

From the Editor

Hello Everyone, I can't believe the year is 2018 already! I hope everyone had wonderful holidays and were able to spend time with their families. Last year was very special to me because I was able to connect with Ewings from across the world via social media. I am looking forward to the Family Gathering that's going to be held in Nashville this year. I'm hoping to be able to attend it, and see everyone in person.

Also, the next Journal should be published in May, so keep an eye out for that!

Take Care,

Brent Ewing

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Ewing Family Association



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2018 Ewing Family Gathering to be Held in Nashville

The Ewing Family Association will hold its 15th Biennial Gathering in Nashville, TN, on August 17-19, 2018. The Gathering will be held at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, located at 2025 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37228.

We will spend time in fellowship and fun, exploring the Ewing family's connections to early Nashville history. A trip to the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home (see photo below), along with a well-planned visit to the Nashville City Cemetery and several drive-by views of Ewing homes, will combine with addresses by local genealogists and historians who will guide us to understand how significant the Ewing family was in the establishment of Davidson County, Tennessee, during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Our final day will include a trip to the Red River Meeting House. This site is important to us because of its affiliation with cofounder of the Cumberland Presbyterians, Rev. Finis Ewing. We will be able to take a look at this Logan County, KY, landmark before we adjourn. A full schedule of events will be published in the May 2018 issue of the Ewing Family Journal, but you can reserve your room right now. Call the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel at **615-259-4343**. Be sure to mention that you are booking your room as part of the Ewing Family Association event. Starting in May, you'll also be able to register for the Gathering by mail or by visiting www.ewingfamilyassociation.org or the Ewing Family Facebook page.



The Hermitage, Nashville, TN

Home of Andrew Jackson

Although programming will not begin until Friday afternoon at 3 p.m., you can reserve at the special room rate of \$135 (for up to 3 people) from Thursday night, August 16. If this is your first Gathering, we look forward to seeing you and spending time learning about our mutual family histories. If you're a returning participant, we can't wait to see you!



Woodlon Hall, Nashville, TN

Home of Alexander 'Devil Alex' Ewing

Ewing Family Association
1330 Vaughn Court
Aurora, IL 60504

Chancellor's Message



As we start the New Year, let's note a few facts to carry us through a busy schedule for the Ewing Family Association.

First, let's remember that 525 years ago, Swene McEwen died (1493) leaving no male heir. As a consequence, the Chief of the Ewings, if in fact he existed, faded into the mists. But not the Ewing family.

I feel fortunate to live in a time of arduous genealogical research, aided by technology and mobility. And I am thankful for the early Ewing family researchers who were both literate and proud of their family origins. They gave us a great deal to consider as we continue to piece together the history of this small but mighty family.

Second, we have a busy year planned. Listed below are the Ewing Family Events for 2018. Our Gathering in Nashville will be instructive for all of us as we learn more about our ancestors. According to Jean Carter Wilson (on-site planner for the Gathering), the Ewing family was key in furthering the settlement and growth of Nashville and Davidson County. Join us in August as we learn more.

Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos

2018 Heritage Events

Saline Celtic Festival, **July 13-14**, Saline, MI
Tent Captain, Walter 'Major' Ewing

Ewing Family Gathering, **August 17-19**
Nashville Millennium Maxwell House Hotel

153rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games
Alameda Co. Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA, **Sept 1-2**
Tent Captain, Larry Ewing

Passings

Member Passing

William Myrl Ewing (Member #166) on
November 14, 2017.

(Complete obituary in the May Ewing Family Journal.)

Welcome New EFA Members

John Ewing, Plainfield, IN
Member #1235

James S. Ewing, Jamestown, NY
Member #1236

Timothy Ewing, Kailua-Kona, HI
Member #1237

Eric Douglas Ewing, Susanville, CA
Member #1238

A Word from the Commander



After our successful first Scottish meeting in 2016, and our appearance at the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2017, it looks to be a quieter year on this side of the pond in 2018. The main Ewing event will undoubtedly be the Ewing Family Association's 15th Biennial Gathering in Nashville, Tennessee (August 17-19, 2018).

For our next UK event, we are looking forward to 2019, when Clan Ewing will have a presence at the Cowal Highland Gathering (29-31 August, 2019) which is being organised with the assistance of the EFA and is partially supported by the Scottish Clan Event Fund.

The Cowal Gathering is a significant Highland Games, visited by 23,000 people each year, and, as it's held in Dunoon, it's also the closest Games to our ancestral homeland on the banks of Loch Fyne. So a visit to at least one of the clan castles should be on the schedule (but if talk of clan castles is new to you, think grassy mound rather than sturdy stone barbicans with picturesque battlements). As some of you may be aware, we had hoped that meeting this would be the venue for a legal Family Convention to appoint a new chief, but the word from Lyon Court is that, in clans where the chiefship has been long dormant and the chiefly line is lost, Lord Lyon would prefer to see new commanders serve for a minimum of ten years before any move to appoint a chief. That said, we expect it to be a terrific event, and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Finally, a word about the tartan. My apologies for the hiatus in supply which meant that there was no tartan in stock in the run-up to Christmas last year. To my surprise, Lochcarron inform me that they are unable to monitor stock levels, so I'll have to try to keep a closer eye on this myself. The good news is, there is now tartan in stock again. I think I've managed to re-contact everyone who sent an enquiry last year—if I've missed you, please do get back in touch. As well as the regular items listed on the website, we also have several scarves (measuring 9" x 54") which are available for £20 each plus p&p. Like our other garments these are in worsted tartan, not in a soft and fluffy cloth.

Best wishes to all for 2018,
John Thor Ewing
AUDACITER

Ewing Tartan Cloth / Ready-Made Garments

The Ewing tartan, woven by Lochcarron of Scotland is exquisitely made, and several EFA members have purchased these beautiful pieces. It is unique and distinctive, reflecting our history and tradition. You can order cloth or ready-made garments by email from tartans@clanewing.uk.

Currently, all garments are made in 13oz Medium Weight 'Braeriach' tartan fabric; the pattern repeats every 6 1/4 inches or slightly more. All prices below are listed in Pounds Sterling (GBP) and subject to change. – Please check the current exchange rate to convert to other currencies.

Cloth @ £49/metre (£45/yard)

NB because the cloth is woven to double width, the amount needed for an 8 yard kilt is usually equivalent to 4 yards (3.7m). Be sure to ask your kilt maker before placing your order.

Shawl (57" x 57" / 145 x 145cm) @ £70

Kilt (8 yard full) @ £350

Kilt (5 yard casual) @ £210

Fly Plaid @ £64

Neck Tie @ £20

Ladies' Sash @ £30

Tam o' Shanter @ £22

Mini Skirt @ £108

Billie Skirt @ £91

Mini Fly @ £36

Waistcoat @ £99

Edinburgh Cape @ £170

Kilted Skirt @ £128

Hostess Skirt @ £172

