

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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17th Century Maps of Ireland Available for On-Line Search

Imagine what life was like in Ireland in 1641, and imagine where our Crowleys were living in that year. Now, thanks to an initiative begun by Trinity College Dublin, we can all get a glimpse of that distant life.

The Down Survey Project was funded by the Irish Research Council, and work on the project began in October 2011. The maps, which were made by the mandate of Cromwell for the purpose of redistributing property in Ireland, had existed in various libraries in Europe. Trinity gathered them together, organized them, digitized them, and has put them on-line.

You can view the maps at www.downsurvey.tcd.ie. Not only are these beautiful maps on the site but there is also a list of the landowners in 1641. Who lived at what is today called Ahakeera? Of course, the Crowleys did! They were there in the barony of Carbury (Carbery), the parish of Funlobbish and Kilmichil (Fanlobbus and Kilmichil), the townland of Aghakerry (Ahakeera) and in surrounding townlands.

Those of you who are going to the Crowley Clan Gathering in September will have a chance to make the pilgrimage to our ancient homeland. And, now you can get an historical view on the Down Survey Website.

Crowley Clan Gathering 2013

Are you going to the Crowley Clan Gathering September 13, 14 and 15 in Kinsale? The reservation fee is €140 per person. Remittance should be made out to "Crowley Clan" and sent to:

*John A. Crowley
2506 Elton Street
Albany, GA 31707, USA.*

John's phone is (USA) 229-878-8474, and his email is jcrowley@jacrowley.net

Have you made your hotel reservation yet? If not, here are some possibilities.

- **Trident Hotel**
Phone: 00 353 (0) 21 477 9300
Email: ewrixon@tridenthotel.com
- **Acton's Hotel**
Phone: 00 353 (0) 21 477 9900
Email: res@actionshotelkinsale.com
- **Blue Haven Hotel**
Phone: 00 353 (0) 21 477 2209
Email: info@bluehavenkinsale.com
- **Carlton Hotel**
Phone: 00 353 (0) 470 6000
Email: reservations.kinsale@carlton.ie
- **Innishannon House Hotel**
Phone: 00 353 (0) 477 5125
Email: info@innishannon-hotel.ie
- **White Lady Hotel**
Phone 00 353 (0) 477 2737
Email: info@whiteladyhotelkinsale.ie

Notes from the Editor

This Summer 2013 Crowley Clan Newsletter will be the last issue before the September Crowley Clan Gathering. Plans are in the final stages, rooms in Kinsale are filling up fast, and John A. Crowley is still taking registrations.

We are all making our final travel arrangements. If you haven't secured airplane seats and room reservations, there is still time. However, the selection may be limited. Kinsale is always a popular destination in Ireland, and late summer is prime tourist season. Keep in mind that you can fly into Shannon or Dublin. Shannon is a little closer, but the roads between Dublin and Kinsale are excellent, the best in the country.

Weather in West Cork in September is usually warm and sunny. It won't be as warm as in the U.S., but still very nice. Nevertheless, never travel to Ireland without a raincoat and a sweater! The weather can change in an instant, but cool weather is not unheard of. "An ounce of prevention" applies here.

Have you ever heard of Crowley's Ridge? It is in Arkansas not Ireland, and Karren Crowley Cresap grew up nearby this beautiful area. In this newsletter, Karren tells us about Crowley's Ridge, its history, the connection to the Crowley name, and what it has to offer the tourist. Karren is a descendent of Benjamin Crowley, veteran of the War of 1812, and the man for whom the ridge was named. Karren is interested in hearing from other Benjamin descendents.

Loretta White is interested in hearing from other descendents of Daniel Crowley who was born in Ireland in 1851 and died in Cincinnati in 1910. She tells us about her ancestors on [page 5](#).

Donald Zebe tells us about the very interesting life of his 2nd great grandfather, David H. Crowley, on [page 4](#). Donald also includes a photo of David Crowley wearing his Civil War uniform.

Maureen Crowley is rightfully proud that her family in Petersborough, Ontario has once again won the prize for best family float in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. And, Maureen is interested in hearing from other Petersborough Crowleys, whether your family is still in Petersborough or has moved on. She would like to organize a gathering for Petersborough Crowleys.

So, we have four Crowley descendents who are interested in hearing from others who share their ancestors. It is interesting that one of these ancestors was a soldier in the War of 1812 and one was a soldier in the American Civil War.

If you would like to make contact with others in your line, let us know, and we will be happy to publish your story. We also love stories about veterans, and everyone loves to see old photos. Send them along.

Hope you enjoy the Summer newsletter. As always, let us know any questions, thoughts, or comments.

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David H. Crowley Civil War Veteran

Don Zebe (don.zebe@cbcworldwide.com)

Hello Crowley Family Members,

I have been researching my line of Crowleys. David Harold Crowley is my 2nd Great Grandfather; he was born in December 1846, and baptized Catholic at the Parish of St. Finbarr, Cork, Ireland. I suspect he was born in the same town. His father was Cornelius Crowley, and his mother was Catherine Dullea. This is where I am at a dead end, I need help. Can you assist me?

His daughter Lillian Teresa Crowley married Alexander VS Zebe, hence my family name.

Can you help? I would like to find as many descendants of David and Cornelius as possible. I am hoping I can find many descendants and hold a reunion.

Thank you in advance.

Note: His obituary states that David Crowley was one of the last surviving members of the NY Irish 69th. He died at age 84 and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in the Bronx.

David came to the United States at the age of three with his parents. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Union Army where he served in the artillery and the infantry.



By his request, he was buried in his Civil War uniform. He worked for the Secret Service for more than 20 years after his discharge from the federal forces.

Crowley Clan News

Loretta White, 1601 S. San Luis, Green Valley, AZ 85614:

I am very interested in my Crowley ancestry. I just last year found out who my great great great grandparents were, Jeremiah Crowley, born 1770 and died 1797, and Catherine Leary.

Great great grandparents were Daniel Crowley, born 1825 in Bandon and died 1880 in Bantry, and Catherine Connelly, born 1829 and died 1900.

Their children were: Timothy, Ellen, Daniel (born 2 Jul 1851 in County Cork, died 30 Aug 1905 in Cincinnati, OH, married 23 May 1880 to Ellen Flaherty, born 17 Mar 1854, parents Michael Flaherty and Margaret Cummings, died 1 Dec 1910 in Cincinnati), Jeremiah, Catherine, Nora, and Mary.

Ellen Crowley's daughter was Delia Crowley Montgomery, born 25 Jun 1889 in Cincinnati and died 25 Oct, 1954.

Any Crowleys who are related to my family of Crowleys, I'd love to hear from them.

Maureen Crowley, Petersborough, Ontario

(squirrelcreek@nexicom.net):

I am waiting for spring to happen here, very cold spring. I just got back from a few days in West Palm Beach Florida. Nice break from the cold.

The Crowley float in the St. Patrick's Parade in Peterborough won best family float. There were about 85 entries. I am enjoying retirement. Still feel like I am on extended vacation from work.

Wow, next year our 1,000 anniversary of our name. I am thinking about holding a Peterborough Clan Gathering here next year. I need to come up with a venue, don't know how many would attend, most of the Crowleys are still around here. Have to do the logistics of it all. What do you think?

I am looking forward to the Crowley Clan gathering in Kinsale.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In 1825, nearly two thousand Irish people from Cork City arrived in Scott's Plains, Ontario. The city was later renamed Petersborough after Peter Robinson who managed the settlement of the Irish. Many families are still there. Others continued their migration to other parts of Canada and the United States.

Maureen is very involved with the Crowleys in Petersborough. If you have roots there or if you have an interest in Irish immigration to the new world, contact Maureen or contact the Crowley Clan Newsletter.

Crowley's Ridge, Arkansas

By Karren Crowley Cresap

Crowley's Ridge is an extremely unique land formation that extends from southern Missouri across eastern Arkansas. It is approximately 150 miles long and rises 250-500 feet above the flat Mississippi Alluvial Plain, hence the moniker an "Upland in the Lowlands". The Ridge is named for Benjamin Crowley, whose family was the first to settle the area. Benjamin, son of Benjamin Sr. and Sarah (Strong), was born in Virginia in 1758. He married Catherine Wiley in 1795 and they had eight children.



Benjamin, like many other Crowleys throughout history, was very patriotic and as payment for his services during the War of 1812 he received a land grant of 160 acres west of the Mississippi River. So, in 1821 he and his family headed into Arkansas territory to claim his land only to discover the land promised him had "sunk" as a result of the New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811-1812. They continued on into hill country locating rich spring-fed lands extending to the Cache River bottoms; this is where Benjamin and his family made their home.

Over the next ten years, the settlement around the Crowley Plantation grew exponentially, especially as Benjamin's sons also settled along the ridge to be near their father. Benjamin was considered the leader of the community and as such, in 1832 he helped establish the settlement's first post office, which of course was named Crowley. Also, just a year later (1833) Benjamin and a few fellow residents started the process of establishing their own county, thus Greene County was born. The original county seat was actually in Benjamin's home.

In 1842, Benjamin died and was buried in Shiloh Cemetery close to his home. Today, there is a large monument in the cemetery to commemorate the death of one of Arkansas's greatest pioneers and to proclaim Benjamin as the namesake for Crowley's Ridge.

Benjamin's homestead is now home to the Crowley's Ridge State Park, which was established in 1933. So, if you're interested in camping, fishing, hiking, all kinds of flora and fauna or just relaxing and enjoying beautiful scenery, you should definitely plan a visit to Crowley's Ridge State Park. Oh, and while you're in Arkansas don't forget to visit with some of our Crowley "cousins", as many of Benjamin's descendants still call the Ridge area home.

The park is approximately 150 miles northeast of Little Rock, 90 miles northwest of Memphis, TN, and 250 miles south of St. Louis, MO.

But no matter which direction you take to get there, you'll be glad that you did!

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