

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Lori Anne Cowan-Crowley

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The summer issue of the Crowley Clan Newsletter for 2015 is dedicated to Lori Anne Cowan-Crowley born in Peterborough Ontario, Canada, the child of Claire Crowley and Patricia Condon and the sister of Maureen Crowley. She grew up on the family homestead in Otonabee Township in Ontario.

Lori loved going to the Crowley Clan Gathering in 2007 and meeting Crowley's from all over the world. She really enjoyed marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade every year with the Crowley Family Float. Lori was very proud of her Crowley Heritage.

She will be missed.

Editor:

Our condolences to Lori's family

Update on the Crowley Clan YDNA Project

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The Crowley Clan YDNA project continues to grow. We are now up to 122 members! We have several outstanding kits which should have results very soon. There has been a delay in some results being posted due to the volume of tests being performed.

If you received a kit but have misplaced, it and are still interested in participating please contact me. You can receive another kit.

If you are interested in joining the project, or you know of anyone who would like to join you may access the website at www.familytreedna.com and click on join project, select Crowley Clan.

Remember we perform YDNA testing which requires a male who is a descendent of a male Crowley. If you do not qualify, perhaps you can locate a male family member who does.

Thanks to all who have supported the project.

From Marian's Desk . . .

Summer made its entrance to South Carolina a little early this year, like the first week of June. The long hot days make spending the afternoons inside with the computer rather appealing! For those of you in the southern hemisphere, you are probably experiencing the opposite and enjoying being outside again.

This summer issue of the Crowley Clan Newsletter has articles contributed by readers from both hemispheres Jennifer la Marshall of Australia, Jocelyn Morris of Nova Scotia, and Leo Crowley MD from Texas.

These articles are interesting, informative, and they are the backbone of the Crowley Clan Newsletter. Why not take a few minutes to write a bit of your personal family history? Then mail, email, or post it on the Crowley Facebook page? We will publish it in the next newsletter, and you will end up connecting with hundreds of other Crowleys.

Leo Crowley, whose article begins on page 5, tells us about his remarkable father who he refers to as "Lord Summerfield". His father is 101 years young, quite active, very alert, and still enjoying life. This does open the question of who is the oldest living Crowley. I am hopeful that we will hear from some of you with nominations of your own. Even if you can't top 101, tell us about your older relatives, where do they live and what do they enjoy doing? Photos are most welcome.

On page 7 Jocelyn Morris tells us the story of a genuine Canadian hero named Mary Elizabeth Crowley. And, on page 9, Jennifer la Marshall hopes to connect to relatives of her great grandfather James Crowley.

Hope you enjoy this edition. Contact us anytime.

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Who is the Oldest Living Crowley?

by Leo Crowley, MD

My father Matthew Crowley is now 101 years young. His friends and neighbors refer to him as "Lord Summerfield" mostly out of respect. It is not a royal or inherited title. He holds "court" at our home "Derreen House" in Youghal three days a week. He is much respected in our cul-de-sac which was built on the Summerfield Estate in Ballyclamasay, Summerfield, Youghal.

Matthew Crowley comes from a long line of schooner captains and lighthouse keepers in the Irish Lights. His father was stationed at the Hook (Wexford); the Mouth of the Shannon (Loop Head,) County Clare; Ballycotton, County Cork; Beeves Rock (the river Shannon estuary) County Limerick; Bull Rock County Cork; and Rathlin-O-Byrne(Donegal Antrim). He took early retirement from both the Gloucester Aircraft Company and Sir George Dowty-Rotol (Gloucestershire) and inherited the position of Principal Keeper at Minehead Lighthouse, Ring, Dungarvan (County Waterford) for 13 years.



My father was born in Ashkeaton, County Limerick and my mother (Matilda "Tillie" nee Connors), who passed away in 2000 at the age of 92 was a native of Ballyvaughan, near Lisdoonvarna, County Clare. She trained at St Thomas Hospital Medical School in London as a Registered Nurse, specialized certification in fever/infectious diseases, and was brilliant at being able to recite Irish poetry at the drop of a hat.

They had 4 children (2 boys, 2 girls) of which I am the second-eldest, first-born male child and we were all born, in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK; we commenced our education at the St Peter's RC Preparatory School in nearby City of Gloucester, which itself was founded in 40 A.D. by one of Julius Caesar's generals, of which one of his four names was "Glevum" which translated to Gloucester.

My dad was involved in the British Home Guard loosely affiliated with the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment during the German bombing of Britain (World War II) and was relocated to the Gloucester Aircraft Company in Gloucestershire where he was involved in the implementation and production of the Royal Air Force "Spitfire" fighter plane and the revolutionary new "Gloucester Javelin" which was the first all-weather, delta wing, jet fighter/bomber commissioned by the RAF.



Editor: Can anyone top 101 years young or even come close? We would love to hear from you.

Mary Elizabeth Crowley A Canadian Hero

My name is Jocelyn Crowley Morris (Streets Ridge, Nova Scotia) and I have been checking out the Crowley Clan site for several years. I hope to attend one of the gathering next year. I fell in love with Ireland after visiting in 2008 (returned again in 2009), and seeing the home town of my ancestors, Dunmanway.

My great, great, grandfather (John Crowley 1789 - 1882) and his son (Cornelius 1824- 1907) (mother - Ellen Nihan) arrived in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1841 and proceeded to walk the 200 miles from there to Streets Ridge, Nova Scotia where they received adjacent land grants.

It is assumed that John's wife, Ellen must have died before he left Ireland because there is no mention of her traveling to Canada with him and in 1846 he married Rebecca (Stewart?), they had one son, John Jr.

Cornelius married Ann Patriquin (1829 -1895) in 1851, they had 10 children (James b. 1852, David b. 1854, Daniel b. 1856, Mary Elizabeth b. 1858 died in 1869, Augustine b. 1860, Catherine b. 1862 died 1869, John b. 1864, Sarah b. 1867, and twins Mary E. and Catherine b. 1870.



In 1869 a fire broke out in the family home. Cornelius was in the village of Pugwash (12 miles away) at the time, where he had a tannery and black smith business. The boys (James, David, & Daniel) were sleeping in the barn loft.

Three of the children (Mary Elizabeth, Augustine, & Catherine M.) were in the bedroom upstairs, 5 year old John was rescued by his grandfather, 2-year old Sarah was rescued by her mother.

Mary Elizabeth upon waking to the screams of her mother, woke her 9-year old brother, Gus, and managed to get him to jump out the window. She then turned to her 7-year old sister, Catherine; however, the little girl fought her. She finally managed to pick her up and drop her to the family below, and then jumped herself. Sadly, both girls died hours later from the burns sustained in the fire.

Later that year the doctor who attended the girls had the opportunity to speak at the Nova Scotia Legislature and put forth a motion to honor Mary Elizabeth for her selfless bravery in saving her brother and trying to save her sister. The motion was unanimously adopted, and a monument was erected at her burial site in Pugwash. **So, the daughter of an Irish immigrant was the first Canadian born female to be awarded such an honor by a government in Canada.**

The following year (1870), Ann gave birth to twin girls who were named after their sisters Mary Elizabeth and Catherine Margaret.

If not for the bravery of this 11-year old girl, I would not be writing this story to you today. The brother (Gus) she saved was my grandfather.

Augustine married Mary Jane Geehan (1873 - 1946) in 1892; they had 15 children, one being my father Laurence Edward Crowley (1911 - 1968), married Pearl Patriquin (b. 1826) in 1947. They had 8 children, Deborah Jean (1948 died at 7 weeks), Judylee Ann (1950 -), Mary Elizabeth (1952 - died at birth), Jocelyn Marie (1954 -), Michael John (1956 -), Mark Ellsworth (1957 - 1977), Bruce (1959 stillborn), Phillip Laurie (1964 - died at birth).

Thought you might find this story interesting and you are welcome to share it on your website or in your next newsletter, if you think it is appropriate and would be of interest.



Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Jennifer Le Marshall, Australia:

(jennifer2lemarshall.com)

My Great Grandfather James Crowley was born in 1836 to James Crowley and Joanna Tobin. He left Cork in the late 1850's to visit a cousin in Boston, USA and married an American lady from Wheeling, Virginia. Her name was Katherine Wilson. They went on to Australia to visit another cousin, John Crowley who lived in Bendigo in the State of Victoria. James died in Victoria, Australia in 1921.

John had made his fortune in the gold rush. James and Katherine had several children, including my paternal grandfather, Cornelius Crowley. Cornelius married Mary Morris and they had 7 children, 6 boys and 1 girl.

My father, William Crowley was one of the sons. Mary Morris's parents were John and Margaret Morris. Margaret Morris (née Kennedy) was born at sea in 1854 as her parents, John and Bridget Kennedy emigrated from Tipperary to Australia. The Kennedy's eldest great grandchild, Des Dwyer, a cousin of my father, William Crowley, was invited to the funeral of JF Kennedy in USA.

The Crowley Clan Gathering 2016 in Bantry

September 9th to September 11th at:

The Maritime Hotel

The Quay, Bantry, West Cork

Reservations : Telephone: 00 353 27-54700

www.themaritime.ie

Room Rate Double/Twin per person

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

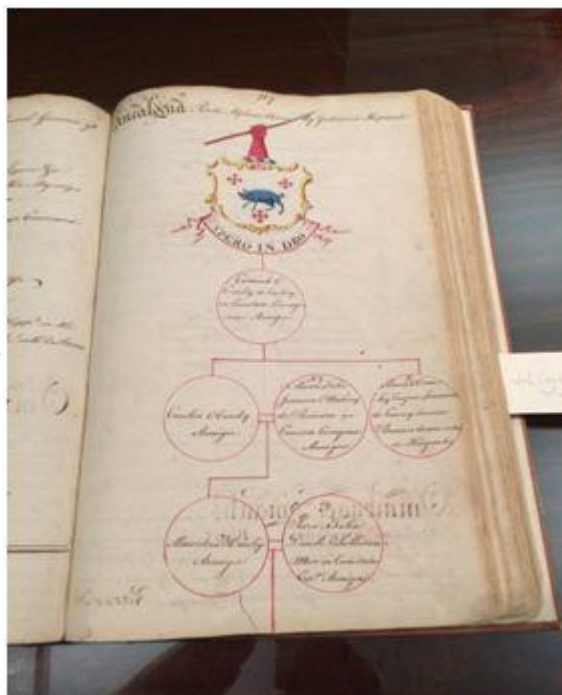
- Extension of clan gathering with a visit of Connemara
- Complimentary medieval banquet at Ballinderry castle, Galway

Arms Registration

From the Taoiseach:

Attached are two photos of the O'Crowley coat of arms recorded in the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland in 1771 for Pedro Alphonso O'Crowley confirming his right to bear these arms since he descends from Cormac O'Crowley chief in 1562.

This is the fourth official occurrence of the record of O'Crowley arms, the first one being in the 1624 funeral entries where John de Courcy Baron Kingsale's death is recorded. His arms are shown next to his wife Maud O'Crowley's arms (same as Pedro's) daughter of Cormac O'Crowley previously referred to. The two other occurrences are in France in 1667 and 1692, mostly consistent with Pedro's arms.



The photos of Pedro's confirmation of arms were taken during a visit at the Office of the Chief Herald Mrs. Colette O'Flaherty in April 2015 who kindly displayed the original manuscript. As can be seen the colours have not aged.

Genealogy resources;

Most of the Catholic Parish Registers are now on line at the National Library of Ireland web site:

<http://registers.nli.ie/>