

CROWLEY CLAN NEWSLETTER

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Last Call for Bantry 2016 Crowley Gathering

In approximately three months time, Crowleys from all over the world will convene on the picturesque town of Bantry in West Cork. If you plan to be one of them, now is the time to review your travel schedule and determine if all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed.

There is still time to send in your registration fee of 150 Euros per person to our Crowley Clan Cisteoir (treasurer), James Crowley in Bantry.

James writes:

"As regards payment, login to PAYPAL, Select MONEY on the top toolbar, select SEND PAYMENTS down the left hand side, enter my email (James@obriencussen.com) in the box, enter (150 per person) in the amount box, select EUROS in the currency box, tick the box I'M SENDING MONEY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS, press CONTINUE, and the process should be finished. I am looking forward to seeing you all in September."

The Maritime Hotel is the primary venue for the gathering, but you will find other hotels, B&Bs, and holiday house rentals on the internet. Bantry is a reasonably small town, and taxis are available.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 1400 hours (2:00 pm) at the Maritime.

At 1800 hours (6:00 pm) a wine and cheese reception will follow at J.J. Crowleys Pub which is a short walk from the Maritime.

Saturday and Sunday will be filled with sightseeing and field trips at historical areas which have special significance to the Crowley Clan. On Saturday there will be an outdoor Mass at Kilshallow, the traditional home of the Crowleys. ~~And Sunday~~ Also on Saturday night, there will be our traditional banquet at the Maritime Hotel.

West Cork is a wild and scenic land dotted with historical sites. Distances between towns are short, and the Irish roads are exciting!

Whether you are seeking family information, looking for ancient sites, planning to hike scenic byways, or hoping to soak up the small village culture, it is easy to find what you are looking for.

Websites to check:

- www.discoverireland.ie
- www.wildatlanticway.com
- www.baltimore.ie
- www.westcork.ie

Our Spanish Crowleys

Ann Crowley, West Cork, Ireland



Another member of the Spanish branch of the Crowley Clan is 'found'! This is a picture of Jose Maria Millan Feutes, Niall Herriott (my partner) and me, Ann Crowley.



We met Jose Maria in Malaga on March 1st last. Jose Maria is studying in Malaga University, but is from Cadiz. He is a direct descendant of Don Pedro Alonso O'Croluey of Cadiz and is planning a book about the Crowley Clan based on his research. He also has a project to have the street in Cadiz formerly known as O'Crowley St. to be renamed from its present name back to O'Crowley St. It was O'Crowley St for forty five years and was named to honour Don Pedro in 1855. Don Pedro was an amazing character, the more I read about him the more interesting he seems. He travelled in current day Texas and California as well as Mexico as part of his work. They were in 'New Spain' in those days.

I am hoping to attend the Gathering in Bantry.

Ann Crowley
West Cork

Crowley Clan News from Around the World

Jerry Fry, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

(frydogat19@gmail.com):

My mother's maiden name is Crowley, and she has often mentioned her roots going back to County Cork. Her father was Gene Crowley.

Here is some information: My great grandfather was named James Crowley from County Cork. He moved to Wealdstone, Harrow in his 30's. He had two sons. Eugene Crowley became a popular singer for the BBC in the 1930's and '40s and Dennis became a priest.

My mother has gold medals that were passed down to her from her father awarded to an apparent relative in Cork who won several piano competitions.

The medals:

Gold from 1923 and 1927 and read "Mary Hayes, Feif" on one side and "AMR A M" on the other.

Any information you may have would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Leslie Pettit

(leslie@pettitlaw.net):

My grandmother was Mackie Ruth Crowley Denning, descended from Isham Crowley, the first Crowley to come to Peters Colony, in north Texas in 1845, from Platte County, Missouri.

I found you by doing research and coming across your site on the Internet. I would like to be included in receiving your email and any other information that can be shared. I also would be happy to include any information that I have that could be helpful to any other Crowley decedents. From reading your newsletter, it seems we are quite the group!

Tennise Gallegose, Albuquerque, New Mexico:

From the Editor:

We are often told the importance of compiling a family health history for the benefit of our health and the health of our descendants. Diseases can run in families and be carried on generation after generation. A good time to start your history would be while gathering general information for your family tree.

Death certificates are the best way to document the date of an ancestor's death. However, they are also the source of information as to the causes of death. Some older records will also list the duration of the final illness. This is potentially important information for you and your family. It is information that can alert you to areas of weakness in the health of your family.

Tennise Gallogos, whose mother was a Crowley, has undertaken a brave attempt to piece together the illness that has affected her family for several generations. Here is her letter:

"I have found that a specific profile of mental illness runs in my Crowley line. It involves either bi-polar disorder or schizoid-affective disorder and eating disorders. I know this isn't the kind of information we're all looking for when we try to find out about our ancestors and our roots, but I believe this kind of information can be very helpful to family members who find themselves struggling to understand the behavior of a loved one. It "skips" people, like me, but not one of my children. However, I really believe in this kind of

family profile.

My father, not related to the Crowleys, had severe bi-polar disorder, but there are no reports of any of his family members having it. In doing research, I have found that some very prominent families have had this mental illness profile crop up periodically. I was astonished, but also relieved to understand it can happen to any family.

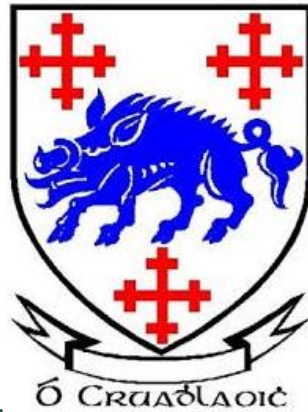
My son talked to his daughter and told her there is an extensive history of mental illness in the family, and that she should be aware of herself and come to her parents if she felt she might need help. She's twelve, but she did come to them to tell them she had anxiety and depression. That's the kind of outcome I hope for in doing a mental health profile of a family. Usually, it's not possible, because people tried to hide these problems."

Thank you, Tennise!

Note from the Editor:

Happy Birthday, dear Jack!

Your Crowley cousins wish you many more happy and healthy years. We will miss you in Bantry and will



be thinking about you.

John "Jack" Crowley, Vancouver, Washington, USA

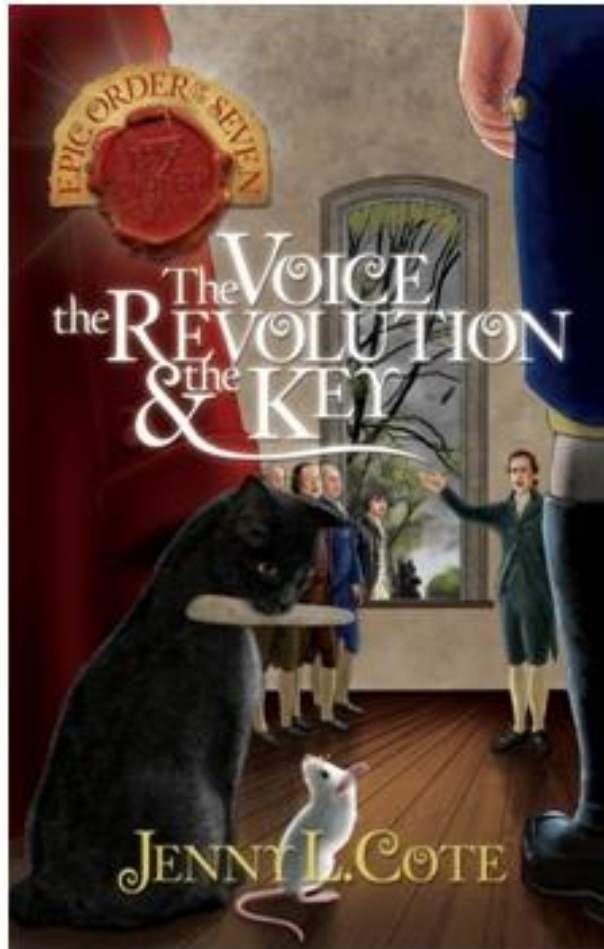
My brother Tom and I will not be attending the gathering in September. I will be 87 in July and at this point I am unwilling to take on the 24 hours in-transit each way. My doctor agrees. It was a hard decision to make, and I will miss all my Crowley cousins. I will be cancelling my reservations at the Maritime Hotel shortly.

If it is convenient, please give my best wishes for a great gathering and "safe home" to all.

Would you please keep me in the loop and add my brother to your notification list for the bulletin?

Samuel Crowley's Revolutionary Story

by Jenny L. Cote



I am a children's author in Atlanta and am currently working on my seventh historical fiction novel in a series called *The Voice, the Revolution, and the Key*. The main character is Patrick Henry, and this will be a trilogy of books from 1743 to 1799 encompassing Patrick's life and the Revolutionary War. You can read all about it here: www.epicorderoftheseven.net/#!/the-voice/cbwx.

I'm happy to tell you that I am a descendant of Samuel Crowley through his son Littleberry. My grandmother, Mildred Barringer is 102 so she could be your oldest living Crowley. (She currently is not doing well, however, and we could lose her soon.) But I wanted to tell you that I will be including Samuel's story at the Battle of Point Pleasant and definitively making him the first patriot to die in the Revolutionary War.

Since his wife Elizabeth was from Hanover County, where Patrick Henry was also from, I've written her in as a childhood friend of Patrick's wife, Sarah Shelton. In fact, I'm having Samuel and Benjamin Crowley attend Patrick and Sarah's wedding in order to get the Crowley boys over to Hanover County to meet the Strong girls! I've taken a tad bit of liberties with their ages to make it work. But it was important in the novel for Patrick to meet Samuel and Elizabeth.

I tracked down the Journal of the VA House of Burgesses for Elizabeth's pension petition, but also later the document where Governor Patrick Henry himself increased the amount she received a few years later. I needed to establish the relationship with them early on. I visited Point Pleasant last year in my research and was thrilled to see Samuel's name on two markers there, even though the name is misspelled on the battery as "Samuel Corley."

My uncle traced our lineage from Littleberry through both my grandmother and my grandfather's lines, they were cousins from two lines, so it's hard to unravel! We've got a gap in hers that I haven't been able to figure out with a "Lucinda" from both lines. Are they two people or is one of the connecting names off? I know my grandmother would talk about "Littleberry" when she would recount family history, but we're missing something along the way:

Samuel Crowley- Elizabeth Strong
Littleberry Crowley-Mary Polly Gibson
Mary Ann Crowley - Burgess Siler
Rev. J.M. Croley-Lucinda Vanderpool (I don't know for sure how
the trail picks up here, and
the "w" is dropped.)
Evan Nicholson - Lillian Croley
W. Bryant Oaks - Mildred Nicholson (my grandmother)
Paul Mims - Janice Oaks (my mom)
Jenny L. Cote

Here is my grandfather's line from Littleberry:

Samuel Crowley- Elizabeth Strong
Littleberry Crowley-Mary Polly Gibson
Mary Ann Crowley - (Burgess Siler - here is where my grandfather's
line connects)
Ned Bryant - Nancy Siler
Burgis "Bird" Bryant - Lucinda R. Bryant
Harvey Oaks - Debby Bryant
W. Bryant Oaks - Mildred Nicholson (my grandmother)
Paul Mims - Janice Oaks (my mom)
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I wish to figure out definitively, so I can confirm on paper that I am 100% positive a descendant of Samuel Crowley, and so I can apply for my DAR application and make a big deal of Samuel with this next book. Right now, I'm under the gun to finish the manuscript and don't have time to dig but I'll get there eventually!



So, I just wanted to introduce myself and let you know about the book (with projected release in

November 2016 if I complete it by July 1 - if not, then it will be an early 2017 release.) I am very proud of Samuel's legacy and can't wait to show him off to the world.

Blessings!

Jenny

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