz, St. Cloud, MN (jlenz@cloudnet.com): This is exciting. I just discovered your wonderful website and am enjoying your newsletters. Is it possible to post an inquiry somewhere on your site?

I am having trouble tracing my great great grandfather Humphrey Crowley to his origins in Ireland, apparently somewhere in County Cork.

We think he immigrated to the USA in 1854 or 1855, perhaps on the Fidelia in December of 1855. He first appears in the Minnesota State Census in 1857 with Eliza Crowley who was also born in Ireland. Humphrey had a brother James in Galena Illinois.

It appears that Humphrey's parents were Humphrey and Julia Crowley. We know more about his life in this country, but nothing of his family in Ireland.

I am a retired mathematics teacher in St Cloud, Minnesota. Both my wife Mary Lou and I were born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

I believe Humphrey is an unusual name, so perhaps someone will recognize the family.

From the Crowley Archives Part 6

Mary Casteleyn

Registry of Deeds, Dublin

3rd June 1788:

Eyre to Crowley Deed No 262970

This Deed was made between Edward Eyre Esquire, Lindville, County Tipperary and John Crowley, Macroom, County Cork “now and many years past Coachman to the said Edward Eyre”. By this Deed John Crowley surrenders 5 acres of land at Fainmateen, County Tipperary previously leased to him by Edward Eyre his employer for the term of 99 years from 19th June 1787 at a yearly rent of one peppercorn (meaning for nothing). In return Edward Eyre leases to John Crowley “that part of the lands of Modeshial* (previously?) in possession of Bath (Bartholomew) Tobin and his under tenants, by William Hunt’s survey one hundred occupied acres, one rood and twenty perches” in the Barony of Slievedagh**, County Tipperary, “to have and to hold the said demised premises with the appurtenances unto the said John Crowley, his executors, administrators and appointees for the term of 99 years”.

The Deed in favour of John Crowley comes into effect on the expiry of a previous Deed made on or about the 9th day of November 1765 in favour of Thomas Lloyd Price Esquire (now deceased) by Eyre Hedges, Elizabeth Rowan and Margaret Burke named as co-heirs of Edward Eyre, Esquire, for lands which included the “hundred occupied acres, one rood and twenty perches”. My reading of this is that the 1765 Deed is therefore amended and that John Crowley got his lease at Modeshial with immediate effect.

Edward Eyre signed and sealed the Deed in the presence of William Wiltshire and an indecipherable signature

*Modeshial is modern Modeshil, barony of Slievedagh, parish of Modeshil, South Riding of Tipperary, later in the Poor Law Union of Callan, County Kilkenny.

**Slievedagh is in the parish of Lismalin, South Riding of Tipperary, later in the Poor Law Union of Callan, County Kilkenny. They are adjacent civil parishes.

Edward Eyre is likely of the house of Eyre of Eyrecourt, County Galway. This pedigree shows an Edward Eyre, High Sherriff County Galway in 1680, MP, who married Jane, daughter of Lord Maynard “and was by her the ancestor of the family of Hedges-Eyre of Macroom Castle”. (*The Landed Gentry of Ireland 1958*). The fact of an Eyre family living at Macroom Castle, and of John Crowley being from Macroom suggest that Edward Eyre is of this family of Macroom Castle.

This is an extraordinary Deed. Why is Edward Eyre in effect giving over 100 occupied acres to his coachman? There is more to this than meets the eye. Was John Crowley his illegitimate son? Was Edward Eyre being blackmailed by him? We will never know, but my guess is John Crowley was his son.

The History of the *USS Crowley* (DE-303)

By *Bernie Korth*

Over the years, my mother Mary Crowley Korth told me that her cousin was killed on the *USS Arizona* at Pearl Harbor, HI on December 7, 1941. Years later I discovered that a Destroyer Escort was commissioned and named after her cousin.

Thomas Ewing Crowley, born 18 April 1902 in Madison, IL, enlisted in the Navy 6 March 1919 and was discharged 31 January 1923. A member of the Naval Reserve, he was commissioned assistant dental surgeon in 1929 and served at naval stations in Illinois, California, Cuba, New Jersey and at sea. He reported to *Arizona* (BB-39) 23 May 1941. Lieutenant Commander Crowley was killed during the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor.

Crowley (DE-303), an Evarts class Destroyer Escort, was launched on 22 September 1943 sponsored by Mrs. T. E. Crowley, widow of Lieutenant Commander T. E. Crowley, commissioned on 25 March 1944, and reported to the Pacific Fleet.

Crowley arrived at Pearl Harbor 31 May and joined in antisubmarine training exercises. Escorting a convoy she arrived at Gaudalcanal 25 August and reached Manus 14 September.

Between September and November 1944 *Crowley* sailed out of Manus escorting shipping during the invasion and consolidation with occasional voyages to Humboldt Bay, New Guinea, and the Solomons. On 26 September she joined *Donaldson* (DE-44) in assisting the *SS Don Marquis*, rescuing survivors and controlling fires to save her war cargo.

Crowley based at Ulithi from 21 November 1944 joining a group supporting the fast carrier task forces. In December 1944 the *Crowley* was at sea and in the vicinity of three destroyers that capsized during one of the most severe typhoons encountered in American naval history. Until February 1945 she escorted oilers to the ocean rendezvous at which they replenished carriers striking Luzon, Formosa, and the China coast, then operated with the oilers in the assault on Iwo Jima.

Crowley arrived at Guam 9 April and continued escorting oilers. From 3 July to the end of hostilities *Crowley* supported raids on the Japanese home islands and arrived at Sagami Wan, Honshu 9 September.

The *Crowley* was in Tokyo Bay when the peace documents were signed aboard the *USS Missouri*. *Crowley* departed Tokyo Bay 16 September 1945 and arrived at San Francisco 8 October. *Crowley* was decommissioned in December. She received five battle stars for World War II service.

The *Crowley* crew has had annual reunions since 1976. Several members of the Crowley family have attended and have been introduced to surviving crew members. The next reunion will be in Nashville, TN in October 2009.

The Crowleys of Petersborough, Ontario St. Patrick's Day 2009

