

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Countdown to Kinsale

In less than six months we will be meeting one another in the historic old seaport of Kinsale, Ireland. Plans are underway for an interesting and exciting weekend. If you are planning to attend the Gathering of the Crowley Clan, it is time to make your arrangements if you haven't already.

Acton's Hotel, which is situated on the waterfront in Kinsale, is holding 50 rooms for the Crowleys. To date about half of them are booked. To reserve your room phone the hotel, 353-(0)21-477-9900. Ask for the Crowley Clan Gathering rate.

Acton's requires a 50% deposit or a credit card number. Cancellation is four days prior to arrival. They are quoting us two night's bed and breakfast at €110.00 per person sharing (Friday & Saturday), €40.00 per person sharing (Sunday). There is a €20.00 per room per night seaview supplement.

Be sure to bring your bathing suit since Acton's has an indoor leisure center with pool and hot tub. Spa treatments are also available.

Our country representatives, who are listed with their postal and email addresses, are [here](#). Send your check to your country rep. If you send in your registration fee before May 31, the cost is €140 per person. After that date, the cost is €150. Check for currency conversion on the web or at your local bank.

Here are some websites you might find handy in your planning:

- www.kinsale.ie
- www.cork-guide.ie
- www.cork-guide.ie/corkgolf.htm
- www.iol.ie/~discover/driving.htm
- www.visitcorkcounty.com/
- www.localhistories.org/cork.html
- www.cobhheritage.com
- www.skibbheritage.com

News From The Crowley Clan DNA Project

We have 80 Members with 74 kits returned. If you have lost or misplaced your kit please email me, and I will have another sent. If you have not been contacted by Family Tree DNA about your kit, please email the help desk at Family Tree or me so that we can update your information. The email address for help with your kit is info@familytreedna.com My email is cbudd713@comcast.net There have been some new matches, but perhaps the contact email has been changed and you might have not been notified.

I am happy to answer questions about the process for anyone interested in testing. If you have a male family member who is a descendent of a male Crowley please consider asking them to participate. The cost for testing has decreased since the start of the project. It is now just \$149.00. If the cost is too high to bear alone, consider asking siblings to contribute to lessen the financial burden to the participant.

Catherine E. Crowley Budd,

Group Project Administrator

Crowley Clan DNA Project

Another Crowley Castle

Michael-Patrick Crowley's Castle in Galway



For the last 12 years Michael-Patrick Crowley has been renovating Ballinderry Castle near Tuam, Galway. Finally, he writes, the project is finished, and his castle is ready for him to show to the world, at least the world of Crowleys.

"I would like to extend an invitation to all Crowley Clan members to visit Ballinderry Castle if they are ever in the vicinity. The castle is not open to the public; however I feel that opening it to any clan member wishing to visit would be appropriate. The address is:

*Ballinderry
Athenry Road*

*Tuam
County Galway*

"Ballinderry is 20 kms from Connemara and 34 kms from the Burren. Anyone touring in the area could pay a visit, and I would be happy to welcome them with tea or whiskey, as visitors would see appropriate, and share its history."

Thank you, Michael-Patrick, for your gracious offer! Ballinderry was built around 1450 by de Burgos, a Norman family. They came to Ireland in the 13th century and built a number of castles in the area. The name Ballinderry is derived from the Gaelic Baile an Doire or the place of the oaks.

Michael-Patrick's email is: michael-patrick.crowley@sap.com

Clan News from Around the World

David Crowley, Canton, MA

(d-crowley@verizon.net):

My family background on the Crowley side goes back to my great grandfather Cornelius Crowley. Records show he was a native of Macroom, Co. Cork Ireland. He traveled to the United States in his teens sometime before 1870 and settled in Boston, worked as a servant for a prominent politician Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Aldrich had a farm in Canton Massachusetts approximately 15 miles south of Boston where Cornelius became "Carer of Cows" (occupation description listed on his Catholic Association of Forester's life insurance policy). The Crowley's have been in Canton ever since. I am not familiar with any specific family or heritage on Eire, yet. I continually strive to dig for more and more tidbits that lead me to the next leaf on my family tree.

If this gets printed in the newsletter, I'd invite any tips or guidance on how to obtain British Army records as I understand that my great grandfather spent some time in Africa before he emigrated to the US. His army records might reveal more information enabling me to find out more about my family tree. Any suggestions are welcome!

PS to Sharon Crowley: I must mention the Crowley Clan On-Line Store...great stuff! I ordered two types of note cards (the Crowley Castle and the Coat of Arms) as well a long sleeve shirt with the family crest. The shirt draws conversation whenever I wear it. Likewise, whenever I send one of the cards it results in a phone call or an email inquiry that results in a genealogy discussion. Many thanks for being creative. I'd encourage others to check out the on-line store!

Helen Tubby, Sydney, Australia

(tubbys@tpg.com.au):

I've been told by family that my great-great-great grandmother Jane Crowley born about 1831 was directly related to Nicholas Joseph Crowley (1819-1857) distinguished portrait painter. Jane married Hugh Carraher who was a farmer and butcher, and who lived and died in the Liverpool area.

Does anyone know of his descendants and/or ancestors?

Cindy Ekonomou, Palm Beach, FL

(cindy@palmbeachfl.com):

I am trying to find the names of Jeffrey Crowley's brothers and sisters and the dates when they came to America. Jeffrey Crowley was born in 1702 and christened 29 Mar 1702 in the Church of England at Kinwarton Parish, Warwickshire, England and shown as base son. He married Effie (Efra) Nearne about 1729 probably in Virginia. He died in 1761 in Halifax County, Virginia. His will was probated in February 1762.

Tennise Gallegos, Albuquerque, NM

(ms.active@comcast.net):

I'm trying to fill in some blanks on my family tree. I wonder if anyone can help. My grandfather was Leo L. Crowley (approx. 1882-1921), born I think in Wisconsin. He was married to Merle Laura Balbach. His parents were Lafayette Crowley and (Maude Cook?). They had four children. His sister Emma died at the age of 18. His sister Donna married Leo J. Bronahan of Kansas City. His brother Frank lived in Norfolk, VA.

All these notes are from my grandmother. His mother, now Maude Wilson, died in the Los Angeles area in the 1950's. Leo was a soldier in World War I. I have a picture of him in his uniform. After he married my grandmother, they moved to Morenci, AZ where he worked as a miner. What I don't have are exact birth and death dates, exact place of birth and death, and the same for his parents. Just thought another "Crowley" might be related!

John H. Gorski, Chicago, ILL

(jhgorski@sbcglobal.net):

I do quite a bit of genealogy work but could really use some help. My Great-Great Grandfather was John Francis Crowley (1834-1889). He emigrated from Ireland and settled in Crawford County, Wisconsin where he homesteaded. He was married to Margaret M. Sweeney (1845-1901?).

If you know of anyone who could use some genealogy help in the Chicago or SW Wisconsin area, please let me know.

Morrie Curtin, Brisbane, Australia

(curtinmj@tadaust.org.au):

If any of your clan members can help me with details of my maternal great grandmother born in County Cork in approximately 1837, I would be most grateful.

Her name was Mary Ann Crowley and she immigrated to Australia and married Charles Mosch a miner from Switzerland. They lived in Georgetown, North Queensland during the gold rush years at the Palmer River. Thank you.

Mary Casteleyn, London, UK

(mary.casteleyn@btinternet.com):

A new web site has been launched by the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism offering FREE access to church records. So far Dublin and County Kerry are on, County Carlow is to follow and, wonder of wonders, Cork City and West Cork will be on by mid 2010. You can see it at www.irishgenealogy.ie

From the Crowley Archives Part 8

by Mary Casteleyn

Who was Humphrey Crowley?

Humphrey Crowley/Crowly appears in The Council Book of the Corporation of Cork between 1765 and 1795. He warrants investigation being at various times an Alderman, Sheriff and Mayor of Cork. He first appears as Humphry Crowly, clothier, on 12 April 1765 when after having completed his apprenticeship with John Allen, deceased, and Francis Allen, he is granted the freedom of the city of Cork. He appears again on the 3 June 1765 where he is receiving 100 part share for a period of 990 years of profits arising from reservoirs, canals, trenches, water courses and pipes to be erected for the conveying of water for the city of Cork.

In 1773 he is one of five men involved in a scheme to build a bridge over the Lee. Over the years he has obviously taken on apprentices himself for three of them, Denis Quigley, woolcomber, Henry Ford, woolcomber and Thomas Malowny, woolcomber are granted the freedom of the City in 1782 and 1783.

In 1784 Humphrey Crowley is appointed as one of two Sheriffs of Cork for that year and in 1789 he was created Mayor of Cork having succeeded H. Harding who had died in office. His rise in the world has been rapid. By 23 February 1787 he is called Humphry Crowly Esquire (for the first time). A Humphrey Crowley is listed as a churchwarden in 1757 for St Peter's Church, Cork and this may be the father of the above Humphrey Crowley (*The Annals of St Peter's Church, Cork. 1822*). Sadly the name of Crowley does not appear in the surviving extracts taken by Col Grove White from the Registers of St Peter's which began in 1744, nor in the surviving extracts of the 1766 census for St Peter's. However his name does appear in a Resolution not to give servants any more tips on being entertained at their master's house. His name is one of many and this rather mean document was signed in 1765 (*Casey, Albert O'Kief, Coshe, Mang, Slieve Lougher and Upper Blackwater, Volume 6*)

A Marriage Licence Bond exists for Humphry(sic) Crowly(sic) and Easter Hall for 1737 in the Diocese of Cork and Ross and this is probably the churchwarden. There is also a 1762 Prerogative Will for Humphrey Crowley, merchant. There also exists a Marriage Licence Bond for Humphry(sic) Crowly (sic) and Ann Carey for 1769 for the Diocese of Cloyne. A Prerogative Will for Humphrey Crowley is listed for 1796 so presumably he died about that time; he appears to have stopped activity on the City Council in 1795. On 16 May 1792 John Crowly, Gent, eldest son of Alderman Crowly is admitted as a freeman to the city of Cork. They were Protestant merchants in the cloth business and had money, position and a certain amount of power. The need for a Prerogative Will for both the father and son would indicate that property was left in more than one Diocese. More in depth research would render up a great deal more information.

Do You Have An Interest In Crowley Genealogy?

Are you one of the many readers of the Crowley Clan Newsletter who has an interest in learning more about your own Crowley heritage? Family history is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the world today. Just look at the success of [Ancestry.Com](https://www.ancestry.com) to see this. Most of us want to know more about who our ancestors were and what they accomplished in their lives. And wouldn't we all love to find that elusive Irish cousin?

One way to learn more is to share more. If you have done some family history research, no matter how much or how little, you are encouraged to bring information with you to the Crowley Clan Gathering in Kinsale next September.

Several readers have suggested that we have space available for individuals to post their family trees and/or family group sheets. Family photos and stories would also be welcome. Even if we don't make connections, it will be fun to see the various branches of the world Crowley family.

If you would like to help organize our family sharing, please let me know. Ideally, we would have one person in charge of each state, province or country. As always, your suggestions for this project are very welcome.

Time to Stock up on Items from the Crowley Clan Store

Sharon Crowley, who coordinates our on-line Crowley Clan Store, has been adding some new, fun items to the store. She has new coffee mugs, shirts, aprons, and even a pet dish. Doesn't every Crowley pet owner need a Crowley pet dish?

Sharon reminds us that this is the perfect time to order clothing with the Crowley logos for wearing to the gathering in Kinsale. She has styles for men, women and children in many colors.

If you haven't checked out the store recently, login at www.cafepress.com/crowleyclan to see all the fun merchandise. And, remember that proceeds from these sales go to the Crowley Castle Restoration Fund.

O'Crowley's Castle

Ahakeera, Cork, Ireland

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