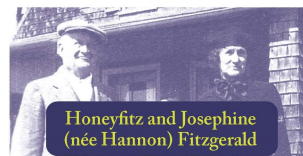
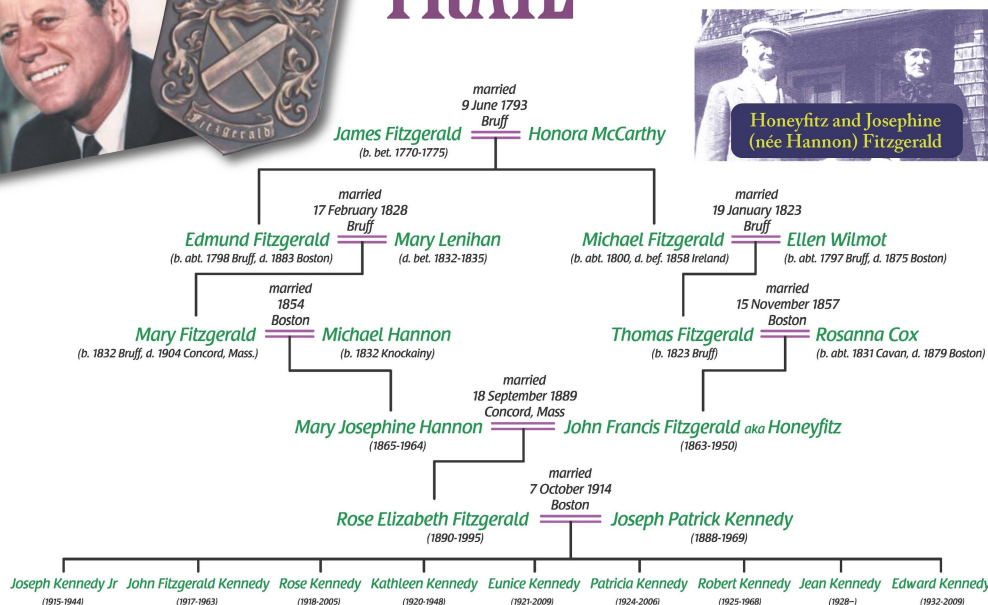


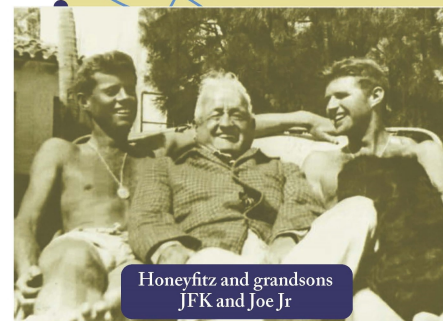
TREAD THE FITZGERALD TRAIL



John F Kennedy descended from Fitzgeralds of Bruff and Kennedys of New Ross in Wexford. The Fitzgeralds and Kennedys worked in Boston as peddlers, coopers, and common labourers, and became clerks, tavern owners, and retailers. By the end of the 19th century, Patrick Kennedy and John "Honeyfitz" Fitzgerald (right) had become successful Boston politicians. The Fitzgerald genealogy is summarised below:



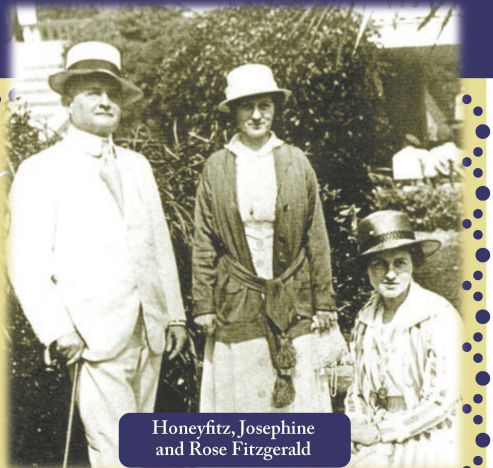
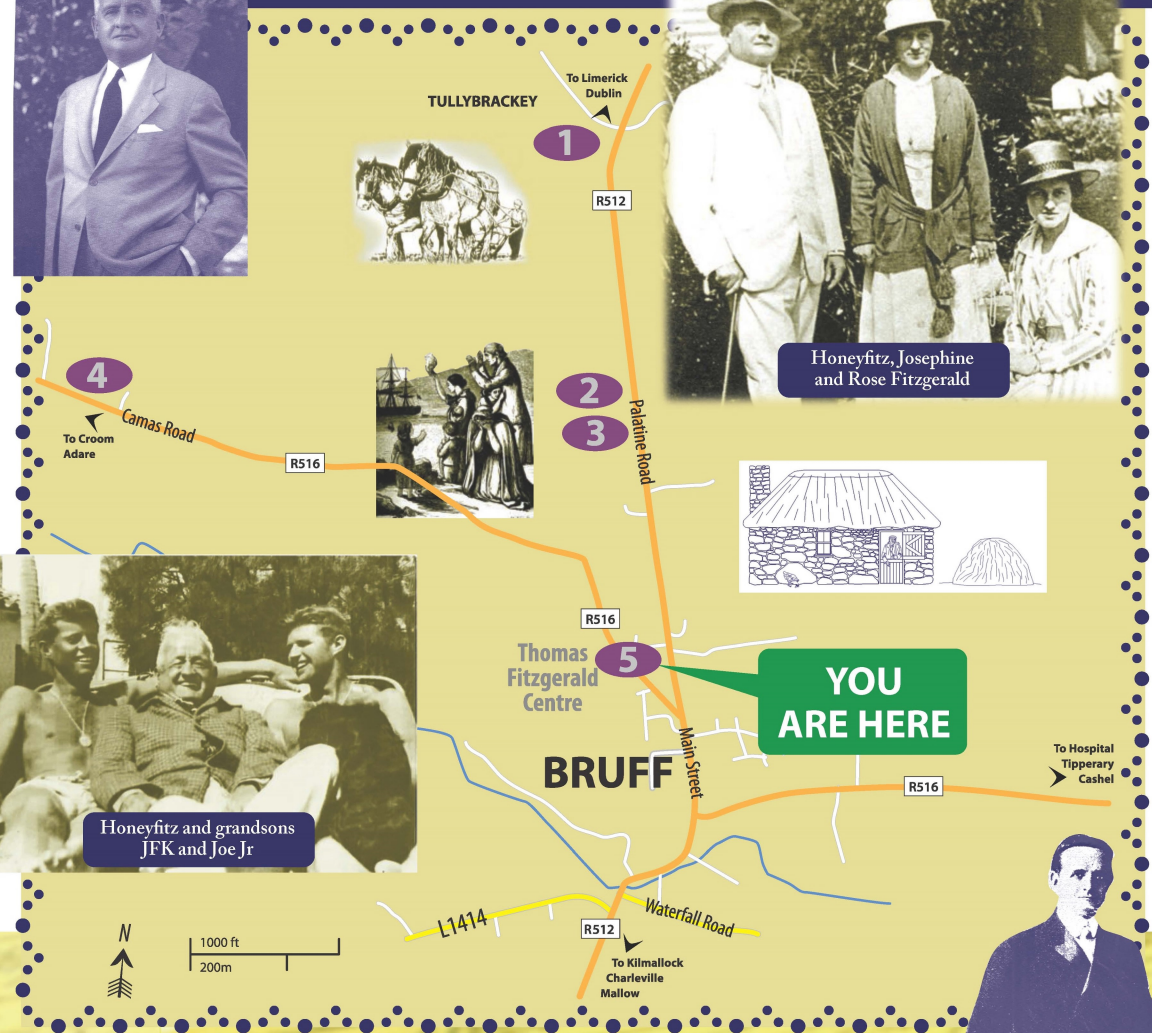
Honeyfitz and Josephine (née Hannon) Fitzgerald



Honeyfitz and grandsons JFK and Joe Jr



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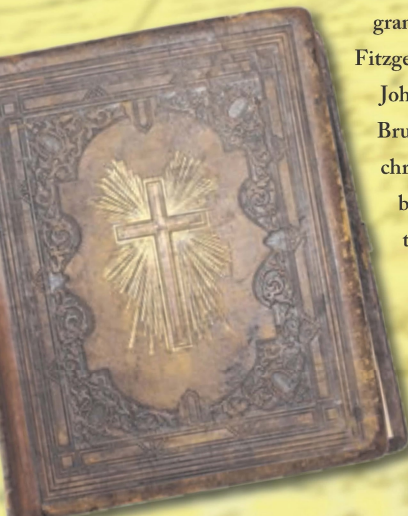


Honeyfitz, Josephine and Rose Fitzgerald

FITZGERALD FAMILY BIBLE

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy's maternal great grandfather Thomas Fitzgerald was born in this parish in 1823. Thomas Fitzgerald emigrated to the US where he married Rosanna Cox and their son John Francis Honeyfitz was born in 1863. When Thomas Fitzgerald left Bruff he took with him the family bible. This bible contains a handwritten chronicle of generations of the Fitzgerald family from 1857, including the birth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy on May 29th, 1917. John F Kennedy took the oath of office as the 35th President of the United States on the bible on January 20th, 1961.

The bible is leather-bound with a gold leaf cross on the cover. It sat on top of a piano in 3 Rundel Park in Dorchester for many years until the inauguration of President Kennedy. It is now in the possession of the John F Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum in Boston.



1 THE PIKE - Homestead plot of James Fitzgerald and Honora McCarthy, married in Bruff Church in 1793, great-great-great-grandparents of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States.

2 PALATINE ROAD A - Site of homestead of Michael Fitzgerald and Ellen Wilmot, parents of Mary Ann Fitzgerald, who emigrated to Boston in 1850. Her daughter Mary Josephine Hannon married John Francis 'Honeyfitz' Fitzgerald. Their eldest child Rose was President John Fitzgerald Kennedy's mother.

3 PALATINE ROAD B - Site of homestead of Edmund Fitzgerald and Mary Lenihan, parents of Mary Ann Fitzgerald, who emigrated to Boston in 1850. Her daughter Mary Josephine Hannon married John Francis 'Honeyfitz' Fitzgerald. Their eldest child Rose was President John Fitzgerald Kennedy's mother.

4 KYLE GRAVEYARD - Burial place of the antecedents of the Bruff Boston Fitzgeralds.

5 THOMAS FITZGERALD CENTRE - Dedicated on 21st June 2013, by Caroline Kennedy.

