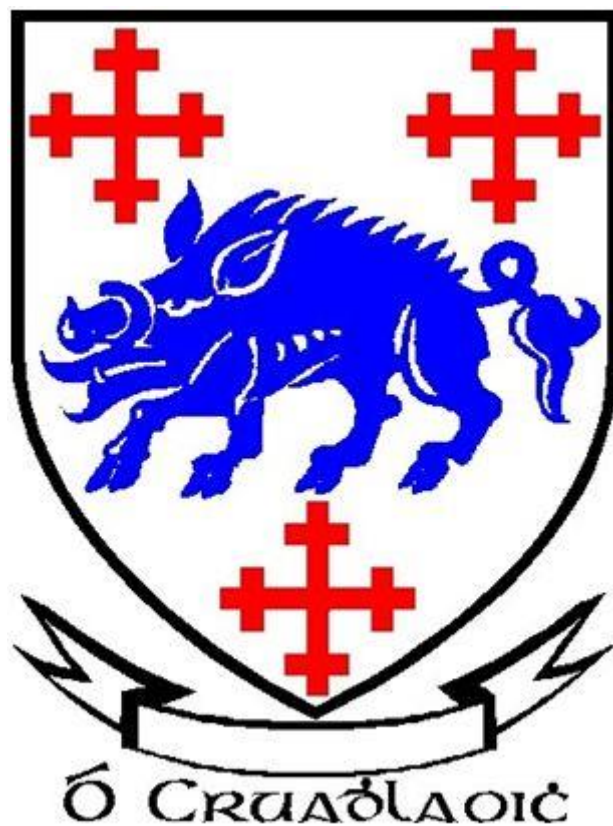


CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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compiled by Marian Crowley Chamberlain



Letter from the Taoiseach

The Crowley Clan Gathering 2016 will take place in Bantry September 9th to September 11th at:

The Maritime Hotel
The Quay
Bantry
West Cork
Reservations : Telephone
353-27-54700
www.themaritime.ie

Negotiated Rates

The negotiated rates for a double/twin room are the following:

- 2 night rate per person sharing bed and breakfast €100
- 3 night rate per person sharing bed and breakfast €150
- Single Supplement €25 extra per person per night

Tentative Agenda

Friday, the 9th

- 10:00-16:00 - Registration
- 14:00-17:00 - General Business, History, Genealogy
- Evening - Wine and Cheese reception

Saturday, the 10th

- 09:00-16:00 - Tour of the Beara Peninsula: historic sites visit
- 18:00 - Banquet

Sunday, the 11th

- Mass at O'Crowley Castle
- Visit at Kinneigh, Round Tower (traditional burial place of the O'Crowleys)
- New Taoiseach inauguration at one of the historical ráth of the clan
- Open activities from 13:00

Monday, the 12th and Tuesday, the 13th

- Extension of clan gathering with a visit of Connemara
- Complimentary medieval banquet at Ballinderry castle, Galway

The clan registration fees need to be worked out, but the above information should allow people to book rooms and flights.

Michael-Patrick Crowley

Notes from the Editor

Are you ready to start planning a trip to Ireland? Now is the time to begin. The primary venue for the Crowley Clan Gathering in September 2016 is official. It is the beautiful, and relatively new, Maritime Hotel on the Bay in Bantry, Cork. Full information about reservations and the tentative schedule for the weekend is on page 2. It is never too early to make that reservation and begin planning.

If you have never been to Ireland, this is the perfect way to make your first trip. You will immediately find yourself in the middle of a very large, very extended family of Crowleys. If you have any interest or connection to the Crowleys, you are welcome to attend. You will find the gathering filled with information, fellowship, and adventure. Your ancestors made that giant step and immigrated. Now you will have the chance to see your ancient homeland.

Also in this issue, did you ever think you might have Spanish cousins? Seamus Crowley has mentioned Pedro Alonzo O'Crouley in his talks and writings. Now we have received word from Pedro's descendent Antonio Castro from Barcelona who has contacted the Crowley newsletter and wants to share his family information with the clan. We knew we were a worldwide clan, but this is our first connection to Crowleys in Spain. Read Antonio's letter on page 5.

You will find other news from Crowleys from around the world on page 4. There is news from Ontario, New Mexico, Arizona, and Florida. Your news is most welcome. Just mail or email it to the newsletter address in [contacts](#).

On [page 5](#) you will find a report from our DNA Coordinator, Catherine Crowley Budd. Cathy gives a little history and explanation of genetic genealogy. Several members of our clan have made that exciting connection between knowing they were Irish and finding actual cousins in Ireland. The test is simple and relatively inexpensive. You will have your results in a matter of weeks. Cathy reports we currently have 115 participants. Wouldn't you (or your male Crowley relative) like to be 116?

The end of the year is drawing close. Just a reminder, you can always read the Crowley Clan Newsletter at www.crowleyclan.com, but if you would like a paper copy, you can send your name, address, and \$10 US to my address which is on page 8.

We love hearing from you by post, email or on Facebook. We are looking forward to seeing you in Bantry.

Mise le meas.

Marian

Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Maureen Crowley, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

(squirrelcreek@nexicom.net):

We had a very successful Peterborough Crowley Clan Gathering June 14 in Peterborough. Over 250 attended.



Tennise B. Gallagos, Albuquerque, New Mexico

(ms.active@comcast.net):

Hi! I contacted you years ago when looking for my Crowley roots. Found them! But, I am not a Crowley. My mother was! My maiden name was Morse, and my married name is Gallegos. Can I still go to the gathering in 2016? Do you have any approximate idea as to cost? Any info would be appreciated.

FYI, in case anyone else was interested in MY line of Crowleys: My mother Georgia Merle Crowley was the daughter of Leo Lafayette Crowley (born 18 Nov 1892 in Emmett, Michigan) who died on 11 March 1922 in Miami, Arizona. He was the son of Paul Crowley (also known as Peter Paul) who was born in 21 August 1858 in Port Huron Michigan, and his wife Maude E. Cook.

Paul was the son of Thomas Crowley, immigrant from Ireland, who was born there in 1830, and his wife Anna Foley, whom he married in 1856 in Emmett, Michigan. There is a beautiful tombstone for Thomas Crowley and his wife Anna in Kenockee Cemetery, in Emmett, St. Clair County, Michigan. So there you have it.

Because my grandfather died so young, he only had one child, my mother. But he had siblings, and there are other Crowleys out there from this Crowley line!

Editor's Note:

You are the second person this week to ask if it is okay to attend the Crowley Clan Gathering if your name is not Crowley. The answer is a huge YES! We'd love to have you. There is no restriction as to where the Crowleys were in your background. You will meet others who also have Crowley ancestors.

I won't know actual costs for awhile. As soon as I get that info, I'll post it in the online newsletter and on Facebook. Hope to see you there in 2016. Marian

Catherine E. Crowley Budd

Group Project Administrator

Crowley Clan DNA Project:

As always, I would like to invite everyone to look for possible Crowleys who might not be included in the project. Encourage them to join the project. The best method is to request from the project page.

Remember the participant must be a male descendent of a male Crowley to join the project.

Anyone who is currently a member should log into their kit and double check all the contact information to ensure everything is correct.

**Maureen Crowley, Petersborough,
Ontario, Canada**

(squirrelcreek@nexicom.net):

I am looking for anyone who may have a connection to my Great, Great, Great Grandfather Cornelius Crowley, born in 1790 the townland of Ballinvragh, civil parish of Cullen R.C. Parish of Clonstead Barony of Kilnalea East Riding of County Cork. He came to Canada around 1825, worked in New York State for about 5 years then went to the Peterborough Ontario area Otonabee Twp. He had one son James that we know of. He had 3 brothers who ended up in Canada, James, David and Patrick.



Betty Meyer, Tuscon, AZ

(dobet13@centurylink.net):

Michael O'Brien, my great great grandfather, was born in Ireland, presumably somewhere in Cork, on 1 Feb 1814. He next shows up in Hinesburg, Vermont married to Amy Vancor. They had a child in 1841, so far the one born the earliest that I have found, and my great grandmother, Mary O'Brien, in 1849. He died in Hinesburg on 12 Jun 1895.

Michael's parents as shown on his death record are John O'Brien and Ellen Crowley and his place of birth on his death record and all US census records is just "Ireland." I've looked at all their children as well to see if the place of birth is more specific, but nothing else is listed. The only reasons I think they are from Cork is that years ago my father mentioned his great grandfather came from Cork.

If anyone has information on ships lists during that time it would be very helpful. The few ships I have seen just say the number of people, but don't list them. My guess is he likely came in through Boston, Massachusetts or into Canada and then down into Vermont. Hinesburg is in Northwestern Vermont.

Our Spanish Cousin

My name is Antonio Castro from Barcelona, Spain, and a few months ago I began to make a family tree just to know the origin of my family. I found that the grandmother of my grandmother was ADELAIDA RIQUELME O'CROWLEY, but at this time I was unable to find nothing other than that she was born in Cadiz, Spain.

I also found that Pedro Alonso O'Crowley O'Donnell from Cadiz was the son of Dermot O'Crowley Power and Mary O'Donnell Davrin who married in Limerick, Munster and then took a boat to Cadiz. Why? I don't know. But two weeks ago I was able to find that Dermot O'Crowley and Mary O'Donnell had nine children, and one of them was CATALINA O'CROWLEY O'DONNELL mother of ADELAIDA.

I really want to give the clan information about the branches of the tree that are descendants of O'Crowley.

Thanks in advance from a distant "cousin", Antonio Castro

Editor's Note: Seamus Crowley, in his booklet *The O'Crowley Clan, Some Historical Notes*, mentioned Pedro Alonso O'Crowley and even included a portrait of him. Nevertheless, it was a surprise to hear from one of his descendents. Antonio says that he is interested in visiting Ireland and may try to attend the 2016 gathering. Hopefully we can all meet our Spanish cousin then.

The following is from Seamus' booklet:

Pedro Alonso O'Crouley was born in Cadiz in 1740. Both his parents had emigrated from Ireland. His father Dermotrio (Diarmuid or Jeremiah) was from Limerick claiming descent from Cormac O'Crowley born in Carbery, Co. Cork in 1550. His mother was an O'Donnell from Bally Murphy in Co. Clare.

At nine years old he was sent to France where he got a classical education from the Augustinians at Senlis. He chose to follow a career as a merchant and got a licence for Veracruz and made his first journey to Mexico at the age of 24. Over the next ten years he repeated the journey several times and built up a large fortune from his trading business.

While in Mexico, or "New Spain" as it was called, he gathered every bit of information he could about the country and its history, geology, vegetation, animals, etc. and wrote up his findings in the "Idea compendiosa" – A description of the Kingdom of New Spain" in 1774.

After returning from Mexico O'Crowley stayed on in Cadiz pursuing his interests in antiquities and history. In 1794 he published a catalogue of his private collections called "Musaei o'croulanei". It lists over 5,000 Greek and Roman coins and 200 paintings including works by Van Dyck, Rubens, Murillo, Velaquez, Zurbaran and Ribera. He also had many geological specimens he had gathered in New Spain.

The Crowley Clan DNA Project

By Catherine Crowley Budd

It is 30 years since a British scientist discovered how to identify individuals by their DNA. Professor Alec Jeffreys of Leicester University remembers the eureka moment that changed police investigations forever (BBC September 9, 2014). All of us who have an interest in our ancestry have Professor Alec Jeffreys to thank for the technology which helps us identify our family links.

Your Y-Chromosome is a sex chromosome. Sex chromosomes carry the genetic code that makes each of us male or female. All people inherit two sex chromosomes. One comes from their mother and the other from their father. All men receive a Y-Chromosome from their father and an X-Chromosome from their mother. Men and only men inherit their father's Y-Chromosome. Thus, it follows the same path of inheritance as your direct paternal line.

Paternal line DNA testing uses STR markers which are places where your genetic code has a variable number of repeated parts. STR marker values change slowly from one generation to the next. Testing multiple markers gives us distinctive result sets. These sets form signatures for a paternal lineage. We compare your set of results to those of other men in our database. The range of possible generations before you share a common ancestor with a match depends on the level of test you take. A match may be recent, but it may also be hundreds of years in the past. (Family Tree DNA Home Page).

The Crowley DNA project began in September 2005. Tom Crowley former Taoiseach started looking into a DNA test to help link genetic cousins. He wrote an article for the newsletter which was published in July 2005. I contacted him about the test and he persuaded me to be the administrator, partly because of my medical background as a Nurse Practitioner and partly because of my own search for my family origins.

Little did I know that my home would be almost completely destroyed a month later by Hurricane Wilma and I would spend the next 18 months living in a FEMA trailer outside our home while trying to get the project off the ground. I was very lucky to have reasonable internet access after the hurricane and a notebook computer to work on.

From these humble beginnings with just five participants we have now a total of 115 who are members of our group. We have had several matches including my father and our line in Ireland. Please consider participating in the project. There is no medical information identified from testing, and the results are private. Cost for the recommended 37 marker test is \$149 USD plus \$9.99 for shipping and handling. Results take between 6 and 8 weeks. Additional testing can be added on at any time.

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