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# Ewing Family Association Newsletter



## 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Ewing Family Gathering June 17-19, 2022

The 17th Biennial Ewing Family Gathering is scheduled to take place June 17-19 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Greenwich, New Jersey. We have contracted a special room rate for EFA members at:

Holiday Inn Philadelphia South – Swedesboro  
One Pureland Drive  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Room Reservations: 877-784-5889

Room Rate: \$129 plus tax/per night (reference Block Code "EWI")

As always, you are responsible for your room charges. This special room rate is available provided you **make your reservation by May 27<sup>th</sup>** and is good for reservations from June 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) through June 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Gathering will end on Sunday morning (June 19).

We plan to visit Philadelphia Old Town where Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson lived, which will include a stop at the Museum of the American Revolution. We also plan a trip to Greenwich, New Jersey, home of Maskell and Mary Ewing and subsequent generations of Ewings, including William Belford Ewing. After two postponements, we are looking forward to an interesting and thought-provoking historical trip. Please join us!



**Thomas and Mary Maskell Ewing's House**  
Photo compliments of the late EFA Member, Grace Ewing Thompson

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## Chancellor's Message



The 17th Biennial Ewing Family Gathering is scheduled for **June 17-19, 2022**. Due to the rise of the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus, we are taking a very cautious look forward. We will confirm the Gathering by mid-April. Information, including a reservation form, will be available at [www.ewingfamilyassociation.org](http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org) and in the May issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.

Local festivals are returning this summer! Ewing tents will be set up at the Saline Celtic Festival, Saline, Michigan, on July 8-9, 2022. For more information, contact tent captain, Walter 'Major' Ewing, at [wallygator57@hotmail.com](mailto:wallygator57@hotmail.com).

The 156th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games will be held September 3-4, 2022, in Pleasanton, CA. Contact tent captain, Larry Ewing, at [rkt88ll@earthlink.net](mailto:rkt88ll@earthlink.net) for details.

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope all of you are healthy and feeling more positive about the future.

Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos, Chancellor

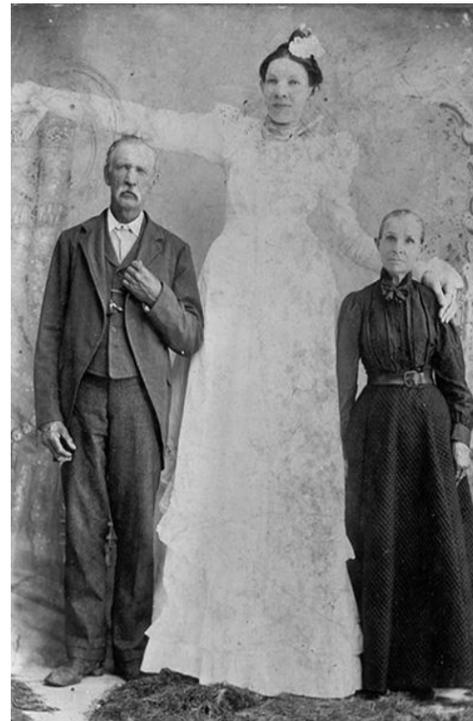
## Did You Know . . . ?

Ella Kate Ewing, b. March 9, 1872, in LaGrange, Missouri, d. January 10, 1913, holds the distinction of being the tallest woman of her generation.

She was known for her kind and gentle demeanor. Although people made fun of her unusual size, Ella Ewing used her height to her advantage, making an estimated \$30,000 during her lifetime.

➤ The State Historical Society of Missouri

Look for more information about Ella Kate Ewing in the May 2022 issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.



Ellas's Father, **Benjamin Ewing**, **Ella Ewing**, and Ella's Mother, **Anna (Herring) Ewing**  
 Courtesy: Northeast Missouri Photograph Collection, P1117-009582

## Ewing Tartan Cloth / Ready-Made Garments

The Ewing tartan, woven by Lochcarron of Scotland is exquisitely made, and several EFA members have purchased many of the beautiful pieces listed below. It is unique and distinctive, reflecting our history and tradition. You may request pricing and place an order for cloth or ready-made garments via email from [tartans@clanewing.uk](mailto: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. 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.

Kilt	Shawl (57" x 57" / 145 x 145cm)	Laura Skirt	Tam o'Shanter	Child's Skirt/Kilt
Billie Skirt	Semi-Kilted Skirt	Mini Skirt Kilted Skirt	Edinburg Cape	Waistcoat
Fly Plaid	Mini Fly	Fiona Skirt	Ladies Sash	Hostess Skirt Neck Tie

## Commander's Comments



Dear clansfolk and cousins,

You may have noticed a lapse in service at the website [www.clanewing.uk](http://www.clanewing.uk) recently. That's all sorted now, and I hope the updated website meets with your approval. The time had come (some may say, it should have come long ago) when I was finally forced to admit that my html code-writing skills, honed in the last century, are now thoroughly obsolete. The new website brings us up to speed with the look of the modern internet.

Among other changes at the website is a new Resources page for information on clan history. I think this is the best way to deal with our archive of information on Ewing history from 16<sup>th</sup>-and 17<sup>th</sup>-century Scotland.

I'll be working my way through this and uploading it over the coming weeks. Some of the resources you'll find there are articles about our history, but others are transcriptions of original documents, which, although valuable sources for the information they hold, are not recommended bedside reading.

Another project currently on my mind is the history of the clan after the loss of the Barony of Otter in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Like much early clan history, it involves a fair bit of conjecture, but I think I'm beginning to make some sense of this gap in our story. I'm hoping to be able to write this for the next issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.

There has been a slight delay with the tartan, but it should be ready in time for the old festival of Beltane (Gaelic, Latha Bealltainn) at the beginning of May, which marks the start of summer. I've had several enquiries about kilts and other garments. If I haven't got back to you by Beltane, please do send me a reminder.

AUDACITER

John Thor Ewing

## Arbutus

By Steven C. Ewing  
 Edgartown, Massachusetts

My knees are wet  
 from kneeling  
 this morning in the misty rain  
 Mayflowers in high bloom  
 bring me back to picnics  
 with my family  
 as a boy  
 in Christiantown  
 Snipping honeyed bunches  
 tender sweet purple pink to white  
 Grandparents in fresh  
 spring form  
 I close my eyes  
 breathe in deep  
 and feel them  
 next to me

*From 'Waterfront Poems, Vineyard Seasons'*

## Welcome New EFA Members!

#1318

Rebecca C. Thompson-Albert  
 Greenwich, NJ

#1319

Patty Ewing Russell  
 Santa Clarita, CA

#1320

Cynthia J. (Ewing) Salmon  
 Joplin, MO

#1321

Frank LaRue Owen, Jr.  
 Roswell, GA

#1322

Donald L. Hansen  
 The Villages, FL

#1323

Dennis Kauffman  
 Harrisburg, PA