

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Buy a "Brick" and Help Save the Crowley Clan Castle

Many of you have made the journey to Ahakeera and have seen the ruins of the once proud Crowley Castle. Those partial walls that remain never fail to inspire their viewers with a tangible sense of the heritage which we all share as Crowleys. They leave us with the feeling that we are closer to the spirits of our ancestors.

Ahakeera is a special place. We have several members of the Crowley Council to thank for taking the initiative to commission the work to clean and stabilize the ruins so that future generations can also make this pilgrimage and experience this sense of history.

The work was finished over three years ago, but the loan for the work has yet to be repaid. Donations do come in periodically, but they seem to have slowed down.

Terry Crowley, who is our Canadian Clan Representative, has an idea that will help repay the loan. Terry will be selling "bricks" from the Crowley Castle at our Clan Gathering in Kinsale. As Terry explains, "The bricks are imaginary, but the donor will receive a lovely certificate suitable for framing. Being an optimist, I've had 100 certificates printed." "Bricks" will be available for €5 apiece. Hopefully, generous individuals will want to buy multiple bricks. If certificates are left over, they will go on sale through the newsletter after the gathering. Thank you, Terry!!



2010 Gathering - Schedule of Events

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.

From the Desk of the Editor

This Summer Newsletter is the last one to be published before our Crowley Clan Gathering in September. I hope that many of you will be able to attend, and I look forward to meeting old and new friends in Kinsale. I know that those of you who won't be there in person will definitely be there in spirit.

Preparations are underway, thanks to our hardworking Crowley Council members in Ireland. And, as you can read in this newsletter, preparations are also underway by several Crowleys outside of Ireland.

We are very fortunate to have members of the clan who have taken the initiative and have started projects aimed at paying off the Crowley Castle Restoration loans. Our front page story is about long time clan member and Canadian Representative to the council, Terry Crowley. Hopefully, many of you will want to make a donation to the fund and take home one of the lovely certificates that Terry has created. Framed it will make a nice addition to your office or study.

We are also lucky to have mother and daughter, Carol and Sharon Crowley, working on their separate projects. Carol's lovely quilt will be raffled off in Kinsale. Sharon's project is the ongoing Crowley Clan Store. Sharon is changing the store web address because the new site will allow her to bring more of the profit directly to the clan. Sharon writes: "Here are the websites for buying Crowley Clan merchandise. www.cafepress.com/clancrowley and www.zazzle.com/crowleyclan*. The * at the end of the zazzle address somehow generates more money. Also, I made a free Cafe Press shop called "clancrowley". I'm still working on moving the shirts into the free store on Cafe Press and also adding a description that says how much money is donated to the Clan. Can the newsletter say something about purchasing from the "official" shops? There are other shops that sell Crowley products, but other people get the money.

Karen Crowley-Farahand would like to alert us all to a film call "Extraordinary Measures". "I spotted an article about this film. It is a medical drama based on the true story of John and Aileen Crowley whose two young children were diagnosed with a rare muscle-wasting condition. Sufferers rarely reach their tenth birthday. The film tells the inspirational story of the couple's search for a cure. Harrison Ford plays Dr. Robert Stonehill, the brilliant medical researcher who helps search for the solution. Harrison Ford optioned the original material and oversaw the development of the script which he is very proud of."

Thanks, Karen. The film is available on Netflix, and I've just added it to our queue!

One last request...if you are a member of our dna project and have questions about the project or about your results, please let us know. We would like to have an open forum on the project at the Saturday morning open meeting in Kinsale.

Mise le meas,

Marian

Crowley Clan News

Peter Vanderhoorn, Smithville, Missouri

(hoorn@att.net):

Hopefully you can help to tell me if you have records of the Samuel Crowley who in 1825 purchased 80 acres of land in the town of Smithville, Missouri, where I now live.

Curiously, we have a large furniture operation in this area which is owned and run by the Crowley family based in Liberty, Missouri.

I am doing research on the history of Smithville, and I have a picture of a wonderful old house on this property.

Liam Crowley, Bandon, Cork

(wecrowley@hotmail.com):

I just want to let you know I went to the Clans of Ireland annual general meeting in Dublin. It is good to be represented at it. I suggested that all the clans should do something special for 2014, the anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf.

Plans are ongoing for the Crowley Clan Gathering in September. Everything is going fine. Slan go foil.

Terri Main, Waupun, Wisconsin

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We are related to Wisconsin Crowleys who were born in Ireland around 1830. Timothy and Katherine (Phinney?) came to Dartford, Wisconsin, Marquette County (Now Green Lake County). They had three children, Mary born 1855, Margaret, and Timothy. We are not sure, but we believe Timothy died early. Katherine is in the 1860 census with three children. That is the last information that we have about her. Mary Crowley married Perkins Main, my husband's great-grandfather, in 1875. We would love to know more about them.



Dan Crowley, Phoenix, Arizona

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Anyone want to claim Ida Crowley of tombstone, Arizona? The inscription under the picture reads: "IDA CROWLEY came to Tombstone from Europe and took up the only profession where language was no barrier".

Carol Crowley, Franklin, NJ

(p.c.crowley@embarqmail.com)

Is anyone looking for Crowleys in Sussex, New Jersey?

Jeremiah Crowley was born c.1813 in Ardgroom Parish, Iras, Cork. Died 24 February 1875, buried in RC Burying Ground, Franklin Furnace, New Jersey, aged 62 years. His wife Catherine born c.1807 in Ireland, died 11 September 1903, buried in RC Burying Ground, Franklin Furnace, New Jersey, aged 96.

Patrick Crowley was born c.1829 County Cork, Ireland, and died 7 July 1911. He was buried in St. Thomas Cemetery, Ogdensburg NJ. His wife Mary Morris was

born c.1827 in Cullehanna, County Armagh, emigrated 1852, and married Patrick Crowley Christmas Day 1858. Patrick worked for the NJ Zinc Company for 57 years. They had five daughters. Two did not marry (Ellen and Elizabeth). Three others married: Mary married Edgar Van Iderstine and had two daughters who did not marry. Catherine married Martin Rahaley and had no children. Margaret married Patrick Lynch and had several children. One grandson was Charles F. Lynch a Federal Judge.

Timothy, brother of Patrick was born in Ireland c.1835. He first lived at Franklin Furnace working as a miner. His son John aged 23 died there and is buried at the RC Burying Ground. Timothy then lived in Paterson NJ. In the 1920 Federal Census he was a boarder age 77 working as a gatekeeper for the railroad, living with son James and daughter Mary.

Toni Broggan, Spokane, Washington

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A photo of my husband, Tom Crowley and our daughter, Sarah Crowley was in one of the recent newsletters, volume 13 from November 2008. We so enjoyed seeing it! Sarah and her younger sister, Danielle Crowley will be taking off a year of their college studies and living in Dublin and working as au pairs from summer 2010 to summer 2011.

They are planning to attend the fall 2010 reunion and hoping to meet some of their Irish relatives during their gap year in Ireland. We are all so excited about this experience. Thanks for all you do to keep the newsletter going and uniting this big lovely family.

Like Mother / Like Daughter

Carol and Sharon Crowley

Carol Crowley of Franklin, New Jersey attended the 2007 Crowley Clan Gathering in Conakility along with her husband Paul, who is the Mayor of Franklin, and her daughter Sharon. Like most Crowleys, Carol was impressed and inspired when she joined the pilgrimage to the ruins of O'Crowley's Castle in Ahakeera. She was also impressed when she heard that some members of the Crowley Clan Council had loaned the money for the restoration work done on the castle.



When Carol returned home to New Jersey, she began thinking about ways to help repay the loans. In addition to being a librarian in Franklin, Carol is an experienced quilter. So she decided to create a quilt for raffle at the 2010 Crowley Gathering. The proceeds from the raffle would go to help repay the Crowley Castle loans.

Carol chose a pattern called Trip Around the World. "The pattern for this quilt was chosen to represent all the Irish who left their homes in

Ireland and settled in nearly every country of the world," Carol explained. "It is a lap size, 55" x 70", 100% cotton and washable. It was pieced by hand and machine quilted. The fabric was called Irish Mist Medley with the following description 'to feel the coolness and the peace of an Irish morn' ".

Raffle tickets will sell at the Crowley Gathering for €5 for one, €10 for 3. If you won't be able to attend the gathering but would like to enter the raffle, you can send \$6 US to Marian Crowley Chamberlain, 3071 Marsh Gate Drive, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. If it is a check, make it out to Marian and put Crowley Quilt in the memo field. Your name will be entered in the raffle, and if you are the winner, the quilt will be mailed to you.

Meanwhile, Carol's daughter Sharon Crowley is our coordinator for the Crowley Clan Online Store. Sharon came up with the idea for the store about the same time that her mother suggested the quilt. It has been in operation for about a year and a half. Sharon stocks the store with a variety of clothing, stationery, bags and gift items. She has recently made some changes to the store and has switched hosting sites.

The new site is www.zazzle.com/crowleyclan*. "I like the Zazzle sites because they are a little cheaper, so there will be more revenue for the Castle Restoration fund," explains Sharon. Check out the new Crowley Store which includes Crowley Castle Postage Stamps (USPO), Crowley In-Law buttons, and a new bag with "Trí na chéile a thógtar na cáisléain" on it. The translation is "In our togetherness, castles are built".

Thanks to Paul Crowley for sharing his talented ladies with us!

The Crowley / Keohane Connection

"Note that the name of the baby on the baptism certificate is Denis Keohane, as is the name of the father. However, the child was raised by the mother and took the name Crowley."

A researcher recently emailed the Crowley Newsletter with a copy of this Denis Keohane's baptism certificate from St. Finbarr's in Bantry in 1873 and with a request for assistance in finding more details about Denis and his family in Ireland. This researcher jumped to what seemed an obvious conclusion. That conclusion was that Denis had been raised by his mother and had taken her surname. But, there is another explanation for the change from Keohane to Crowley.

We think of surnames as having been established in the 13th and 14th century and of being relatively stable since that date. The surnames Keohane and Crowley would appear to be very different names. How could it be that a person named Keohane could become a Crowley in the late 19th century?

The website www.keohane.org states: "We have much discussion over the origin of the name, but the view now held is that we are a branch of the Crowleys, who somehow got lost in a fog - the Irish word ceocháin certainly means fog or mist. Some assert that due to the fog we missed the Battle of Kinsale, January 1602. The Barryroe Keohanes - on the eastern side of the Keohane area - do not have any folklore memory of this link, but the connection is still retained in the Beara area, where the two surnames are commonly used - Crowley Keohane. In the Bantry area, the surnames were quite interchangeable up to recent years." The website goes on to say that many Keohanes changed their name back to Crowley when they arrived in the USA because "that's how they spelled it there."

Most Keohanes are from the areas of Beara, Bantry and Skibbereen. Many retain the name to this day. Others have changed it back to Crowley. We have at least one Crowley/Keohane in our Crowley DNA project who is a perfect 37 marker match to several Crowleys.

Not all Keohanes agree with the "lost in the fog" theory. One Keohane wrote in an email, "I don't like the idea that my clan didn't show up at the Battle of Kinsale." The word does mean fog in the Irish language but the reason this branch of the Crowleys took the name is only a theory.