

THE KELLY CLAN ASSOCIATION

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GATHERING NEWS

THE KELLY CLAN IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE RENOWNED AMERICAN AUTHOR MARY PAT KELLY IS JOINING US AT THE GATHERING.

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Letter from your Editor

Hello All

You will see from our front page that we have an exciting addition to the Gathering. American Author, Mary Pat Kelly, is joining us and will be speaking on the Book of Uí Mhaine (Book of Hy Many) written for the O'Kellys in the 14th century. The manuscript is stored in The Royal Irish Academy and Mary Pat was fortunate enough to be offered a viewing of it in 1979. Des Kelly has told me that he has a photocopy of the very manuscript. It is a very precious document and richly deserves its place in history. Mary Pat, I am sure, will give a fascinating and interesting account and as she is staying in the Castlecourt Hotel, there will be opportunities to meet and talk to her outside her presentation. Mary Pat has written nine books, all with Irish historical interest, including the best seller "Galway Bay". We have to thank Judy Kelly Fausch for getting the whole thing organised. Judy met Mary Pat at one of the Milwaukee Irish Fests a few years ago and has since become friends with her. You will find correspondence from Mary Pat to Judy in this newsletter and you will see a bit more detail of what she has to offer. It won't be long before the 2015 Kelly Clan Gathering and I'm trying to count the number of "sleeps" for my grandson, Alfie Kelly. This Gathering is shaping up to be one of the best! We have already received a great number of enquiries so if you are coming it would be wise to make an early booking - you will also receive a discounted price by booking early. See details on the back page. When booking the hotel do this either by e mail or telephone as preferential Kelly Clan rates do not appear on their website.

The coastline of Co Mayo is part of the Wild Atlantic Way and for those of you having extended stays in the area, the route is well worth a visit. The website is www.wildatlanticway.com. The Wild Atlantic Way (Irish: Slí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin) is a tourism trail on the west coast of Ireland. The 2,500 km (1553 miles) driving route passes through nine counties and three provinces, stretching from County Donegal's Inishowen Peninsula to Kinsale, County Cork on the Celtic Sea coast. Along the route there are places and attractions which have been designated as points of interest for travellers to visit.

You will find more details of the Gathering in this newsletter. The planning is going very well under the leadership of Des Kelly and if you are able to come, you certainly won't regret it!

Mary K

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Extract of correspondence from Mary Pat Kelly to Judy Kelly Fausc

"Dear Judy

*I would love to attend the Kelly Clan Gathering in May and talk about the **Book of Uí Mhaine (Book of Hy Many)** written for the O'Kellys in the 14th century. There's a Da Vinci code quality to the story of this manuscript which I first encountered in 1979 while writing my PhD dissertation in Dublin. The book had not been bound and was stored in a big wooden box in the Royal Irish Academy and was not displayed. But because I was a Kelly I got to see it. Touching that totem of our family had a profound effect on me and made me determined to connect with my Kelly ancestors. Thus began the journey that led me to write *Galway Bay*, the historical novel based on my own family's history from 1839 to 1893 and now the sequel **Of Irish Blood** which is set in Chicago, Ireland and Paris from 1903-1923. In the new novel the main character is based on my Great Aunt Nora Kelly. I have her come in to contact with a portion of **The Book of Hy Many** in the library of the Irish College in Paris. The fragment is from the *Ban-Shenchus*, a kind of "let us now praise famous women" list that goes all the way back to Eve. The Irish scribe adds the women the Bible left out and then names the wives of Irish chieftains. The book celebrates their achievements. One "fainted not from wounds," another "was not timid nor meek." I'd like to talk about the significance of the Kelly manuscript in general and the effect the rediscovery of these great books in the 19th century had on the Irish people.*

*In **Of Irish Blood** the book becomes a way to rally support for Irish Independence in the years leading up to 1916. I think the Royal Irish Academy would display the now restored manuscript in honour of our Clan Gathering. Maybe we could have a reception there following the Gathering. I think I could give a scholarly but also entertaining presentation. *Of Irish Blood* is getting good reviews and I'm eagerly awaiting our family DNA profile."*

The March/April edition (28th issue) of **Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine** is now live and can be read/downloaded FREE of charge via www.irishlivesremembered.com or directly at <http://bit.ly/1Ca4pEP>

PROGRAMME

Friday 15 May		Venue
2pm onwards	Registration and Payment of Subscriptions	Main Reception
4pm-6pm	Informal get together and exchange of information/family history stories etc.	Ashleigh Suite Bar Area
5.30	Prelude to Saturday's DNA presentation by Aidan Kelly	Ashleigh Suite
6pm-7pm	Presentation on Croagh Patrick by Harry Hughes, Local Historian	Ashleigh Suite
Arrive 7pm for dinner at 7.30pm	Dinner in Plaza Hotel dining room Followed by traditional music in Plaza Bar	Plaza Hotel
Saturday 16 May		
8am	Mass celebrated by Rt Rev Celsus Kelly	Ashleigh Suite
9.30am	"Failte Ui Cheallaigh" by Uachtarán, Muintir Ui Cheallaigh [Mary Kelly]	Ashleigh Suite
9.45am-11am	Presentation by Mary Pat Kelly	Ashleigh Suite
	Tea/Coffee Break	Ashleigh Suite Bar Area
11.15am	Presentation of update of Kelly surname DNA programme by Aidan Kelly	Ashleigh Suite Bar Area
11.50am	Assemble for Bus Tour [lunch provided at Mulranny Park Hotel]	Meet in hotel courtyard
Approx 5pm	Return to hotel	
Arrive 7.30pm for dinner at 8pm	Gala Dinner with speech by Count Robert O'Kelly [entertainment by Laoise Kelly and local musicians]	Ashleigh Suite
Sunday 17 May		
10.00am	Mass in St Mary's Church celebrated by Rt Rev Celsus Kelly	The Mall, Westport Short distance from hotel
12 noon	General Assembly with address by An tUachtarán	Ashleigh Suite
1.30pm for 2pm	Lunch	Orchard Restaurant, Castlecourt Hotel

SLAN ABHAILE!

TOUR ITINERARY

12 Noon Leave Castlecourt Hotel
Drive through Westport

Arrive Westport House for Guided tour.

Onward to Croagh Patrick Car Park to view the Reek [Guide to give information on O'Carolan's visit to Murrisk in 1689].
Include visit to Famine Ship opposite

Return to Westport (passing the statue of St Patrick on the Octagon)

Travel towards Newport with the Greenway/Railway line (on our right)

Guide to include story of the prophesy, drownings, burnings etc.
Enter Newport with a stop opposite Newport House [Guide to tell story re the O'Donnells]
Visit to Newport St Patrick's Church to view Harry Clarke Windows

Drive to Mulranny Park Hotel for lunch of soup and sandwiches

Onward to Burrishoole Abbey

Visit to Carrigahowly Castle [Guide has stories re Grainne Mhaol]

Approx 4.30 Return to Castlecourt Hotel [Guide to tell story of O'Carolan's visit in 1689 "The Wrong Wife". With hand out of the music he composed, relating to his trip in 1689.]

Approx 5.00 Arrive Castlecourt Hotel

Des Kelly will be the tour guide and will be talking about various points of interest during the trip.

JERRY KELLEY

Jerry, one of our newer members, tells us that while he was employed at Boeing Aircraft in 1968 he was one of twenty selected for the 747 flight test program and the maiden flight was February 9, 1969 in Everett, Washington. The number 1 aircraft is now in a museum in Seattle, WA

Jerry's daughter Kristine is pictured below. Kristine works for Allegiant Air. Allegiant is a National carrier, but their service is quite different than most. They fly from point A to B and return to A ----- A being their base. They don't have stop over's and get home daily.

We look forward to welcoming members of Jerry's family at the Gathering

KRISTINE KELLEY



New members

Mary T Ash, Galway
Catherine M Rubright, USA

We extend to them the O Kelly Welcome - *Failte Ui Cheallaigh*

GENEALOGY HINTS

While researching your Irish ancestry, it's helpful to be aware of Irish customary naming patterns regarding given names:

- First born son named after his father's father
- Second born son named after his mother's father
- Third born son named after his father
- Fourth born son named after his father's oldest brother
- Fifth born son named after his father's 2nd oldest brother or his mother's oldest brother
- First born daughter named after her mother's mother
- Second born daughter named after her father's mother
- Third born daughter named after her mother
- Fourth born daughter named after her mother's oldest sister
- Fifth born daughter named after her mother's 2nd oldest sister or her father's oldest sister

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellisgold.html>

Try this method of searching Ellis Island. Simply go to the "town name" and enter your county [eg Clare], go to the bottom and click "search". It will return a list of everyone in the Ellis Island database that listed Clare as their residence.

FIND YOUR SURNAME LOCATIONS

If you go into <http://bit.ly/1E4D30X> Input a surname and find the locations of your homes bearing THAT SURNAME pinpointed on a map of the island



Some Irish Words with Nordic Origins

The year 795 AD saw a new force arrive on the Irish political scene, the Vikings. These seaborne warriors were to have a significant impact on Irish life. Their attacks on religious centres and propensity for warfare are well documented, as is their contribution to the development of urban centres and new trade routes. However, something which is sometimes over-looked is their input, albeit small, to the Irish language.

Unsurprisingly, considering the Viking's seafaring roots, the majority of these words are associated with nautical activities. They include the Irish words for a boat (*bád*), as well as various parts of the sailing vessel, such as the anchor (*ancaire*), rudder (*stiúir*) and sail (*scod*). Fishing terms of Norse origin are also found, including the Irish words for fish such as [cod](#) (*trosc*) and [ling](#) (*langa*) as well as for a fishing-line (*dorú/dorgha*).

Facilitated by their naval expertise, the Vikings also excelled in trade. This is reflected in the Irish word for a market (*margadh*), which is borrowed from Old Norse (*markadr*). Similarly the Irish word for a penny (*pinginn*) is derived from the Norse word *penning*. This latter example is not surprising, as the first person to mint coins in Ireland was the Hiberno-Norse king of Dublin, [Sitric Silkbeard](#).

A number of additional words are listed below.

Some Irish words of Old Norse Origin (after Greene, 1973)

Irish	English	Old Norse
<i>ancaire</i>	anchor	<i>akkeri</i>
<i>bád</i>	boat	<i>bátr</i>
<i>scod</i>	sheet/sail	<i>skaut</i>
<i>stiúir</i>	rudder	<i>stýri</i>
<i>tochta</i>	thwart	<i>popta</i>
<i>dorú (dorgha)</i>	fishing-line	<i>dorga</i>
<i>langa</i>	ling (fish)	<i>langa</i>
<i>trosc</i>	cod (fish)	<i>porskr</i>
<i>margadh</i>	market	<i>markadhr</i>
<i>pinginn</i>	penny	<i>penning</i>
<i>cnaipe</i>	button	<i>knappr</i>
<i>bróg</i>	shoe	<i>brók</i>
<i>pónair</i>	beans	<i>baunir</i>
<i>garrdha</i>	Enclosed plot/yard	<i>gardhr</i>

References: Greene, D. 1973 'The influence of Scandinavian on Irish' in Bo Almqvist & David Greene (eds.) *Proceedings of the Seventh Viking Congress*, Dundalgan Press, Dundalk, pp. 75-82

NEARLY LAST BUT NOT LEAST – HERE IS ONE FOR THE ARCHIVES!

The date should read 2005 and sadly not all are with us now. R.I.P



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Our Gathering details occupy a whole page, together with a photo.
Also we are on the Irish/American Post website

GATHERING 2015

The cost for the Gathering, including two lunches, dinner, entertainment and bus tour is €115. However you will only pay €100 if you book and pay before 1 May 2015. If anyone wishes to attend individual events please contact Bernie Kelly for rates.

The cost of the hotel is €155 per person for 2 nights b & b (sharing) which includes dinner on the Friday night and should be booked through the hotel (telephone Reservations on + 353 [0]98 55088 or by e mail quoting reference "Kelly Clan", info@castlecourthotel.ie "For the attention of Reservations"

For local B & B's please contact Mary Kelly (marykelly3010@gmail.com) Tel 065 7085889 / 086 3296475, or Bernie Kelly (clankellyinfo@gmail.com) Tel 091 777034/087 6739724

2015 KELLY CLAN GATHERING BOOKING FORM

Please reserve places at the Kelly Clan Gathering for the weekend of 15-17 May 2015 at
€ 115.00 p/p [€100 if booked before 1 May 2015]

Name

Address

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Phone Numbers

Post to: Bernie Kelly, "Aisling", Tyrone, Kilcolgan, Co Galway. Cheques to be made payable to Kelly Clan Association

Or alternatively visit: www.kellyclans.com to make your reservation with Pay Pal payment

Please note: 'Any Clan Member who wishes to have business put before the Clan Assembly shall notify the Clan Council of such intent together with a summary of such business at least 30 days before the commencement date of the proposed Clan Gathering, and notify the Clan Secretary accordingly (e mail: clankellyinfo@gmail.com)

NOTE: For those of you travelling by train to Westport we can organise a lift from the station to the hotel, but we need to know numbers and approximate times, so please let us know as soon as possible.

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