

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Minutes of the CC Council September Meeting

The Crowley Clan Council met on the evening of September 10th at Jerry Crowley's Pub at Crossmahon. Jerry, Liam, Mary, Ann, and Flor from Ireland, and Tom from Ohio were present.

The first item on the agenda was to form an official policy as to Crowley Castle visitation. Recently there have been an increased number of requests to visit the castle site by people touring Ireland. Since the castle is on private land, this has become an issue.

Currently the Crowley Clan has a very good working relationship with the owner of the farm where the Crowley Castle is located. We don't want to do anything to harm that relationship. The Crowley Clan has been welcome on the property during Clan Gatherings in the last few years. But, this is a working cattle farm, and increased visits could make life difficult for the owner. Consequently, the Crowley Council has formed a policy of discouraging people from going onto the property at times other than at the gatherings. Although disappointing to people who come to Ireland on off years, this policy is meant to protect our working relationship with the owner. We hope people will understand.

The second item on the agenda was to set a pre-registration fee for the Crowley Clan Gathering scheduled for September 10, 11, and 12, 2010 in Kinsale. The fee in 2007 was €150 per person. Due to current the global financial situation, it was determined best to hold down the cost. Consequently, the fee will be €140 if received by your country rep by May 31, 2010, and €150 if received after that date. Reps and their addresses are listed on the [Contacts](#) page.

The Crowley Council does request that people planning to attend mail their pre-registration fee as soon as possible to enable the Gathering Committee to gauge how much money will be available for programs, transportation, fees, insurance, etc.

The tentative schedule is:

Friday September 10

2:00 PM - Registration at Acton's Hotel

6:00 PM - Wine/Cheese reception Acton's Hotel sponsored by Jerry Crowley's Pub and Acton's Hotel

Saturday, September 11

10:00 AM - General Business Meeting Acton's Hotel featuring Catherine Budd, DNA Coordinator, and Seamus Crowley, Clan Historian

2:00 PM - Walking tour of Kinsale

8:00 PM - Banquet at Acton's Hotel

Sunday, September 12

10:00 AM - Road Bowling

2:00 PM - Coach departs for Mass at Crowley Castle

Evening - Music and fellowship Acton's Hotel.

Mary O'Flynn and Thomas R. Crowley contributed to this article.

From the Crowley Archives Part 7

by Mary Casteleyn

Crowleys in Jamaica

1. John Crowley: The *Jamaica Almanac* for 1796 lists one John Crowley as Captain in the Portland Regiment of the Militia of Jamaica. In the 1802 *Jamaica Almanac* he re-appears as Major J. Crowley in the same Portland Regiment of the Militia. According to this same *Almanac* he is also shown as one of the Deputies to the Receiver General in Jamaica as Deputy John Crowley, Esquire. In the 1805 *Jamaica Almanac*, under the List of Public Officers for the Town of Falmouth, formerly Martha Brae Point, the same John Crowley, Esquire, appears as one of the Deputies for the Secretary of the Island and also still in post as Deputy for the Receiver General. The 1805 *Almanac* has Lieutenant Colonel J. Crowley, serving in the Portland Regiment of the Militia, obviously quite an important person. However by the time of the 1808 *Jamaica Almanac* John Crowley (no Esquire this time) appears as Pound Keeper for Portland. I feel life has become rather harder for our Mr Crowley. In the same 1808 *Almanac* the Portland Regiment of Militia show a J.S.Crowley as an Ensign (possibly son or nephew).
2. From *The Jamaica Courant* (from Saturday June 22nd to Saturday June 29th 1754) the following notice under Merchants and Traders: "Imported from Newcastle-upon-Tyne and to be sold by Jasper Hald, the following goods viz...NB. All the ware is warranted to be from Crowley's Manufactory at Newcastle".
3. The *Falmouth Post and Jamaica General Advertiser* (Jan-Mar 1874) the following notice "Port of Falmouth – arrived March 21st – American Schooner M. Trundy. (Capt) Crowley from New York, via Kingston. Breadstuffs.

Crowley/Crowly in the Church of Ireland Kinsale Registers

Baptisms

1710 Dec 17

Crowly, Humphrey, son of Humphrey

1712 June 24

Crowly, Charles, son of Humphrey

1713 Jan 31

Crowly, John, son of Humphrey

1714 Jan 30

Crowly, Allen, son of Humphrey

1716 Oct 24

Crowly, Catherine, daughter of Humphrey

1718 Aug 15

Crowly Edward, son of Humphrey

1719 Nov 1

Crowly, Richard, son of Humphrey

1721 April 30

Crowly, Jane, daughter of Humphrey

1722 March 7

Crowly, Anthony, son of Humphrey

1725 Nov 7

Crowly, Mary, daughter of Humphrey

Burials

1727 April 22

Crowly, Mary, daughter of Humphrey

1732 April 8

Crowley (sic), Humphrey

Please note there are other Crowleys in these Registers but the above seemed to make a nice neat family.

Clan News from Around the World

Phyllis Pawloski, Marion, Michigan, USA

(pppawloski1@msn.com):

I am searching for information on my great-great grandfather Timothy Crowley who according to church records and his death certificate in Tallmadge, Kent, Michigan was born in Kilrush, Parish Desertserges in 1780 to Luke Crowley and Mary Collins.

Timothy married Ellen Hurley in Ireland, but I have no record of her coming to the US between 1840 and 1850 with him. I do have information on four of his children who immigrated to the USA. And the Church in Bandon gave me the names of some of his other children who were baptized there bringing to 11 children born to Timothy and Ellen. They were all born between 1814 and 1834. Places of birth were shown as Lissaphooka, Parish Ballymodan and Bandon, Parish Ballymodan.

Timothy's son Jeremiah had an immigration date of 1843 in the census records. Story was they had to leave Ireland because Jeremiah went through the hedge after a rabbit, and he retaliated when he was struck by the gamekeeper.

Jeremiah worked off his indenture in Vermont before coming to Michigan where he again indentured himself for one year for 80 acres of land in Nov. 1843.



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

On the 19 July 2009 my Aunty Bernadette Crowley, Sister Mary Cornelius, who is a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions stationed at Waitara, New Zealand was honoured by Pope Benedict for a lifetime of service to the Catholic Church and its people. She received an engraved Papal Medal and a lapel button along with printed signed parchment from the Pope.

Sister Mary Cornelius has been an outstanding teacher of music, a caregiver to boarders at various schools, an attendant to sick Mission Sisters in community work, an organist at Mass and other liturgies and a representative of parish committees.

The surprise presentation was made at our 9am Mass, and Crowleys came from near and far to join in the celebration. Sisters of Our Lady of Missions gathered from all over NZ.

Sister is the daughter of the late Cornelius and Alice (Primmer) Crowley, Kaponga, New Zealand, granddaughter of Daniel and Hannah (Burke –Kilavarrig) Crowley and great granddaughter of Cornelius and Ellen Crowley, Kilmichael, Cork.

Joe Colford, Middletown, NJ (profcolf@aol.com):

I am looking for information about my great-great grandparents, Patrick Crowley and Bridget Crowley (same last name) who were married in Ballineen, Cork, Ireland in the mid 1850s. Their children were Denis

(my great grandfather) born 1856/7, Aggie born before 1864, Brigid born December 25, 1864, Julia born August 25, 1866, Elizabeth born December 4, 1869, and possibly Anne/Anna.

Patrick died in Ireland. Bridget left after his death and came to the United States aboard the ship City of Montreal on April 11, 1881 with Brigid, Julia, Elizabeth, and another child whose name I cannot read on the ship's manifest.

I suspect Denis left for the States a year earlier arriving in New York on the ship Abyssina on May 12, 1880. He married my great grandmother Katie Hayes in New York in 1883. I suspect Denis and Katie, townland Corran, Leap, knew each other in Ireland, because there was a Kate listed on the ship's manifest just below Denis' name.

They lived in Manhattan in New York City all their married lives. They had the following children: Patrick born 1884, died after nine days, Hannah, born October 14, 1887, died at two years of age, Joseph born September, 1886, James born November, 1888, Denis born May, 1894, Loretta (my grandmother) born May, 1892, Clara, born July, 1895, and Irene born December 1890 (?) but died of typhus in 1911.

Richard Creagh, Australia (creaghclan@gmail.com):

My wife Leanne's grandmother was Madeleine Christina Crowley who married George Joseph Ball on 12 May 1900. Madeleine's father was John Crowley (Solicitor), and she grew up in Ireland (Dublin?). Would anyone have information about Madeleine's father's family? I located a John Crowley who was admitted as solicitor in 1885. He had a son Charles and two daughters, but I am not sure if this is the same John Crowley. Madeleine was 23 years old in 1900.

Madeleine's son Godfrey Massey Ball was awarded the Air Force Cross for his World War II service as a fighter pilot in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Meet Catherine Crowley Budd Crowley Clan DNA Project Administrator



Using DNA in genealogy is a hot topic. How did the Crowley Clan DNA project get its start?

Cathy: Tom Crowley was the inspiration for the project. He was aware of DNA being used to confirm ancestry, and he wrote an article for the newsletter in 2005. I called him to speak about it, and I became the coordinator, partly because of my medical background. Little did I know that some weeks later my house would be hit by hurricane Wilma, and I would end up living in a FEMA trailer for the next 18 months.

How long have you been the Crowley Clan DNA Project Administrator?

Cathy: Since its inception. We had a choice of two different companies and after some research Tom and I chose Family Tree DNA.

What are the goals of the project?

Cathy: We hope to link participants via the technology, especially those who know little of their family history.

Are we are meeting those goals?

Cathy: We have had several matches, some have been probable links, and some were complete surprises.

What could we do to make the project more successful?

Cathy: We need to get more people involved, especially those who live in Ireland.

You have a medical/scientific background. Tell us a little about your professional life.

Cathy: I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and currently work in the Emergency Department of Lower Keys Medical Center in Key West. I have been a nurse since 1974. I returned to school in 1991 to complete my BSN and then went on to complete my MSN to become an Adult Nurse Practitioner. I was in private practice with an Internist for 7 years before I joined the Emergency Department Group. In 2006, I returned to school to obtain my Family Nurse Practitioner certificate since I see so many children in the Emergency Department.

Tell us about your family.

Cathy: I am the eldest of four. I have two sisters Peggy and Mary. My youngest sibling is my brother John. Both my parents are deceased, most recently my Father, Dave, last fall. All my siblings still live in Canada. I have two nephews and a niece who are attending college. Both Mary and Peggy have been to Ireland twice. The last time we were all in Clonakilty for the 2007 gathering with our spouses. Herb and I have been married for 16 years; we have no children, but we have a Black Lab Ranger, and 4 cats.

You are a Canadian who lives in Florida. How did this happen?

Cathy: I left Canada to work in Houston in 1979. I dislike the cold, and the opportunities for nursing were more varied in the USA. I went to Saudi Arabia in 1980 to work in a Saudi Military hospital for two years. When I returned I tried Canada again, but ended up back in Houston in late 1982. My parents spent many winters in the Keys and after my mother passed away my father continued to winter here. It was easy to visit from Houston, and in 1989 I came to Marathon as a travelling nurse, liked it so well that I moved here and have never looked back. I also met my husband Herb here.

Where are your Crowleys from in Ireland?

Cathy: Family lore was scarce, but we always were told the family was from Co Cork. After lots of research via the net, LDS and Griffiths Valuation I became suspicious that my family was from Stadbally Co. Waterford. In 2007 I met with some of the family, looked at records and did a DNA test and confirmed the relationship. My great grandfather immigrated in 1882 to Montreal, where he married and had four children. My grandfather, the youngest settled in Dundas, Ontario where I grew up.

You and your husband Herb are very loyal about attending Crowley Clan Gatherings. What special memories do you have of your times in Ireland?

Cathy: We first attended in 2001. We love Ireland, and have attended 3 gatherings. The first gathering we had a grand time. I really enjoyed road bowling for the Canadian team even though I almost hit Herb on one of my turns. I always do the driving and Herb navigates. He calls me the mirror assassin! The Irish are very friendly and you feel that you are part of the family where ever you travel.

We know you aren't biased, but which team do you think will win the road bowling championship in 2010?

Cathy: Obviously Canada, even though I live in the USA I am still a Canadian citizen. My sister Peggy plans on attending and she is a very good bowler. Hopefully the Crowley girls from Peterborough will attend again, which will boost our chances.

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