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From the Editor

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In this edition of the *Journal*, we have again included a number of superlative articles written by EFA members about their Ewing ancestors. In addition, I believe you will appreciate another poetic contribution by Steven C. Ewing, who I recently had the distinct pleasure to meet at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Games, April 17-19, in North Carolina.

As your editor, I was privileged to meet and speak with many new and old Ewing family members at the Rural Hill event, which I have attempted to summarize for you as a “word picture.” I hope you enjoy it.

It was a watershed experience for Clan Ewing to be represented and to participate with all the other Scottish clans after so many years. In short, the rewards were many. It is my sincere hope that many of you will decide to join us in July 2016 at the Saline Celtic Festival in Saline, Michigan. Stay tuned, as they say, for details to follow in upcoming Newsletters and Journals.

On another subject, many of you may have noticed the use of Ewing Arms on some of our various EFA publications, clothing, etc., in the past. Now that new Arms may need to be redesigned and approved when we select a Chief within the next few years, we have begun to transition away from the use of said Arms in lieu of the Ewing Crest, which appears on the cover of this *Journal* and the February *Newsletter*. In the future, we will be explaining more about the reasons why it is important to comply with the rules of Scottish law. For good insight on this subject, I recommend an article titled, *On Acquiring Scottish Arms*, by Donald Draper Campbell, at <http://sp.uconn.edu/~celtic/onacquiringscottisharms.html>.

As always, we welcome your comments and contributions.

Audaciter!
John A. Ewing

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Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 1

Her Famous Friends in Philadelphia from 1779 to 1844

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Introduction

The first four Ewing Family *Journal* articles I wrote about my ancestor, Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson, were based on the 13 letters she received from her husband, Robert, a revolutionary officer and patriot, between July and September, 1776.¹ My thesis for this series of articles is to focus on the historically famous people Amy knew during her lifetime and how she knew them. She and Robert ultimately became acquainted with a lengthy list of the “movers and shakers” of early America. The list can be put into subcategories, such as U.S. Presidents, First Ladies, and politicians, along with merchants, artists, educators, medical doctors, musicians, explorers, scientists, inventors, religious leaders, and military leaders.

But first, let me give you a little background.

Amy was a bride of two years at the end of 1776 and her marriage to Robert lasted another 48 years. She survived him by an additional 20 years, and it was during this 68-year period that she lived a fascinating life in Philadelphia. As one can imagine, she had a front row seat to the birth of our country and to the lives of those who led and significantly contributed to the building of America.

Before Robert married Amy on May 9, 1774, he discovered his talents not only for teaching, but for teaching mathematics and established a school. Robert read about the calculation of longitude from lunar observation in the *Nautical Almanac* by Nevil Maskelyne, and realized he was qualified to teach this type of mathematics.² He established a school in Philadelphia and soon his students were among the principal navigators sailing from the city.

In early 1774, when he was 29, following the advice of a friend, Robert invested his accumulated wealth of 500 pounds in a merchandising venture. He opened a country store in Bridgeton, the county seat of Cumberland, New Jersey. During this time, Robert met 22-year old Amy Hunter Ewing, the daughter of Maskell (1721-1796) and Mary Padgett (1725-1798) Ewing, Esquire, born January 20, 1751 in nearby Greenwich.³



20 Jan 1751 - 24 May 1844
Painted by Charles Willson Peale
Philadelphia, PA 1797

¹ Ewing Family *Journals*, Robert Patterson to Amy Hunter EWING Patterson, 1776, Issues, May 2011, November 2011, May 2012, and Feb., 2013.

² A Record of the Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), Emigrant from Ireland to America, 1774; Thomas Ewing, From Ireland, 1718, and Louis DuBois, From France, 1660, Part First, Containing Patterson Lineage, Press of John Clark, 1847.

³ The Robert Patterson Family, Eminent Philadelphian, Scholar, and Directors of the Mint. 1743- 1854 by Carolyn Myatt Green, Dissertation for Doctor of Philosophy, Athens, Georgia, 1874.

She was the fourth child of ten Ewing children. Her father, Maskell, was a prosperous farmer in Greenwich along with several other Ewings. Her contemporaries described Amy as “a girl of Reading, Taste, and Delicacy: has a good share of personal Beauty, open, sociable and kind in her manner and on the whole agreeable.”⁴ Robert, eight years her senior, “seemed always to be formal. . . .” and “is a great mathematician, a good English Scholar and Philosopher and is judged frugal and industrious.”⁵

The venture of the country store in Bridgeton was not Robert’s cup of tea, “But never was there a man less fitted for this business,”⁶ and shortly, after being united in marriage with Amy on May 9, 1774, he found himself in another town as principal of Wilmington Academy (Delaware). “About the time Mr. Patterson took charge of the Academy at Wilmington, the differences between Great Britain and her colonies were hastening to a crisis.”⁷ He sent the students home, closed the Academy, and returned to Greenwich with his wife in the spring of 1776. In preparation to join the New Jersey Militia, he received a hasty medical education and took his place by the side of his brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas Ewing, as an assistant surgeon in the militia.

Amy remained in Greenwich with the Ewing “clan,” and Robert and Thomas spent several years as officers of the New Jersey Militia. After nearly three years serving in the military during the gloomiest years of the revolution (see *Ewing Family Journal* articles),⁸ “we find (Robert) at the quiet business of farming, on a small place which he had purchased in a retired part of Cumberland county, near Rhoadstown.”⁹ It was there in the fall of 1778 that Amy’s uncle, Samuel Ewing (1729-1783), a Justice of the Peace in Cumberland County, New Jersey, administered the “oath of allegiance to America” to her husband, Robert, an immigrant from Northern Ireland.

Lost Sheep

“Mr. P. might have lived and died in this place and occupation, if his sheep had not one day wandered off, and his lonesome wife had not borrowed a city newspaper, to beguile the tedious hours of his absence. Mr. P. came home disconsolate after a long weary search; the sheep had not been found. But his true helpmate thought she had discovered something better. The Trustees of the University at Philadelphia had advertised for an instructor of mathematics; she advised him to make application for the position. Not much urging was necessary”.¹⁰

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ *Ewing Family Journals*, Patterson Letters, 1776.

⁹ A Record of the Families of Robert Patterson.

¹⁰ Ibid.

A Dr. Ewing Hires Mr. P.

In 1780, Amy and Robert Patterson moved after Robert's application for the position of professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania was accepted. He was offered the professorship by Dr. John Ewing (1732-1802), professor, trustee, and provost at the University from 1758-1802.

Dr. Ewing's ancestry can be traced back to Colerain, Londonderry, Ireland, through his father, Nathaniel Ewing (1692-1742). Amy's grandfather, Thomas Ewing (1690-1747), emigrated from Londonderry in the early 1700's, but I haven't found a "close" relationship to Dr. John Ewing other than a "propinquity" of Ewings at Stirling Castle, Glasgow, Scotland, and in Londonderry during those same years.

Robert Patterson adds to the Londonderry connection. He was born in Hillsborough, Down, Northern Ireland, May 30, 1743, and immigrated to America in 1768. He was one of 10 children of Robert and Janet Patterson, and his parents emigrated from Londonderry to Philadelphia in the early 1770's, a few years after Robert arrived.

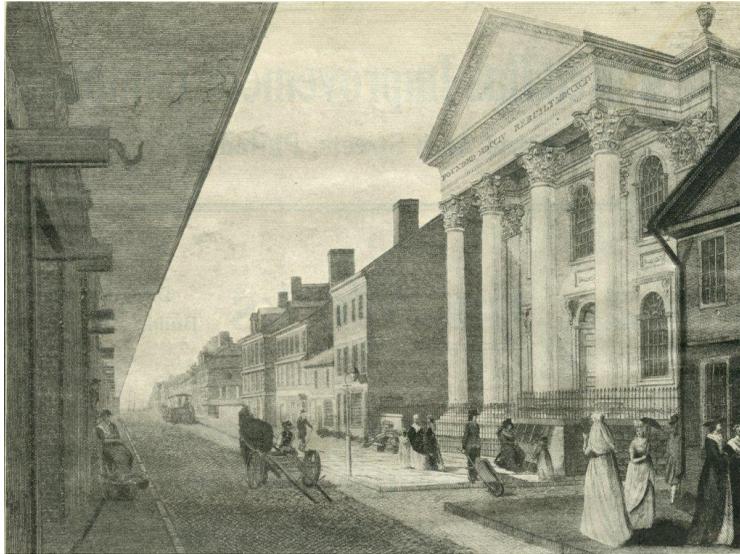
By March 1780, the Pattersons were the parents of two daughters, Mary, three years old (1777-1861) and Martha, one year old (1779-1856) when they moved into their residence at 148 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia. Their new home was just a few blocks from Market Street (called High Street in 1780). The area called "Franklin Court", Ben's house, was only two blocks away. The central part of Philadelphia was only about 10 blocks square at that time, growing from the Delaware River straight west to the Schuylkill River. Just two years before their arrival, the British abandoned their occupation of Philadelphia. Amy and her family settled in the middle of the homes of the very people who were responsible for creating the greatest country in the history of the planet. Also, their new residence was only a few blocks from the "Hall of Independence" later named "Independence Hall."

Residential Propinquity

So, this "residential propinquity" made it possible for a couple of generations of Ewing descendants to associate directly with leading citizens of Philadelphia and those "important visitors" who lived there at some point over the next half century.

Recently, I obtained a copy of a book entitled *America's MOST Historic Highway, Market Street, Philadelphia*, written in 1926 by Joseph Jackson and copyrighted by John Wanamaker. In the preface, Mr. Jackson writes "When it is considered that on Market Street, Philadelphia, the Declaration of Independence was written; that many world figures lived and worked; that the first Bible in English to be published in America was issued; the first American magazine was published; the first automobile made and operated; the identification of electricity with lightning confirmed; and the first international electrical exhibition in the United States was held, to mention only a very few of the reasons, it is likely to be agreed that this is the most historic highway in America...."¹¹

¹¹ *Benjamin Franklin, An American Life*, Walter Isaacson, p 122, Simon and Schuster, 2003.



High Street, with First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (Courtesy of Free Library of Philadelphia)

Amy, Robert and their children were now strolling regularly on Market (High) Street, and they would pass the Jacob Graff house where Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence during the summer of 1776. The next street south and parallel to Market Street is Chestnut Street where they would admire Independence Hall, stroll through the garden behind the Hall and then down to Walnut Street and Third street where Alexander Hamilton lived. In between those famous structures, there were many sites where more of the historic figures, many of whom became their friends, worked and resided.

The Pattersons did not know that in 10 years one of their neighbors would be General George Washington, the first President of the new country of the United States of America. George and his family would move from New York and into a fine house on Market (High) Street. The first capital of the U.S. was New York City, and Philadelphia proudly served as the nation's capital from 1790 to 1800.

Now, I will introduce you to a number of personalities of the day, the names of whom you will recognize, and why Amy knew them. Some of these folks will need more of a résumé than others to acquaint you with them.

Benjamin Franklin

The very month Robert Patterson was born, May, 1743, Benjamin Franklin via a circular, entitled "*A Proposal for Promoting Useful Knowledge Among the British Plantations in America*", proposed what was, in effect, an inter-colonial junto, to be called the American Philosophical Society (APS). "The idea had been discussed by the naturalist John Bartram, among others, but Franklin had the printing press, the inclination, and the postal contacts to

pull it all together. It would be based in Philadelphia and include scientists and thinkers from other cities. They would share their studies by post, and abstracts would be sent to each member four times a year.”¹²

Forty years after Robert’s birth, on January 18, 1783, Amy’s husband, now a professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, was elected a member of the APS. The next year, this new initiate became a secretary of the Society; in 1799, he was one of the vice-presidents. Ultimately, in 1819, he was elected president. His predecessors of these offices had been American Renaissance men: Franklin, David Rittenhouse, Thomas Jefferson, and Caspar Wistar.

When Robert was elected a member of the APS, Franklin was still in France negotiating the Treaty of Paris. Three other prominent men were elected that year: John Beale Bordley, Robert Davidson, and Samuel Huntingdon. Dr. John Ewing, Patterson’s boss at the University, was one of the APS members who sponsored him for membership. Dr. Ewing remained a member of the APS until his death in 1802.

Two years after Robert became a member of the APS, Benjamin Franklin returned to Philadelphia. “When Franklin and his two grandchildren arrived at Philadelphia’s Market Street wharf in September 1785, sixty two years after he had first straggled ashore there as a 17-year-old runaway”¹³ (he wrote later) “we were received by a crowd of people with huzzas and accompanied with acclamations quite to my door.”¹⁴ Robert and Amy and their children were very likely part of the welcoming citizens of Philadelphia on that September day.

Over the next five years, Robert regularly attended the APS meetings, many of which were held on Friday nights at the Franklin home. “Benjamin Franklin, before he went to Europe in 1764, built a house on his lot on Market Street between Third and Fourth.”¹⁵ Later this house was expanded. “About 1785, when he was elected President of Pennsylvania, Franklin erected a new wing to his house, which was three stories high. The first story was a large apartment designed for the meetings of the American Philosophical Society.”¹⁶ The APS held a special meeting at the expanded residence on September 27, 1785, with Dr. Franklin and 18 members in attendance to welcome their founder back to America and laud his contributions to independence. Robert Patterson shook hands with Benjamin Franklin for the first time at that meeting. One can only imagine the dinner table discussion that Amy and her children had with her husband that week and for a time to come.

I find references to occasions where the wives of the APS members were included in events, but there were numerous opportunities for Robert to introduce Amy to Dr. Franklin. As a founder, President of the Board of Trustees, and a trustee of the Academy and College of Philadelphia, which merged with the University of the State of Pennsylvania to form the

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ *History of Philadelphia*, (1609-1884), Volume 2, J. Thomas Scharf.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

University of Pennsylvania in 1791, Franklin followed his grandson's academic achievements. His grandson, Benny, graduated from the "academy" in 1787. Professor Patterson was involved in all aspects of the growth of those institutions and would have had regular interaction with the "trustees." With Franklin's extended family at that time and the physical location of the homes of both families, it is also possible the Patterson children knew the Franklin grandchildren.

Finally, as a secretary of the APS, Patterson wrote to Franklin about future meetings and their locations. Follows is a transcribed letter Robert wrote to him in the fall of 1789 included in the Benjamin Franklin Papers collection.¹⁷

"From Robert Patterson

Sept. 17. (1789)

Sir,

The Philosophical Society, at their last meeting directed that one of their Secretaries should wait upon you previous to their next meeting to know whether it was probable that your State of Health would permit you to attend, and that the meeting should be held at your house for that purpose. If this should not be the case, their Hall in Fifth Street now in some degree prepared for their reception, they proposed to hold their meeting there, and directed me to advertise accordingly.

Your pleasure on this point, signified by the bearer, will much oblige
Sir

Your obedient humble Servant
R Patterson

Honble Dr. Benjamin Franklin Addressed: The Honble/Dr. Benjamin Franklin
Endorsed: Secry. Patterson"

Also, each year "a very respectable assembly of gentlemen and ladies convened for the purpose" of hearing an oration.¹⁸ In the minutes of the proceedings of February 27, 1786.... "Procession to the University. Oration by Dr. Rush 'On the influence of physical causes on the moral faculty.'"¹⁹ The minutes indicate that Dr. Franklin was in attendance. Many of these "assemblies" were held at the University building where Dr. Robert Patterson was a professor of Natural Philosophy with teaching skills in the field of mathematics.

The minutes of the previous meeting... February 17, 1786...read. "Secretaries to prepare 1000 tickets, 800 to be distributed to ladies and gentlemen applying them; invitations to the Executive

¹⁷ Benjamin Franklin Papers, unpublished, 1788-1792.

¹⁸ Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge compiled by one of the Secretaries from the Manuscript of Minutes of its Meetings from 1744 to 1838, Philadelphia, Press of McCall and Stavely, 237-9 Dock Street, 1884.

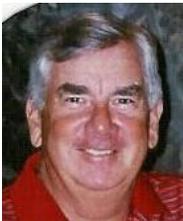
¹⁹ Ibid.

Council and Assembly of the State.”²⁰ It would be very logical to conclude that Amy heard the “oration” and chatted with Dr. Franklin.

“Philadelphia’s silver decade began with the death of Benjamin Franklin, at age eight-four, in 1790. On April 21, some 20,000 people, nearly half the city, lined the route of Franklin’s funeral procession from the State House to the Christ Church burying ground. The procession was led by the clergy of the city, and the coffin was carried by six pallbearers: General Thomas Mifflin, president of Pennsylvania; Thomas McKean, Chief Justice; Samuel Powel, mayor of Philadelphia; David Rittenhouse, professor of astronomy at the College of Philadelphia; and William Bingham, the richest man in America, member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and soon to be appointed United States senator from the state. There followed close friends, members of the state Assembly, judges of the State Supreme Court, gentlemen of the bar, printers with their journeymen and apprentices, and members of the Philosophical Society and a host of other associations that Franklin had founded.”²¹ Dr. Patterson and Amy viewed and/or participated in the procession.

Ben Franklin’s creative genius directly influenced the wonderful road that the Pattersons traveled. The evidence is profound in the recorded APS minutes that for 35 years Robert Patterson was an extremely active member and just one of the many activities that gave him and Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson the opportunity to become acquainted with so many people of notoriety.

To be continued...Amy’s “Philadelphia Story” is not complete. In part 2, I will take us back to the days when the federal government came to town and operated there for a decade. The overlap of her life with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Adams, Betsey Ross, Thaddeus Kosciuzko, Pierre Charles L’Enfant, Thomas Paine, and some signers of the Declaration of Independence and, of course, their spouses and families, is a unique American tale of which all Ewings should cherish and be proud.



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²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Ibid.

One American Family – Part X

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More sea changes were in store for my Ewing family in 1964. I completed the requirements for my master's degree and was appointed to a teaching position at Iowa State University. In June I drove by myself to Ames to find a place for us to live. Nancilee and I agreed that our budget would not allow us to pay more than \$90 per month rent. That certainly narrowed the possibilities. I found a large, two-story house that just met that requirement, and that's where we unloaded our furniture over the hot Fourth of July weekend. While we were blithely zipping along I-80 in Illinois on our way to Ames, the U-Haul moving van we rented in Lansing ran out of gas. I thought the truck was getting remarkably good mileage, since the gauge had hardly moved since we left Lansing. Fortunately, Nancilee was right behind me in the family car. I drove the car to the nearest town and returned with a can of gasoline, while Nancilee and our daughters sat on the roadside. Nancilee was not impressed by my ability to stretch out stops between gas stations.

Our two-story house in Ames didn't turn out as well as I hoped, and after a few days Nancilee and I started to look for another place. A duplex we had seen advertised in the Ames newspaper looked promising, so we drove there. I asked a fellow who was puttering in his yard at an adjacent unit about the possibility of fitting six people into the vacant duplex. He thought a second and then opined that it wasn't possible for six people to comfortably live there. After all, he and his wife had one child and felt crowded. Ignoring his advice, we made an appointment to inspect the two-bedroom rental unit and decided we could adapt to it quite nicely. Despite the slight increase in rent, we moved to 1326 Wilson Street, the next day. The fellow I had talked to earlier turned out to be one of our enjoyable neighbors, Jim Brewer, an attorney in Ames. We were in one of four units owned by Gunder Fjare, a Norwegian immigrant. His daughter, Gretchen, was married to Gene Weirson, with whom we became friends.

My primary responsibility at Iowa State was to develop a summer institute for foreign students who needed to improve their English language skills. Working closely with Dr. Walker and Eugene Clubine, Director of Foreign Student and Visitor Services at the University, I organized, administered, and taught the program, which attracted a substantial number of undergraduate and graduate foreign students from its start in the summer of 1965. The program was a success and continues today. We settled comfortably into life in Ames, but the battle of the dollars didn't end, nor did the challenge of raising four girls, each with an independent personality and two of them in their teens. Nancilee was assisting in the dollar category by taking care of a toddler named Dena.

One of the big events of 1965 was a pleasant vacation at Nancilee's brother's ranch in Colorado. The six of us drove there, making it as far as Sidney, Nebraska, the first night. We stayed at the El Palomino Motel on U.S. 30 and completed the trip the next day by going through Wyoming, and then heading south to Larry and Dayl Kendall's country home near Steamboat Springs. While there, I had my first horseback ride. Somehow I got my foot under the creature's hoof and suffered a rather painful bruise that bothered me for several days. That was my last horseback ride. During the return trip home we decided we were close enough to

home by bedtime that it didn't make sense to spend the night on the road. We drove straight through, arriving home safe but weary. Nancilee had packed a picnic lunch before we left Larry's and Dayl's ranch, which we planned to eat by the side of the road, near a stream. The mosquitoes were thick and aggressive, forcing us to finish our meal in the car, windows closed and temperature rising by the minute. But the sandwiches were good. It was an experience for only the very young and foolish.

In the summer of 1966 we took an extended vacation in Michigan. The six of us, plus 6'9" Raul Duarte and all of our luggage, made the trip from Ames to Grand Haven in moderate comfort in a four-door Ford sedan. Raul, a basketball player, came to Iowa State from Peru on an athletic scholarship. For a few years he was part of the family. After a short visit with family in Grand Haven, we continued to the Kendall's cottage on Lake 13, near Farwell, Michigan, to complete a wonderful interlude in our routine. Raul wisely returned to Ames on a bus.

At Iowa State I also taught English literature courses, but the summer institute was my passion. I was intrigued by the many cultures represented by the students in my classes, whether Asian, European, African, and their ways of looking at life and interpreting it fascinated me. Exposure to cultural diversity whetted my appetite to experience other cultures. My work with foreign students motivated me in the spring of 1966 to apply for a Fulbright Lectureship in Iran. I was edgy for a few months while waiting for word, and edgy again when I received word that I had been accepted. I and my family would be headed to the Middle East in the late summer of 1967. My travel was paid through the Fulbright Program, but somehow I had to pay the cost of transportation for the rest of the family. Pan American Airlines offered to finance the price of their tickets, interest free and payable in monthly installments. Our total debt to Pan Am was \$5,000, a huge sum in 1967, but my Fulbright stipend was \$12,800 a year, almost double what I was making at Iowa State University, and the cost of living in Iran was far lower than in the States.

We endured the series of shots and inoculations required for travel to the Middle East. The Seven Day War between Israel and Egypt in early June 1967 was disturbing, and a few people thought I was somewhat unbalanced to take my wife and four daughters to that troubled land. Both Nancilee and I thought the Fulbright was too interesting an opportunity to pass up. We went ahead with our plans despite the turbulent situation in the Middle East.

In the middle of August we vacated our house in Ames, sold our car, put our possessions in storage, and took a Greyhound to Bettendorf, Iowa. There our friends Sara and Noel Todd housed us for a night and drove us to O'Hare Airport the next afternoon for the long overnight flight to London. After a few days sightseeing we flew to Munich and spent several nights there as tourists. In Munich, we boarded the Orient Express, bound for Istanbul. It was a Turkish holiday. The train was overbooked, our compartment was oversold, and the promised dining car was never attached. To add to the adventure, while the train stopped at the Yugoslav border for a passport check, a polite military officer confiscated our six passports and wouldn't release them until I had slipped him a \$20 bill. And our luggage was lost.

A former student, Erol Karaoglu met us at the Istanbul station, which was a good thing. Erol's skill as a native Turkish speaker and his knowledge of the bureaucracy helped us locate our bags and have them delivered to our room in the heart of Istanbul. Despite the logistical difficulties, we enjoyed our two-day Istanbul layover, particularly dinner on the Bosphorus Straits, where we felt quite cosmopolitan. Erol and my daughters were amused when a belly-dancer he hired performed her fluid movements as we dined. The next leg of our journey was the relatively short flight to Tehran. We were met by Mr. Sadeghi, an Iranian, who drove us to the Fulbright headquarters. After a few days of orientation, I and the other Fulbright scholars began our assigned tasks.

My position was with the College of Education at the University of Tehran. A young woman by the name of Parvin Atai was my Iranian counterpart. She oriented me to the Iranian culture, preferred ways to teach in an Iranian classroom, and became a long-term friend. Parvin some years later married an American and moved to Maine, where I once visited her. My students at the University of Tehran were intelligent, motivated, and friendly. It was not unusual for the six of us to be invited to their homes for dinner or other social gatherings. A few days prior to our departure from Iran, I was feted at a going-away party and presented with a Persian rug.

Around the middle of the year, Professor William Marquardt at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana contacted me. He knew that I intended to enroll in the doctoral program at the University and that I was teaching Iranian students how to teach English. He invited me to join him and others as part of the Peace Corps program in Sierra Leone to train Peace Corps volunteers to teach English to elementary students. I was more accustomed to teaching college and graduate students, but I recognized that the offer was too enticing an opportunity not to accept.

We flew from Tehran to London in early June 1968, where we spent a few days while we waited for final flight instructions from the Peace Corps. When the tickets arrived, we flew to Freetown, Sierra Leone. I taught in Freetown for six weeks and then was transferred 'upcountry' to a remote village and continued teaching for another six weeks. It was another year of change, some fundamental and some superficial, such as different mailing addresses – five for me. On our first night in Freeport, we stayed at the home of the local Peace Corps Director, Joe Kennedy. He and I had to attend a Peace Corps meeting, leaving Nancilee and the four daughters alone in the large, unfamiliar house. They were relieved to see us return about 11:00 p.m. They had heard the rhythmic beat of drums all evening, as well as footsteps around the perimeter of the house. The five of them were sure it was a ritual that preceded an unpredictable outcome. We found out the next day that the music was part of a wedding festivity and nothing more. The sound of footsteps came from the regular night watchman, who guarded Joe's place. We learned that a night watchman was essential in Freetown to guard against theft, and within a day or two we hired Barry to watch our house.

Six weeks before I was scheduled to leave Freetown and return to the states, Nancilee, Debbie, Teri, Sam, and Kathy flew to Champaign-Urbana. I had accepted an assistantship to teach English as a Second Language at the University of Illinois, and I could start to meet the requirements for a doctorate in English. The five of them settled into the house we had rented

from the University and waited for my arrival. In late August the girls enrolled in their new schools. After a year in the International School in Teheran, they had adjustments to make.

It was difficult to make it through my remaining time in Sierra Leone without family, but I persevered until my flight home in early September. My income, combined with Nancilee's, provided enough funds to cover the basic expenses of food, shelter, tuition, and books, but little else. I was grateful to be a fulltime student and part-time teacher.

The year 1969 was one of those more or less stable interludes in our family life. We changed addresses only when we moved from the University house at 211 Hessel Boulevard in Urbana to 710 West John Street in adjacent Champaign. On John Street our new neighbors were Pat and Joe Wenzel next door, and Samps and Betty McQuiston a few houses away. Joe taught speech at the University, and Samps was employed as a sales agent by Brach's Candy Company. The most difficult part of life at this time was our being raised by four daughters, three of them teenagers – two actually and one wannabe – whose personalities became more distinct, each with strong inclinations toward independence.

A highlight of the year was my acceptance into the Teachers Training Teachers program. Funded by the U. S. Department of Education, the TTT grant made it possible for me to complete my doctoral work without securing additional income, beyond what Nancilee earned. The annual stipend of \$12,000 was generous, and the fellowship included tuition and books. The program's mission was to train teachers to train teachers – thus the three T's. The flexible program allowed me to blend my three areas of interest: linguistics, literature, and education. The requirements included passing a foreign language exam, which I already had done in French; completing a few education courses; taking a three-hour exam on the hundred best books of American and British literature; participating in an internship; and, finally, writing and defending a thesis centered on the internship. Twenty were enrolled in the first year of the program. Some were unable to satisfy the requirements and left without their doctorates. Professor Julius N. "Nick" Hook, of the English Department at the University of Illinois administered the program. Occasionally he hosted social gatherings that allowed us to become better acquainted.

I finished my course work and passed the written exam, two of the four doctoral degree requirements. The thesis was my next hurdle, followed by an oral exam with my committee. As part of that process I applied for and was offered the job of administering an internship program in Puerto Rico for nine students who were seeking their master degrees from the University in the teaching of English as a Second Language. The interns' assignment in Puerto Rican public schools was to teach English to students whose native language was Spanish. While they taught, I could complete the research for my thesis and write it.

Puerto Rico has been a territory of the United States since the Spanish-American War in 1898. On the surface, it looks much like mainland USA, but underneath there was a thriving Spanish culture, making it an interesting academic year, professionally and socially. Our home and my office were in Arecibo, a one-hour drive west of San Juan on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

Before we left Urbana, our eldest daughter, Debbie, married Stephen Mayberry. Steve was completing his bachelor degree at the University of Illinois. The wedding ceremony took place

on July 8, 1970, at a local church, followed by a reception at the Holiday Inn. They remained in Champaign while the rest of us flew to Puerto Rico.

Upon our arrival on the island, Nancilee, Teri, Sam, Kathy and I lived briefly in a not-so-pleasant apartment that overlooked the rocky shoreline of the Atlantic Ocean. Within a few weeks we moved to a much more pleasant abode, a detached house on the same street, Avenida Atlantico, a few miles west of Arecibo. We established some solid friendships in the neighborhood, including Mirlene and Sherman Bennett, Herman and Mae Kress, and Dolores and David Alfond. The Kresses owned a woman's foundation manufacturing business in Arecibo, and the Alfond family owned and operated the Dexter Shoe Company factory, also in Arecibo, although the company's headquarters were in Maine.

The title of my thesis was *An In-Country Internship Program in the Teaching of English as a Second Language*. The interns were Julia and John Adams, Alice Bennett, Shirley Crosby, Sandra Elbaum, Jean Katus, Karen Levy, Anita Van Gaasbeek, and Marcia Schuck. Marcia dropped out early in the year. By the end of the 1970-71 academic year I finished my work in Puerto Rico, successfully defended my doctoral thesis, and received my Ph. D. from the University of Illinois. I and my family returned to Urbana and rented a University house at 301 Bliss. I was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of English as a Second Language and had an office in the new Language Arts Center. Another new life had begun. I expected that my professional career would be rewarding and productive, that Urbana would become our permanent home, and that my family would find a more stable life.

My hopes were stymied. I felt stagnant and uninspired in my job at the University and responded quickly and positively when Lou Vaccaro offered me the opportunity to become Dean of the College at Colby Junior College in New London, New Hampshire. Even though I didn't have the least idea what was expected of an academic dean, I was eager to learn. My interview on the campus went well, and my appointment was confirmed. I was hired at a salary of \$15,000, plus housing to be provided by the college. In keeping with family custom, we lived in three different houses during our nine years in New London. At the start of my tenure there, it was a college for women only.

It soon became clear that I hadn't simply accepted 'another job'. Just carrying the title Dean implied expectations and responsibilities I hadn't anticipated, some beyond the campus, and all of them challenging, especially during the first two years. Leading faculty members was not the same as being a faculty member. Nothing in my previous academic experience prepared me for life at a small college in a small New England town. In our first year in New London we experienced more culture shock in New Hampshire than we did overseas, but, interestingly, we were more readily accepted by native-born New Londoners, all of whom were gracious, friendly, and accepting, than by the faculty at Colby Junior College. Fortunately there were exceptions, and we made several enduring friendships with college personnel, such as Dorothy Egan in the English Department and Becky Irving in the Science Department. I was determined to 'succeed' once I was able to determine the ingredients for success. Our first residence, rented by the college for our use, was an imposing residence on Seamans Road. Our stay there raised the eyebrows of a few of the faculty members who thought we were living a bit too

large. Perhaps they were right. The highest salary then in place for a full professor was \$12,000. One of my goals was to increase all faculty salary ranges to a competitive level.

I had replaced Richard Crockford, who resigned to take the presidency at Franklin College in Massachusetts. He had taken over the deanship in 1970 from Eleanor Dodd. Dean Dodd, who lived from 1907 to 1990, joined Colby Junior College in 1929 and spent her last thirteen years there as Dean of the College. When I went to New London to interview for the position, she asked me why in the world I wanted the job. I didn't have a wise answer, and it was a question I asked myself over and over in the following months. She shared a home with Elizabeth 'Zib' Billings, also on the faculty. One evening they invited Lou and me for refreshments and conversation. We had a lot of both, and Dean Dodd matched us drink for drink. Lou and I felt obligated to accept Dean Dodd's offer of refilling our glasses, and we enjoyed ourselves immensely, but Dean Dodd and Zib remained sober and staid. I think they were amused by their male guests. I was late for dinner, but even worse, after dinner I had to attend a student hearing at one of the dorms to discuss alcohol abuse among the students. I worried that my own imbibing would be embarrassingly apparent.

One of my mentors on campus was Louise Koory, Dean of Student Affairs. I could talk easily to her about job-related problems because she respected the confidential nature of our conversations. A native of Malone, New York, she had been at the college since 1950. After her retirement, she became an Alzheimer's patient in a New London foster care home. The last time I saw her, Dean Koory had no inkling of whom I was, but she was pleasant and gracious, as always. She died not long after my final visit.

Another close friend was Milo Roy London, who was born in 1890 and taught at Colby Academy from 1915 to 1918 and at Colby Junior College from 1928 to 1968. After the death of his wife, Mary, in October 1972, Roy donated his house and land to the college. Eventually the two-story frame house was converted to a dormitory, but from 1973 to 1975 it was the Ewing residence. Located on Main Street, directly opposite the entrance to the campus, it was a comfortable home that Roy and Mary built in the mid-1930s for \$3600. It had a roomy apartment in the rear, which Roy occupied until his death in a car accident in January 1974.

We had many interesting conversations with Roy. He told us that he conversed with Susan Colby, the founder of Colby Academy, not long before her death in 1919 at the age of 101. I always thought that Roy provided me with a direct link to Susan and the beginnings of the college. When we moved into the house the next year, Nancilee and I rolled up the linoleum that covered the floor in one of the upstairs bedrooms and discovered several hundred dollars sandwiched between the flooring and the linoleum. Roy had no idea his wife had hidden the money and was delighted to claim it.

After graduation from high school, Sam attended Colby-Sawyer for a short time, as did Kate (as Kathy came to be known). Teri enrolled in a few classes during one of her stays with us. None of the daughters was motivated to continue their college careers, although Kate did eventually receive her bachelor degree from a Massachusetts college some years later.

It wasn't until the end of the 1974-75 academic year that I felt 'at home' on the campus. I understood the requirements of being Dean and established better rapport with the faculty. We

had renamed the institution Colby-Sawyer College to more accurately reflect the addition of several bachelor degree programs. Nancilee and I settled into a comfortable routine of entertaining and being entertained in the homes of our many new friends. We adapted to our new house, and we also adapted to New London. Our happiness increased as we developed friendships with our neighbors, close by and afar. With new friends came an increasing amount of social engagements off campus and opening ceremonies in September, alumni functions, fund-raising events, and commencement weekend activities on campus.

Sometimes my responsibilities thwarted our much anticipated summer vacations, but usually we were able to visit family and friends in Michigan. While in Grand Haven on one summer outing, I renewed my friendship with Fleda Nevins. Miss Nevins had been my junior high-school science teacher, and we got along well then and later in life. My literature-oriented brain absorbed a lot of science under her tutelage. She was tiny, less than five feet, and didn't weigh more than eighty-five pounds. But she wielded muscle in the classroom and took no nonsense from any of the hormonally-challenged boys. As a young student, I visited her in her apartment on Fourth Street in Grand Haven on occasion, and one time we hiked the beach to dig fossils out of the clay banks near the Wilderness. She died in 1989, a few weeks before her 89th birthday.

Elinore and Carl Cochran were among our best friends in New London, during our residency and afterward. Not long after I appeared on campus in August 1972, Carl invited me to lunch at his house so we could have a tête à tête and learn more about each other. He was generally supportive of my work as academic dean, but he was quick to speak out on issues important to him: academic freedom, fair wages, and a strong curriculum. In addition to chairing the English Department and teaching a few courses, Carl was an artist. During summers he maintained a studio in his barn attached to his home on Main Street in New London, where he exhibited and sold his paintings and sculptures. Their sale was not only artistically satisfying, but also provided additional income. They had moved into their rambling two-story farmhouse, with connected barn and shed, about 1960, not long after their arrival in New London. The historic house was a wonder outside and in. Although each of its numerous rooms was furnished in period style, primarily Victorian, they were warm and inviting, filled with distinctive items, many made by Carl, some acquired elsewhere through the years.

Elinore, Carl, Nancilee, and I shared many delightful hours, either at our homes or traveling as far afield as Quebec, Canada. Elinore's delectable dinners and bent for entertaining were legendary throughout town. Nancilee and I were always happy to be included in her parties, which sometimes took the form of midnight suppers. They had two sons: Malcom, an artist and on the faculty at Ohio State University in Columbus; and Benjamin, who founded a partial outlet for his creative talents in welding, auto body repair, and hot air balloons. Carl was born in Maryland in 1916 and died at his home in New London in 2000. Elinore stayed in the family home until her death in 2008, a few weeks after her 90th birthday.

Nancilee and I settled into a comfortable routine that continued for the next three years. During this time, we watched our remaining children grow up, move away, come back, and mature some more. We never were sure when they would go out on their own for good, but eventually

each one did. 1979 was the year we welcomed the first of our grandchildren, Michael Mayberry in January and Nicole Thomas in June. Eventually eight more would join the family.

Lou Vaccaro left the college in early 1977 to become president of St. Mary's College in Albany, New York. I served as Interim President of Colby-Sawyer until the arrival of H. Nicholas Muller III in October 1977.

1980 was one of our quietest and most routine years in New London – until December. Eight years in the same job, five years at the same address, and growing differences with Nick Muller prompted me to create a new life completely unlike anything Nancilee and I had done before. Our leap of faith included considerable quantity of hope, hope that our soon-to-be nightclub, in Stowe, Vermont, The Playhouse, would succeed. It was to be a disco, a fad of that era, with a bar and a limited menu.

In September I was named the first Provost of Colby-Sawyer College. Three months later I tendered my resignation in order to devote my time to running The Playhouse. The college retained me as a consultant through June of the next year.

Nancilee and I hired John Thomas as general manager of The Playhouse and put him in charge of signing bands to provide dance music on the weekends. Other expectations were that he would be trustworthy, loyal, and responsible, that our investment in dollars and time would pay off. Owning and managing a disco nightclub was so far removed from our character, from our comfort zone and from our area of expertise, that in retrospect we could see it for what it was: an escape for me from the confines of the college and New London and the rapidly increasing spiral of cocktail and dinner parties, fund raising, and ceremonial obligations. We took out a second mortgage on our New London home to finance The Play House, and our borrowed \$15,000 soon disappeared. We closed about six weeks after our grand opening on Christmas Eve day 1980.

Within a few months, I was able to pay down the second mortgage. In order to conserve our savings, I took several temporary jobs, one of them as manager of a golf course that had been donated to the college. Even though I was not a golfer, I understood enough of the game to be comfortable with those who did.

In the course of the ensuing months, I learned to accept the fact that I would not be able to continue my career in education, either as faculty member or administrator. I ascribed that disappointment to age bias. I was nearly fifty years old and my qualifications and background seemed to price me out of competition for even a mid-level job at a college or university, and I applied to many. Too often, potential employers told me I was over qualified. I decided that meant my salary expectations would be high even if unstated, and that if I took a job below a certain level, I would always be looking for another position to improve my status. Why pay me a large sum when someone younger could be hired for much less? I also discovered that administrative and teaching positions often were advertised nationally to convey an image of fair employment practices, but in actuality a person within the organization had been earmarked for the job from the beginning. The 'nationwide search' seemed to be an empty ritual on many campuses.

Fortunately my friend, Tony Hanslin, had contracted to market a condominium complex in Bradford, Massachusetts. He hired me to be the sole sales agent for the seventy-six units, although I received ample help from the young owner of the complex, Rick Bendetsen of Boston. I didn't enjoy the experience, but I did appreciate the income. Although initially out of my element, I slowly began to feel more confident selling condos, which bolstered my confidence. Herb Dever managed the Bradford Village complex, and he and I worked well together. The company's goal of a sellout was reached in two years, despite astonishingly high interest rates of around 18%. Many of the units were purchased as investment property.

The National Association of Home Builders recognized Emil Hanslin, founder of Yankee Barn Homes, as one of American housing's most influential leaders in the last hundred years. Emil, who founded Yankee Barn Homes in 1969, designed frame homes, using timbers from old barns. He was adept at marketing his 'barn homes', which were designed to fit modern lifestyles and were constructed with materials chosen to protect against a variety of weather conditions and to enhance energy conservation. Company headquarters were located at Eastman Pond, a four-season residential development of Yankee Barn homes not far from New London. After his father's death, Tony took over the company's leadership. Bob Aisner, who had been Director of Admissions at Colby-Sawyer, started working for the Hanslins.

After our goals at Bradford Village were met, Tony offered me a job in the Yankee Barn sales department. Despite the Hanslin's success across the county, I couldn't picture myself selling Yankee Barn homes for the next several years, so 1983 became another year of sea change for Nancilee and me. In the spring of 1983 I sold the last of the seventy-six condominium units at Bradford Village. At the same time we found a buyer for our house in New London. The day after the closing, we moved to my hometown of Grand Haven, Michigan, where I became an independent contractor selling real estate for the Clyde Hendrick Office, managed by the founder's son, Bob. Ironically, my mother worked for the same firm about thirty years before. For the first time in our married lives Nancilee and I were permanently childless – or at least we thought so. We began to define 'empty nest syndrome' at a very personal level.

Our four daughters had moved on to new adventures and new territories. On January 24, 1978, in Stowe, Vermont, Sam married Peter Kline. They were divorced not long after the wedding. John Thomas became the father of her first three children, all born in Leominster: Nicole, born on June 19, 1979; Eli, born on January 21, 1981; and Michelle, born on August 29, 1982. Sam and John eventually parted, and she then married Ernest 'Rusty' Murphy on November 25, 1984, in Massachusetts. They had one child, Tyler, born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on September 22, 1986. In the spring of 1984 Sam and her four children moved from New England for good and spent a couple of months with Nancilee and me at our house on Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township. We soon bought a suitable home in Grand Haven for Sam and her children and rented it to her.

After a couple of difficult relationships, Teresa 'Teri' on October 31, 1993 married Douglas Mocherman. Doug had two children from an earlier marriage, Joshua and Aja. The next year, on June 24th, Kate married Richard Paul Marchand, a policeman in Salem, New Hampshire. Paul had two children from a previous marriage, Christopher and Michael, and Kate had her

son, Ryan Kelley Ewing, born in New London, New Hampshire, on July 29, 1981. By the time of Kate's wedding, Nancilee and I had six grand-children and four step-grandchildren.

Meanwhile, as we settled into the family cottage on Lincoln Street four miles south of Grand Haven, Nancilee found employment with the Hendrick Real Estate Office as bookkeeper in the Property Management Department. My five-year career in real estate ended none-too-soon in the fall of 1986, when I was hired by the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross to be its Executive Director. It was a low-paying job, \$20,000 a year, but much more in line with my desire to serve people. Fortunately I met the Board's expectations and was given a 10% salary increase within a few months and regular annual increases thereafter. By the time I retired from the Red Cross in September 1995, my starting salary had more than doubled.

I was ready for retirement. My primary function with the Red Cross was to raise money. That focus became particularly acute when I and the Board of Directors decided we needed to move the Chapter from a house at 89 West Eleventh Street in Holland and open new quarters at 250 James Street, a few miles north of Holland. The capital campaign to raise a large enough amount of money for the new building, combined with the continual fund raising needed to meet every-day operating expenses had drained my energy and creativity.

Two years after we moved into the newly-constructed quarters, Betty Kammeraad, whom I had known since I was a teenager, told me there was a part-time position at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, based in Grand Haven. I was hired as Curator of Education right after my retirement party at the Red Cross. I theoretically was obligated to spend twenty hours a week in my part-time position, but my actual time typically exceeded that number significantly. My early devotion to history was rekindled by being in the company of educators and historians. Now I could focus my research and writing on local history.

One of my first undertakings at the museum was to compile a *Directory of People in Northwest Ottawa County*. My goal was to provide detailed biographical sketches of some of the people who had helped make Grand Haven and the surrounding area the attractive community it had become. Within a short time I found the number of entries growing exponentially. I continue to add to it, and it now contains well over three thousand names. Once that book was in progress, it led naturally to three others: *Buildings & Sites* – where those people lived and worked; *Businesses and Industries* – the birth, growth, and demise of the organizations that provided employment over the past 180 years; and *Historical Topics* – a recounting of many events and unusual subjects that dominated local history. Between 2002 and today, seven more books appeared, two of them focusing on the Ewing family: *Grand Haven Area, 1860-1960* (2002); *Grand Haven Area 1905-1975 In Vintage Postcards* (2003); *Maritime Grand Haven, Coast Guard City USA* (2006); *Then & Now, Grand Haven* (2009); *From Home to Trench, the Civil War Letters of Nan and Mack Ewing* (2011); *Our People, Their Stories* (2012); *Genius Denied, the Life and Death of Max Ewing* (2012); *Slaves Soldiers Citizens, African Americans in Northwest Ottawa County* (2012); *Covenant Life Church 1988-2013* (2013); and *Substance and Light, 75 Years of the West Michigan Symphony* (2014). Starting in February 1998, I composed a bi-weekly article for the local newspaper titled, *Remembering Our Past*. It featured an historical photograph and an explanatory paragraph or two. Sixteen years later, I'm still writing the article.

Although my part-time job as Curator of Education renewed my interest in local history, my association with the museum as a paid staff member was short lived. In the fall of 1997 I retired again, completely this time and devoted myself to working as a volunteer, doing much the same thing I had been doing, but on my schedule and without pay. It's been a filled agenda ever since.

On June 8, 2005, after several years of limited physical activity, Nancilee succumbed to emphysema. We had celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary the previous February, and it was hard to adapt to life without her.

The good fortune I had experienced throughout most of my life continued to favor me, especially when I met Betty Jane Livingston at a church social gathering in mid-fall 2005. Even during that first meeting we realized that we shared similar views of art, music, travel, physical activity, transcultural experiences, religion, and politics. We soon were dating and before long we fell in love. It was a perfect match, and our friendship blossomed, culminating in marriage on August 25, 2006.



**Shay, Chad, and Jane
in Bath, England.**

Born in nearby Muskegon, Michigan on October 21, 1942, Betty Jane (Pickel) was ten years younger than I. She had two children by her marriage to David Livingston: Shay Hadley Livingston, born at Edwards Air Force Base in California on August 21, 1969, and Chad David Livingston, born in Headington, England, on July 24, 1972. I admired the two children and their spouses: Gunnar Christian Tande, Shay's husband, and Sue Suh, Chad's wife. The Tande's son, Gunnar Mason Tande, was born in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, on February 18, 2006. Similarly, Jane responded positively to Debbie, Teri, Sam, and Kate, and their families, and they in turn greeted her as a family member.

A few days after our wedding, Jane and I flew to England to spend time with her friends in Oxford, Eleanore and Alan Jackman. The university town was fascinating, and I particularly enjoyed Blackwell's Book Store on Broad Street. Five floors of books! It was another heaven for me. Toward the end of our stay, I received an offer to teach English to third-year students at the People's Republic of China's Dalian University of Finance and Economics.

Jane and I agreed it would be an adventure we shouldn't miss. Two weeks after our return to Grand Haven, we were in the air again, this time flying to Beijing and then on to Dalian, a city of over six million people. It is situated on the Yellow Sea at the tip of a peninsula 200 miles east of China's capital. By Chinese standards we lived well in the International House on campus, and we quickly learned to enjoy the bold flavors of Sichuan cuisine. My students were exceptionally bright, motivated, and fluent in basic English. It was a good year.

In the years following our return to America, Jane and I visited Prince Edward Island, Singapore (twice), back to England and Wales, and on to Scotland, where we spent a couple of nights in Kilfinan on Loch Fyne, walking paths my ancestors had trod. We also traveled within the states, making multiple trips to Colorado, Arizona, New York, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Utah,

primarily to visit family. Ewing Family Association Gatherings took us to Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Through it all I have maintained my ties to local history and family genealogy, and Jane has secured her niche in calligraphy, a fine art she first studied and practiced in Seattle, Washington, nearly twenty years ago. Her works have been on exhibit in various venues around the United States, including the prestigious Newberry Library in Chicago and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and overseas in Wales, Singapore, and Belgium.

I had lived in the family home on Lincoln Street, adjacent to the Wilderness, for more than 30 years, but in the spring of 2013, Jane and I made a quick but confident decision to move into a renovated condominium. The Sandpiper Condominium complex is a few blocks from downtown Grand Haven and about the same distance from the Lake Michigan shoreline. Our resolve to leave the family property on Lincoln Street was the result of a heart attack I had while we were visiting Chad and Sue in Singapore in March that year, followed by two stents, a quadruple by-pass, and a defibrillator implant. The endless responsibilities of maintaining a house and its grounds compounded those medical concerns.



Jane and I among the icebergs in Lake Michigan.

In November, two weeks after our move into the nearly completed condominium, Jane and I drove to Salida, Colorado, where we recharged ourselves in the mountains for the next six months. We had been visiting that historic silver mining town each November for several years, and we were stimulated by the people and their way of life. Bicycling in panoramic valleys, hiking mountain trails, basking in the hot springs, and gazing at startling sunrises and sunsets in the spectacular western sky gave us new energy. Our stay in Salida also gave us the opportunity to be with Shay, Gunnar, and Gunnie, occasionally for a week or more.

Today, Jane and I are biking, kayaking, strolling the placid beaches, swimming the fresh water of Lake Michigan, and relishing brilliant sunsets on its horizon. Life in our new home, remodeled to fit our pared-down style, is peaceful and inspiring. We are content that a variety of circumstances and choices brought us to this point in our lives.

Wallace K. Ewing's grandfather, A.E. Ewing, bequeathed him the family genealogy gene. Some of Wally's earliest memories are of sitting on A.E.'s lap listening to stories of their early Ewing ancestors: Pocahontas James, Swago Bill, and Indian John, among a host of others. A.E. knew how to tell a story and how to make history personal and exciting for even a five-year old. 'More than seventy years later,' Wally says, 'my pulse still quickens when I read or hear about another Ewing, and if that Ewing is remotely related to me, my heart beats even faster.' A retired teacher, Wally has delved deeply into the history of his hometown as well as his family genealogy. He can be reached by EMail at WKEwing1@gmail.com.



Charles and Robert Ewing, Part III – Robert Ewing

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Robert Ewing (about 1718 – 1787)

He married, no later than 1749, Mary Baker (about 1730 – 1790), daughter of Caleb Baker and his wife, Martha. His will names eleven²² children, and states that one of his sons, Baker, was in Kentucky obtaining land on his behalf. Not long after Robert's widow's death on June 25, 1790,²³ all their remaining children went west, some pausing in Nashville for a while; then, starting about 1792, moving about 75 miles north to Logan County, Kentucky. Logan County was only sparsely settled at that time. A County historian²⁴ described the earliest Logan County inhabitants as:

... hardened in sin, inclined to the world, and many of them vile outlaws... And the Ewings came and brought the law and the gospel; for before them was no law and no gospel.

1. John Ewing (about 1749 – 1803/4)

He married, probably by 1770, his cousin Martha Baker (about 1754 – 1812), daughter of Samuel Baker and Elizabeth Glover.²⁵ During the 1770s, he had some trade or business requiring an apprentice.²⁶ By 1795, he and his family had moved to Logan County, Kentucky.

1.1. Pamela/Permelia Ewing (13 December 1770 –)

On 27 June 1786, Bedford County, Virginia, she married William Coner Edgar (1766 – 1846), son of John Edgar. By 1797, they resided in Logan County, Kentucky, and by 1811, in Christian County, Kentucky.

1.2. George Washington Ewing (by 1771 – prior to 19 May 1817)

On 28 February 1801, Logan County, Kentucky, he married Mary W. Frazier (1785 – 1817), daughter of James Carr Frazier and Margaret Walker.

1.3. Sidney Ewing (1773/5 -)

On 12 October 1793, Bedford County, Virginia, she married Micajah Rowland (about 1770 – 1817). He died in Logan County, Kentucky, in 1817.

²² Ewing, Presley Kittredge, *op. cit.*, added another daughter, Jane. This is an error; she apparently belongs to a Carolina family.

²³ This date is from Jan Swart, janswart2000@yahoo.com, a Baker family researcher.

²⁴ Finley, Alex C, *The History of Russellville and Logan County*, Bk 2, *The Herald*, 1879; as quoted by Coffman, Edward, *The Story of Logan County*, Parthenon Press, Nashville, 1962.

²⁵ Information on John Ewing and his family from the research of Norma Ewing Young of San Rafael, California, a descendant of John B.S. Ewing,

²⁶ See his letter to Governor Thomas Jefferson, digitized on The Library of Virginia website.

1.4. Samuel B. Ewing (by 1775 – by 1840)

He married 20 January 1795, Logan County, Kentucky, Jean Jackson (about 1775 -) daughter of Joseph Jackson; and perhaps (2) 4 September 1811, Logan County, Betsy Helms (1777 –).²⁷ He removed to Logan County, Illinois, about 1825; by 1830, he had moved to Tazwell County, Illinois.

1.5. Robartus Ewing (15 December 1782 – by 1840)

On 10 February 1804, Logan County, Kentucky, he married Polly Jackson Hounsler. They resided in Logan/Christian Counties, Kentucky, until moving to Edwards County, Illinois, sometime between 1820 and 1830.

1.6. Locky Baxter Ewing (24 November 1786 – 10 March 1830)

On 10 January 1804, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Joseph Culton Frazier (1782 – 1860), son of James Carr Frazier and Margaret Walker. They resided in Todd County, Kentucky.

1.7. John B.S. Ewing (about 1788 – by 1860/5)

On 9 July 1809, Logan County, Kentucky, he married his first cousin, Nancy G. Mills (about 1787/91 - March 1852), daughter of John Mills and Martha Ewing. In the early 1830s, they moved to Arkansas; and, about 1839, to Texas.

2. Baker Ewing (about 1750 – by 1818)

During the Revolution, he was credited with transport of military goods; may also have served as a Private. He appears to have been in Kentucky as early as 1779-80.²⁸ In 1783-4, he filed land claims in Lincoln and Jefferson Counties, Kentucky. In 1784, Lincoln County, Kentucky, he married Letitia Sorrell Warren (about 1763 – after 1837), daughter of William Warren and Ann Wilcox.

From 1784 through 1802, he held a variety of offices, in Lincoln and Franklin Counties and at the state level, and is said to have also operated a store. By 1810, he was living in Hopkinsville in Christian County, near some of his married children, as well as his brother Young, who was also his brother-in-law, having married his wife's younger sister Winifred Warren.

At some point after 1810, Baker went on a trip, probably by river — most of the accounts mention either a flatboat or a raft — and met with some misfortune.

²⁷ He has sometimes been credited with a third marriage, to Elizabeth Ford; however, I believe her husband was a different man of the same name.

²⁸ Traditional account of the McAfee family: *The Life and Times of Robert B McAfee and His Family and Connections*, Written by Himself, 1845. <http://itenlen.drizzlehosting.com/mcafee/life/life6.html>. This account says Baker was accompanied by Robert Ewing, presumably either his younger brother, then age about 19, or his cousin, who was probably close to Baker's age.

His family probably never knew exactly what happened, as there are several different traditional explanations.²⁹ His estate is said to have been settled in 1818.³⁰

2.1. Ann Wilcox Ewing (23 September 1785 – by 1850)

On 22 September 1801, Franklin County, Kentucky, she married William Fauntleroy (1778 – after 1850), son of John Fauntleroy and Mary Watkins Keene. In 1810, Christian County, Kentucky; 1820, Logan County, Kentucky; in 1850, Scott County.

2.2. Dr. Robert M. Ewing (29 May 1787 – 9 October 1862)

In 1816, he married Margaret Gano (b about 1797), daughter of Richard M. Gano and Elizabeth M. Ewing. He resided in Christian and Scott Counties, Kentucky.

2.3. Polly A. Ewing (18 July 1789 –)

2.4. Elizabeth Kennedy Ewing (30 June 1791 – 2 December 1873)

In January of 1814, she married George Harlan Briscoe (1783/88 – 1847), son of Jeremiah Briscoe and Elizabeth Harlan. They resided in Mercer County, Kentucky in 1820 and 1830. By 1850, she was living in the household of her son-in-law, Alvin Bacon in Schuyler County, Illinois; in 1870, this household was in Hancock County, Illinois.

2.5. William W. Ewing (4 March 1793 – by 1836)

He married Sarah Coombs (1794 – 1824), daughter of Joseph Coombs. He is said to have gone to Missouri for a time following his wife's death, and to have returned in 1832 to Kentucky, where he was killed perhaps because of a land dispute. In 1836, Mercer County, Kentucky, Baker T. Ewing was named guardian of William's infant son, Joseph.

2.6. John L. Ewing (5 April 1795 –)

On 4 November 1817, Mercer County, Kentucky, he married Betsy Briscoe. In 1840, he may have been in Schuyler County, Illinois.

2.7. Fouchee T. Ewing (12 June 1797 –)

²⁹ Most accounts date his disappearance in 1803 or 1808, but this seems at variance with his 1810 census entry and his 1818 estate settlement. Alternative stories of his loss are: he was taking a load of lumber down the Ohio to New Orleans to sell it and he and his crew were killed by river pirates; his raft met with an accident; he was on a surveying trip in south Arkansas and died. Yet another version, in *Portrait and Biographical Album of DeWitt and Piatt Counties, Illinois*, Chapman Brothers Publishing Company, 1891: says that in the summer of 1811, he went on horseback to Louisiana and died of yellow fever. (As the usual trip from Kentucky to New Orleans was to take goods south on a flat boat, sell the goods, dismantle the boat and sell the lumber, then travel by land back up the Natchez Trace to the Nashville area, these traditional accounts may all be part of the story.)

³⁰ Much of the information about Baker and his children is from: Darnell, Ermina Jett, *Forks of Elkhorn Church*, Clearfield Company, Baltimore, 1993. While this book has various inaccuracies, its list of Baker's children and their spouses is the most complete I have found.

2.8. Letitia S. Ewing (13 June 1799 – after 1870)

In 1815 or 1816, Lincoln County, Kentucky, she married Jacob Spears (1785 - 1865, son of Jacob Spears and Elizabeth Neely. The Spears' had come to Kentucky at a very early date from Rockingham County, Virginia, together with the Carpenter family who established Carpenter's Station. In the 1820s, Jacob and Letitia resided in Greene County, Kentucky. In 1850, they were in Lafayette County, Missouri. In 1860, in the household of their son, George Carpenter Spears, in Menard County, Illinois.

2.9. Baker Finis?/T? Ewing (4 June 1802 - 1844)

On 13 November 1823, Mercer County, Kentucky, he married Sarah Moss Durham (1801 – after 1860), daughter of Thomas Durham and Frances Moss. They resided in Mercer County and Boyle County, Kentucky.

3. Sidney Ann Ewing (1753 – 13 November 1811)

On 2 February 1771, she married Adam Linn (1746/50 – 1832), son of Adam Linn, Sr. of Bedford County, Virginia, and his wife Isabell. This marriage is said to have been an elopement and occurred in Norfolk, Virginia. Adam Linn went west to Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee in the early 1790s, and appears in Christian County, Kentucky records beginning in 1797, where he served as a judge. In 1810, he resided in Hopkinsville. After his wife's death, he remarried and moved to Trigg County, Kentucky. He and Sidney are credited with 12 children.³¹ The following list includes only those for which some additional supporting information was located.

3.1. Ann/Agnes “Nancy” Linn (20 January 1773 – before 1839)

On 1 April 1794, Davidson County, Tennessee, she married Abraham Boyd, son of James Boyd and Martha Burns. They resided in Christian County, Kentucky, and later moved to Trigg County.

3.2. Charles Linn (11 September 1777 – 1858)

In July, 1803, Davidson County, Tennessee, he married Nancy Payne. In 1810, he lived in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky; by 1820, he had moved to Trigg County, and, prior to his death, he moved to Calloway County.

3.3. Joseph Linn (31 March 1780 –)

He is said to have married Elizabeth Joslin. Not located on the census, but was named executor of his father's will written in 1826/probated in 1832, Trigg County, Kentucky.

3.4. Martha Linn (25 June 1875 –)

She married John Dyer, and in 1810 they were living in Hopkinsville; from 1820 through 1840, in Trigg County, Kentucky.

³¹ Presley Kittredge Ewing, *op. cit.*, believed that Sidney died about the time that her father did, leaving a daughter. Linn family researchers, who record a longer life, provide some exact dates, and these children: James, Mary, Nancy, Charles, Joseph, Polly, Martha, Robert, Reuben, Betsy, Margare, and Isabel. See, for example, www.jesshistorical.com, genforum.com, or the World Connect database at www.rootsweb.com.

3.5. Ruben C. Linn (25 May 1790 –)

On 1 March 1810, Trigg County, Kentucky, married Chore Charlotte; on 28 May 1815, Trigg County; married Franky Young, with Abraham Boyd as witness. He is on the 1810 census of Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky, and in 1820 in Trigg County.

3.6. Margaret Linn (3 April 1795 – 27 January 1859)

She was born in Davidson County, Tennessee. On 20 March 1810, Christian County, she married John W. Lindsey (1785 – 1840). They lived in Trigg County, Kentucky, where he had a tan yard and saddle shop. They later moved to Calloway County, Kentucky, and in 1833, they moved to Missouri, briefly to Lexington, Lafayette County; and then to Pettis County (now Benton).

4. Martha “Patsy” “Patty” Ewing (about 1753/55 – before 1810)

In 1772, Botetourt County, she married John Mills.³² He already had one child, John (b. 1 April 1771), whose mother, Elizabeth Lauderdale, had sued him for breach of promise in 1773 and was awarded £25. John and Martha Mills resided in Botetourt County, Virginia, but may have removed to Kentucky in the early 1800s. A John Mills paid taxes in Christian County in 1803 and was enumerated there in 1810, apparently living near Young Ewing.

4.1. Archibald E. Mills (about 1772 – by 1820)

He married about 1797, probably in Sumner County, Tennessee, Nancy Hargraves, possibly the daughter of Francis Hargraves; in 1807, they owned land in Wayne County, Kentucky. After his death, his widow and children moved back to Sumner County; she subsequently remarried, 15 June 1820, Davidson County, Tennessee, her husband's older half-brother, John Mills, as his second wife.

4.2. John S. Mills (about 1773 – after 1830)

He married Agnes Hayden and they resided in Wayne County, Kentucky.

4.3. Narcissa Mills (13 May 1777 -)

About June 1797, reportedly in Botetourt County, Virginia, she married Robert Scroggins (1776 – 1836), son of Samuel Scroggins and Elizabeth Collins who had migrated from Maryland to Bourbon County, Kentucky. (Samuel's mother was a Caldwell.) They resided in Bourbon and Clark Counties, Kentucky.

4.4. Robert “Bartus” Mills (about 1778 –)

He was bequeathed silver shoe and knee buckles in Robert Ewing's will of 1787. May have been in Wayne County, Kentucky in 1820.

4.5. Ulysses Mills (about 1790/99 – after 1850)

He resided in Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1820 and 1830. In 1840 and 1850, he was in Pulaski County, Arkansas, with wife named Louisa (b about 1800).

³² Information on this couple and their children is from the research of Norma Ewing Young; and from census records.

- 4.6. Mary B. Mills (about 1778 –)**
On 20 March 1809, Bourbon County, Kentucky, she married George Scroggins (1779 - 1852), brother of her sister Narcissa's husband. They resided in Bourbon County, Kentucky; sometime before 1840, they moved to Pettis County, Missouri.
- 4.7. Sidney Mills (about 1782 –)**
She married George Stipp, reportedly on 27 June 1803, Botetourt County, Virginia. Apparently resided in Bourbon and Clark Counties, Kentucky.
- 4.8. Patsey Mills (about 178? –)**
She married ____ Parvin. (This surname appears in early Bourbon County, Kentucky, records, but I have not been able to connect her to this family.)
- 4.9. Caleb Baker? Mills (about 1788 – 1857)**
He married Erzilla East, daughter of North East of Wayne County, Kentucky. They left Wayne County sometime after 1830 and went to Monroe County, Missouri. After Erzilla's death in 1833, Caleb remarried to Catherine Runkle; they are said to have removed to Pulaski County Arkansas, where Caleb died.
- 4.10. Nancy G. Mills (about 1787/91 – March 1852)**
Married 6 July 1809, Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky, John B.S. Ewing (about 1788 – 1860/5), her first cousin, son of John Ewing and Martha Baker.
- 4.11. Charles Ewing Mills (about 1796 – January 1859)**
He married, about 1822, Lexington, Kentucky, his cousin Elizabeth Allen Bell (about 1795 - 1881), daughter of John Bell and Jane Mills. His name appears on the census on Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1830 and 1840. Said to have moved to Cass County, Missouri in 1841.
- 5. General Robert Ewing (1760 – 1832, Logan County, Kentucky)**
In 1787, he married Jane McLean, daughter of Ephraim McLean and Elizabeth Davidson. Said to have fought in the Revolution; appears in records as involved in the transport of military supplies. By 1788, he was in the Nashville area. By 1793, he was in Logan County, Kentucky. He served in the Kentucky House and Senate from 1799 through 1817 and was appointed Brigadier General of the Kentucky Militia in 1799. In 1820, he was a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.
- 5.1. Elizabeth Davidson Ewing (1 June 1788 – 14 May 1867)**
She was born in Davidson County, Tennessee. On 27 August 1805, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Thomas J. Townsend (1780/1 – 1851), the son of Thomas T. Townsend and Anaphilida Watson. This couple resided in Logan County.
- 5.2. Ephraim McLean Ewing (4 December 1789 – 11 June 1860)**
He was born in Davidson County, Tennessee. He married 8 September 1821, Logan County, Kentucky, Jane Pope MacIntyre (1795 – 1851), daughter of Thomas McIntyre and Ann Elizabeth Helm. This couple's two sons died young, but another young man,

Fayette Clinton (1821/2 – 1872) was associated in some way with E. M. Ewing's household and may have been living there when the 1840 census was taken; and he received a medical education from Dr. Bowling, E. M. Ewing's brother-in-law. On 27 February 1843, by an act of the Kentucky Legislature, Fayette Clinton changed his name to Fayette Clay Ewing.³³ This must have been done with the Ewing family's knowledge and acquiescence, which implies that this young man was acknowledged as a relative. Fayette Clay Ewing's descendants believe that their ancestor was E. M. Ewing's son, but he was not acknowledged or mentioned in E.M. Ewing's will, which distributed his considerable estate among his nieces and nephews. Alternatively, it is possible that F. C. Ewing was the ward of E.M. Ewing, who often managed legal matters for his relatives. Ephraim McLean Ewing served in the State Legislature in the 1830s, and was Chief Justice of the State in 1843.

5.3. Robert Allen Ewing (4 March 1792 – 8 December 1857)

He moved to Missouri; he married about 1820 Jane Ramsey, daughter of Jonathan Ramsey of Callaway County. They resided in Cole County, Missouri. A lawyer.

5.4. Mary "Polly" Baker Ewing (30 April 1794 – 22 May 1873)

On 23 November 1814, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Rev. Phillips McDonald (1794 - 1815). Following his death, she married Barksdale Spencer (1793 – 1852), son of Moses Spencer. They resided in Logan County.

5.5. Martha "Patsy" Mills Ewing (4 February 1796 –)

On 4 March 1817, Logan County, Kentucky, she married James Fort. She subsequently married 25 October 1821, Logan County, William B. Ross, and they moved to Mississippi, possibly Hinds County.

5.6. Chatham Tomlinson Ewing (4 April 1798 – 17 December 1819)

Unmarried.

5.7. Sophronia McLean Ewing (15 May 1800 – 17 October 1868)

On 13 May 1819, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Dr. James Butler Bowling (1795 – 1878), son of William Bowling and Sally Spillman. They resided in Logan County.

5.8. Jane Howard Ewing (30 April 1804 – 6 September 1831)

On 28 July 1824, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Thomas W. Townsend, nephew of her sister Elizabeth's husband.

5.9. Gilson Payne Ewing (27 April 1807 – 16 February 1879)

Never married. When his brother George Washington Ewing's first wife died in 1841, he adopted their son, Henry C. Ewing.

³³ Kentucky Frontiersmen, vol. 7, "Kentucky Acts 1801-1850."

5.10. George Washington Ewing (29 November 1808 – 20 May 1888)

On 18 January 1836, Logan County, Kentucky, he married (1) Susan Caroline Moss, grand-daughter of Mary Dickerson; and (2) Annie L. Williams (about 1824 - 1883, daughter of Samuel Williams of Montgomery County, Kentucky. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and also in the Confederate Congress.

6. Colonel Young Ewing (about 1762 – 1833)

He was in Kentucky as early as 1783 and, by 1792, he was paying taxes in Logan County, and in 1797, in Christian County. He was married three times: (1) prior to 1784 to Roseanna Duncan [Harrell?]³⁴ (1760 – 1843), daughter of Charles and Mary Duncan of Nelson County, Kentucky; (2) 15 June 1790, Lincoln County, Kentucky, to Winifred Warren, sister of his brother Baker's wife; and (3) about 1826 to Evaline Jennings (b about 1800/08), daughter of John and Virginia Jennings. He held several County offices and also served 23 years in the State Legislature.³⁵

6.1. Mary "Polly" Baker Ewing (about 1787 – 17 December 1859)

On 15 November 1811, Logan County, Kentucky, she married Ephraim Brevard Davidson (1777 – 1821), a widower with several young children; he was a younger brother of Margaret Davidson who had married his wife's uncle, Finis Ewing. They resided in Stewart County, Tennessee, just south of Christian County, Kentucky; and in New Madrid, Missouri. After her husband's death and prior to 1830, Mary moved to Daviess County, Kentucky³⁶ — this county had been formed from western Nelson County and was where her mother and Duncan relatives lived.

7. Judge Reuben Ewing (about 1766 – 1823)

He married (1) 1791 Frances C. Whitsett (about 1771 – by 1796), daughter of William Whitsett and Ellen Menees; and (2) 25 February 1796 Eleanor Whitsett (1770 – March 1816), his deceased wife's sister. He was in Kentucky as early as 1783, acquiring land; in 1790, he was in Nashville, together with his older brother Robert; by 1793 he was paying taxes in Logan County. He served as Sheriff and Judge in Logan County, and in 1821, was elected to the Legislature.³⁷

³⁴ A note written by her granddaughter, Mary Jane Davidson Shortridge, identifies her as Mrs. Harold, and this marriage must have preceded her marriage to Young Ewing, as even after their marriage terminated, she continued to use the Ewing surname. Information from a descendent, Dave Difazio, davdif@earthlink.net. I suggest that the name of her first husband is more likely to have been Harrell than Harold, as Harrells resided in the same area of Kentucky as the Duncans, and Rosanna's younger brother Benjamin Duncan, married, as his second wife, Abigail Harrell, daughter of Moses Harrell, Sr.

³⁵ Research of Chris Elliot, chriseliot@gmail.com.

³⁶ Research of John Lisle, davidson@tqsi.com.

³⁷ Research of Betty Nuss, Weatherford, TX, augmented by census records, McLean family tradition, and Cumberland Presbyterian records a www.cumberland.org.

7.1. Young W. Ewing (about 1796 – by January 1857)

Apparently unmarried and childless. His estate, probated in Logan County, was divided between his siblings or their children.

7.2. William W. Ewing (1796/7 – about 1827)

He married 11 June 1825, Logan County, Kentucky, to Sarah J. Proctor, daughter of Thomas Proctor.

7.3. Sarah D. Ewing (5 November 1800 – 5 May 1823)

Unmarried.

7.4. Mary B. Ewing (about 1801 – prior to 1857)

She married 23 April 1821, Logan County, Kentucky, to Ephraim Love McLean (1800 – 1864), son of George McLean and Pamela Davidson. In 1830 and 1840, they resided in Logan County.

7.5. Eleanor C. Ewing (9 November 1803 – 31 December 1840)

She married 17 April 1825, Logan County, Kentucky, to Robert Donnell King (1801 - 1882), a Cumberland Presbyterian minister. They moved to Johnson County, Missouri.

7.6. James W. Ewing (by 1804 – about 1834)

He married 19 January 1829, Logan County, Kentucky, to Lucille Breathitt (1807 – 1848), daughter of Caldwell Breathitt and Rebecca Harwood; and niece of Governor John Breathitt. (The Breathitts were related to the Whitsetts.) A lawyer. Resided in Christian County.

7.7. Elizabeth C. Ewing (about 1809 – before 1850)

She married 26 December 1827, Logan County, Kentucky, to Andrew Jackson McLean (1805 - 1884), son of George McLean and his cousin Pamela Davidson. They resided in Logan County and Todd County, Kentucky.

8. Urban Ewing (1764/68 – about 1824)

He married 1 March 1787, Abington, Virginia, Mary Ewing, daughter of George Ewing (son of Nathaniel Ewing's half-brother, Samuel, who had migrated to Prince Edward County) and Eleanor Caldwell. During the 1770s, George Ewing and his family had left Prince Edward County and moved west, to Wythe/Montgomery Counties, Virginia. They settled for a few years in Washington County, Virginia, moving on to Logan County, Kentucky, by 1798. He served several terms in the Kentucky Legislature. In 1818-19, they moved to central Missouri, with the families of two of his brothers: Chatham and Finis. Urban settled in Cooper County and he and his children were closely associated with the New Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church.³⁸

³⁸ Cordry, Eugene Allen, *History of New Lebanon, Cooper County, Missouri*, VKM Publishing Company. Available online at <http://www.mogenweb.org/cooper/CooperBitsHist.htm>.

8.1. William Young Conn Ewing (23 January 1788- 28 January 1853)

He married (1) 12 October 1810, Logan County, Kentucky, to Ann Read (1790 – 1812), daughter of John Read and Sarah Foster; (2) 18 August 1813, Logan County, Kentucky, Sallie D. Porter (1783 – 1829), widow of Rees Porter and daughter of William Whitsett and Eleanor Menees; (3) 12 April 1836, Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri, Sallie Whitten McCray.

8.2. Baker W. Ewing (1 January 1790 – by 1824)

Apparently died young.

8.3. Reuben A. Ewing (5 May 1793 – 28 May 1871)

He married 18 August 1813, Logan County, Kentucky, to Polly Hammond (1795 – 1875), daughter of Jeb Hammond. They resided in Cooper County Missouri.

8.4. Eleanor “Nellie” “Ellen” Caldwell Ewing (1791/3 – 18 January 1857)

She married 24 October 1811, Logan County, Kentucky, Anthony Foster Read (1788 – 1845), son of John Read and Sarah Foster; and brother of Ann Read, the first wife of William Young Conn Ewing. They resided in Cooper County, Missouri.

8.5. Mary “Polly” Baker Ewing (6 February 1795 – prior to 1847)

She is said to have married Bryant Sanders (d 1856, Lafayette County, Missouri).

8.6. Nancy W. Ewing (12 January 1797 – after 1850)

She is said to have married Kyrum Dunn. A Riram Dunn appears on the Cooper County census of 1830, in a household consisting only of him and his wife, both in their 30s. In 1850, Nancy Dunn, age 52 was living in the household headed by her older sister, Ellen Read.

8.7. Sidney Cynthia R. Ewing (2 February 1799 – by 1853)

She married 6 February 1823, Cooper County, Missouri, to Joshua Campbell (1801 – 1879), son of Aaron Campbell and Grace Williamson. Sidney and her husband resided in Lafayette County, Missouri.

8.8. George N.³⁹ E. Ewing (22 February 1801 – after 1870)

He married 27 May 1824, Cooper County, Kentucky, to Lucinda Rubey (about 1803 – 1880), daughter of Thomas Rubey and Jane Carson. In 1850 through 1870, he lived in Randolph County, Missouri.

8.9. Jane J. Ewing (23 January 1803 – after 1850)

She married 6 September 1821, Cooper County, Kentucky, to William B. “Bill” Rubey

³⁹ An Internet post states this stood for Neander, a name that was later used among his Uncle Chatham’s descendants. This unusual name also used by apparently unrelated families (Woods, Hoskins) in Kentucky and Tennessee. Perhaps the name is in honor of the German Calvinist minister and hymn-writer, Joachim Neander (Neumann) (1650 – 1680), in for whom the Düsseldorf River was renamed Neander River in the early 1800s. Or, because the name means “new man,” it may have reflected the notion of being born again.

(about 1800 – after 1850), son of Thomas Rubey and Jane Carson. They resided in Cooper County in 1850.

8.10. Elizabeth “Betsy” A. C. Ewing (1805 – 1858)

She married 16 December 1824, Cooper County, Missouri, Charles R. Berry (1799 – 1863), son of James Berry and Rebecca Reagen. By 1840, they resided in Barry County, Missouri.

9. Mary “Polly” Baker Ewing (1766/70 - after 1833)

Married 21 November 1790, Bedford County, Virginia, John Ewing (1761 – 1833), son of George Ewing and brother of her brother Urban’s wife. John Ewing may have been recently widowed, as the traditional birthdates for his two oldest children⁴⁰ predate his marriage to Mary/Polly. In the mid-1790s, they removed to Logan County, Kentucky.

9.1. Eleanor C. Ewing (about 1790 – after 1855)

She married (1) 21 June 1810, Logan County, Kentucky, Greenberry Roberts (about 1789 – 1824), and (2) 31 December 1826, Logan County, Kentucky, William M Ashley, as his third wife. The Ashleys moved to Missouri, probably Lafayette County.

9.2. George Washington Ewing (about 1793 – after 1870)

He married 28 January 1829, Bourbon County, Kentucky, Judith Trabue, said to be the daughter of James Trabue and Jane Ewing Porter; divorced, apparently by 1840. He resided in Logan County, Kentucky.

9.3. Baker W. Ewing (5 November 1795 – before 1850)

He is said to have married Ann Eliza _____. Logan County records place him in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1835.

9.4. Mary Baker “Polly” Ewing (3 September 1797 – before 1850)

She married 29 November 1819, Logan County, Kentucky Seth Woolridge/Woldridge (about 1793 – after 1860). They resided in Todd County, Kentucky.

9.5. Dr. Urban Epenetus⁴¹ Ewing (25 February 1799 – 23 December 1874)

He married (1) 20 April 1823, Lexington, Kentucky Sarah Roberts Loyd Moore (1807 – 1833), daughter of Robert Moore and Katherine Allen Price; and (2) 1836 Louisville, Kentucky, Jane Butler (1804 – 1877), daughter of Pierce Butler and Mildred Hawkins. He resided in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. A physician and quite wealthy.

9.6. Nancy McGready Ewing (7 September 1801 – about 1882)

She married 25 March 1828, Logan County, Kentucky Stephen Townsend (1801 –

⁴⁰ Adeline E. “Dealie” “Delia” Ewing (2 December 1787 – after 1858) m 20 February 1810. Logan County, Kentucky, Charles M. White, divorced 1818; and Robert Mills Ewing (20 March 1789 – prior to 13 April 1835), no heirs.

⁴¹ This was the name of an early Christian bishop. He is mentioned in the Bible and occasional namesakes appear in early American records.

1857), son of Jabez Townsend and Mary Bailey. In 1830, they lived in Robertson County, Tennessee, in 1835, they were in Henry County, Tennessee, and by 1840, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

9.7. Winifred Young Ewing (11 October 1804 – after 1850)

She married 2 June 1830, Logan County, Kentucky, John Violet (1803 - after 1850), son of Edward Violet and Elizabeth Hite. In 1840, they lived in Logan County, Kentucky; in 1850 in Paducah, McCracken County.

10. Chatham Ewing (1768/9 – 1839, Lafayette County, Missouri)

He married, 14 April 1790, Bedford County, Virginia, Elizabeth Campbell (1766 – 2 April 1842), daughter of Moses Campbell. By 1793, they had moved to Logan County, Kentucky. After 1820, he and his wife moved to Lafayette County, Missouri, where most of their children had settled.

10.1. Judge Young Ewing (7 January 1791 – October 1844)

He married in February 1814, Barren County, Kentucky, Eliza “Betsy” Renick (1795 – 1878), daughter of Henry Renick and Prudence Hall. In 1819, he came to Missouri, initially near Franklin in Howard County. By 1822, he had purchased a lot in Lexington, Lafayette County, and in 1829, he was appointed⁴² Clerk of County Court.

10.2. William Ewing (23 September 1792 – 13 August 1813)

Unmarried.

10.3. Elizabeth/Jane Ewing (25 February 1795 – by July 1837)

She married in 12 April 1813, Logan County, Kentucky, Reverend Green P. Rice (1793 – 1856) of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was involved in early churches in Illinois and Missouri. She died by 1826, and he remarried and moved to Morgan County, Alabama, and served in the State Legislature.

10.4. Calvin Ewing (4 January 1796 – 2 January 1798)

10.5. Robert Ewing (2 February 1798 – 29 April 1853)

He married 10 September 1823, Logan County, Kentucky, first cousin, Elizabeth Hall Campbell (20 January 1805 – 29 April 1856), daughter of Aaron Campbell and Grace Williams. In 1819, he came to Missouri, with his brother Young and other relatives. After obtaining land in Lafayette County, he returned briefly to Kentucky to marry.

⁴² Among the Henry Clay Papers is a letter dated 18 March 1826, from David Todd to Henry Clay, strongly advocating an appointment for Young Ewing, Esqr, at Lexington, M[o]. David Todd, also an early settler in Missouri, was a son of General Levi Todd, a prominent early citizen and politician of Lexington, Kentucky, and thus certainly well-known to Clay. Levi Todd was the grandfather of Mary Todd Lincoln. These Todds were probably also relatives of the Hannah Todd who married David Ewing of Wayne County, Kentucky. (This is an example of the webs of political and social connections that the Ewings were able to utilize.).

10.6. John D. Ewing (30 November 1800 – about May 1861)

A twin to Chatham S. Ewing. He married 31 August 1824, Clay County, Missouri, Ruth Moore, daughter of James Moore. He was in Missouri by 1821 and by 1822 had obtained land in Clay County.

10.7. Chatham S. Ewing (30 November 1800 – 6 September 1872)

A twin to John D. Ewing. He married (1) 9 October 1823, Lafayette County, Missouri, Mary Barnett Young (1807 – 1840); and (2) 30 May 1844, Lafayette County, his first cousin, Mary Anderson (Ewing) Kavanaugh, daughter of Finis Ewing, but divorced. He was in Missouri by 1821 and obtained land in Lafayette County by 1822.

10.8. Mary B. “Polly” Ewing (13 October 1802 – after 1870)

She married 9 October 1823, Lafayette County, Missouri, Robert Archer Renick (1798 – 1872/5), son of William and Elizabeth Renick; he was first cousin to Betsy Renick, the first wife of Chatham’s son Young. They were in Lafayette County in 1850, in Jackson County in 1860 and 1870. Their son, Chatham Ewing “Chat” Renick was involved with bushwhackers during the Civil War and was killed when Quantrill was captured in Kentucky.

10.9. Eleanor W. “Nellie” Ewing (28 April 1806 – 21 May 1856) She married 22 December 1825, Lafayette County, Missouri, Thomas Harvey Gleaves (1803 – 1865), son of William Gleaves and Margaret Finley.**10.10. Finis W. Ewing (30 November 1809 – by 1839)**

Unmarried. Dead by the time of his father’s estate inventory which included “a 1/8 interest in land patented to Finis W. Ewing deceased.”

11. Reverend Finis Ewing (10 July 1773 – 4 July 1841)

In 1793, in Davidson County, Tennessee, he married Margaret Brevard Davidson, daughter of the General William Lee Davidson, who had died at the Battle of Cowan’s Ford, and his wife Mary Brevard. Performing the marriage ceremony was Rev. Thomas B. Craighead, the first Presbyterian minister of the Nashville area, as well as President of the Davidson Academy, which he founded in 1785. This is almost certainly the college that Finis attended for a time, where he “studied the Latin pretty extensively, and some Greek.”⁴³ This was a small school with 8-10 students and nearly as many trustees, among them Ephraim McLean, the father-in-law of Finis’ brother, Robert; and Andrew Jackson.⁴⁴ By 1796, he was paying taxes in Logan County, Kentucky, and served as a Captain in the militia. In 1803, he was licensed to preach in the Transylvania Presbytery and became energetically involved in the in the religious reformation of the early 1800s (“The Second Great Awakening”). The Kentucky Synod disapproved of the emotional revival and Finis

⁴³ Cossett, *op. cit.*: 25.

⁴⁴ A history of this school is available at www.davidsonacademy.com.

and other frontier ministers, who lacked the traditional classical education that the Synod insisted on, found themselves outcasts in 1805. Attempts to reconcile with the Synod were unsuccessful, and in 1810, they founded the independent Cumberland Presbytery. Finis moved to Todd County, Kentucky, where he opened a store, farmed, and also continued to preach forcefully. About 1820, he, most of his children, and many of his congregation moved to Cooper County, Missouri, where he was involved in establishing the New Lebanon Church. About 1830, Andrew Jackson appointed him to the Land Office and he moved to Lafayette County, Missouri, to accept this post. Finis is said to have freed his slaves, either at this time or at his death.

11.1. Winifred Warren Ewing (23 August 1794 – June 1838)

She married 28 February 1822, Cooper County, Missouri, Henry Magrada Rubey (1794 – 1876), son of Thomas Rubey and Jane Carson. In 1820, they resided in Cooper County; in 1840, Pettis County, Missouri.

11.2. William Lee Davidson Ewing (1 March 1795/6 – 25 March 1846) He married 3 May 1827 Caroline S. Berry (1798 - 1883), said to be the daughter of Colonel Elisha Berry. He spent most of his adult life in Illinois, where he practiced law and held a number of governmental positions. In 1820, James Madison appointed him to the land office at Vandalia. He served in the Illinois Legislature, and was twice appointed to fill vacancies that occurred in other elective offices: he served as Governor for 14 days and U.S. Senator for 2 years.

11.3. Thompson McGready Ewing (15 June 1798 – 20 February 1871/3)

He married (1) August or September, 1819, Christian County, Kentucky, Mary Pettis Barron (1803 – 1833); (2) 6 April 1836, perhaps in Todd County, Kentucky, Mrs. Piety D. Greenfield (d. 1840); (3) 3 February 1842, Lafayette County, Missouri, Anne Marie Windsor (about 1825 – after 1880). He lived in Todd County, Kentucky, and was briefly its representative in the State Legislature. At some time after 1842, he moved to Lafayette County, Missouri.

11.4. Polly Ewing (15 September 1800 – 9 October 1800)

Died in infancy.

11.5. Dovey Bryan Ewing (September 1801 – 27 October 1802)

Died in infancy.

11.6. Baxter McGee Ewing (9 September 1803 – 16 August 1822)

In 1821, Governor Alexander McNair appointed him Surveyor of Cooper County.

11.7. Mary Anderson Ewing (25 June 1805 – 29 August 1880)

She married (1) 11 July 1821, Cooper County, Missouri, Archibald Kavanaugh (1803 – 1837), likely a family member of Rev. William Kavanaugh, who was also involved in the New Lebanon Church in Cooper County; and (2) after 1839, Chatham S. Ewing (1800 – 1872), son of her uncle Chatham and Elizabeth Campbell; divorced.

11.8. Margaret Davidson Ewing (28 July 1807 – September 1897)

She married 13 December 1826, Cooper County, Missouri, Robert A. Sloan (1801 – 1868), son of Alexander Sloan and [Isabella Armenta?] [Catherine?] Carson, who had migrated from Kentucky with Finis Ewing and were closely involved in establishing the New Lebanon Church. Robert Sloan was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and resided in Cooper County (1830), Lafayette County (1840), Jackson County (1850) and Cass County (1860).

11.9. Pamela Jane Ewing (4 August 1809 – 1881)

She married (1) 1826 Dr. James Weir Read (about 1800 - 1829); and (2) prior to June 1836, Horsley Rea (1804 – 1849), son of Joseph Rea and Mary Ann Hay. In Cole County in 1840, to Texas by 1849. Pamela resided in Galveston County in 1880.

11.10. Finis Young Ewing (19 October 1811 – 12 May 1891)

He married 19 February 1840, probably in Lafayette County, Tabitha Jane Price (about 1824 - 1880), daughter of Nathaniel H. Price who married Ann “Nancy” Lee. Lived in Lafayette, Jackson and Greene Counties, Missouri.

11.11. Washington Perry Ewing (16 March 1814 - June 1867)

He married December 1834, Lafayette County, Missouri, Aletha Jane Ewing (1816 – 1884), daughter of Young Ewing and Betsey Renick. They lived in Lafayette County through 1850. In 1860, they were living in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas; W. P. Ewing was listed as stock-raiser. He died in Houston, Texas. In 1870 and 1880, his widow was living in Vernon County, Missouri.

11.12. Robert “Bob” Chatham Donnell Ewing (16 March 1816 – 1881)

He married 9 November 1840 or 1841 Maria Louisa Harris (about 1819 – after 1870), daughter of Thomas Harris. A lawyer; candidate for Governor of Missouri in 1856. He lived in Ray and Platte Counties about 1840; by 1860 he resided in Lafayette County; in 1870 in Jackson County.

11.13. Ephraim Brevard Ewing (16 May 1819 – 21 June 1873)

He married 4 June 1845, Ray County, Missouri, Elizabeth Ann Allen (about 1827 -), daughter of Dr. Thomas Allen and Nancy Watkins. In 1850, they lived in Cole County; in 1870, in St. Louis. He held several State offices: Secretary of State, Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1880, his widow resided in Cole County.



Alicia (Ewing) Towster holds a degree in mathematics from Radcliffe College, and has also studied linguistics and computer science. After living in several other parts of the U.S., she settled in Lafayette, Louisiana, where the food is excellent, and she has never had to shovel snow out of the driveway. She is a retired computer analyst and university administrator. She resides with her companion of thirty-five years, a retired teacher and Cajun musician, Raymond François. A son, Robert, lives in Houston and is a computer administrator for Methodist Hospital.

Ewing Digital Library

This section of the *Ewing Family Journal* provides various genealogical tidbits – obituaries, will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. After publication in the *Journal* these tidbits are posted to the Ewing Family Association (EFA) Web Site. The long-range intent is to gradually create an online repository, hosted on the EFA Web Site, of genealogical data and/or anthropological or sociological information regarding the lives and times of Ewing ancestors. Most of these items have been contributed by EFA members and others. Some have been extracted from various sources including: *Rootsweb*, the EFA's Forum⁴⁵ and dialogues resulting from messages to this *Journal's* Editor, the EFA's Genealogist and other EFA members.

Some information is presented with no analytic or evaluatory commentary; some has been rather extensively analyzed. Sometimes, the information is annotated with various comments and data. In no cases has the Editor – or others – verified the information presented here.

Commander's Comments

Commander Thor Ewing (Thor@historicalarts.co.uk)

On April 17th - 19th, I was delighted to be able to attend Clan Ewing's first event since our recent official recognition by Lyon Court as a Scottish clan. Indeed, it's possible this was our first proper inter-clan engagement since our appearance at the Battle of Langside in 1568. Clan Ewing was certainly there in strength, and everyone seemed to have a good time - despite the soaking we got on Sunday! It was an opportunity to see familiar faces, and also to meet new Ewings. Events like this are a new departure for all of us, but we were made very welcome by the other clans present. It was great to see so much Ewing tartan on display.

It was also a chance to meet up with leading figures in the modern clans revival, such as Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, Dr. Joe Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Dr. Bruce Durie, leading genealogist and Senachie of Clan Durie, Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil, Prof. Donna Heddle of the University of the Highlands & Islands, and Rodger Moffet of the Scotclans website. I'm pleased to say that there were words of support for Clan Ewing from everyone there, and I was especially pleased that a MacEwen came to the Clan Ewing tent to offer support and fellowship on behalf of Clan MacEwen. As well as the outdoor events, there was a series of talks and lectures from the various notables, which were very enlightening. My own contribution was a half-hour talk on the Viking legacy in the Western Highlands and islands of Scotland - it was nice to be able to combine these two interests. As our first Highland Games, we all had a lot to learn but Clan Ewing put on a good show and easily held its own among the other clans represented at the Games.

⁴⁵ groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation

I'd like to thank everyone who attended for their contribution to the event's success, and to 'Major' for his work behind the scenes. In particular I should thank Beth, who coordinated the whole team so well. Beth and Major have set up a Clan Tent Blueprint, making it easier for members to host a Clan Ewing Tent at events across the country. I've just heard that we might have a presence at the Pleasanton Games in California this September, and I look forward to our clan's participation in many more such events in future.

Board Chair's Message

Beth Ewing Toscos, Ewing Family Association Chairwoman

I am delighted to report that the first Clan Ewing tent was presented at the Loch Norman Highland Games 2015. The most pleasant surprise was the gathering of Ewing kinfolk, stories that were swapped, genealogies that were compared, well-wishes from other clans and, of course, the attendance of Commander Thor Ewing. This was an event to relish, because of the Games, of course, but also because of the notable individuals who presented information on the Scottish Diaspora. The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA) assembled an excellent program. Information on the detail of this caucus can be found on page 48.

The Ewing kin in attendance learned a great deal, not only about what we can expect moving Clan Ewing forward, but also about what goes into festivities surrounding Highland Games. Walter 'Major' Ewing, a member of the Clan Ewing Standing Committee, is in the process of developing a Clan tent package so that individuals who wish to support a Clan Ewing tent regionally will know what is available to them from the EFA and what is expected of them as representatives of Clan Ewing. More information will be forthcoming.

2015 is indeed a year of growth and discovery as we move forward with our genealogical efforts and our support for Clan Ewing. Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos

Chancellor's Letter

Wallace K. "Wally" Ewing, Ewing Family Association Chancellor

One of the benefits of being an EFA member is to witness the continuing sequence of amazing changes that take place every year, thanks to the creative work of so many people. The Association is vibrant, active, and ever evolving. The years 2014 to 2016 are especially notable. John and Denise Ewing published an outstanding *Journal* last fall, and they followed that up with the first ever EFA newsletter, one of the finest I have ever read. The content, design, and format were exceptional in both publications. Imagine the difficulty in suddenly being thrust into the role of editor for any periodical, let alone a genealogical magazine, where precision in dates, names, places, and events is taken seriously.

And now, thanks to the good work of the EFA Chairwoman, Beth Toscos, and new member, Walter "Major" Ewing, among others, the EFA has just completed a major Gathering, with

another just ahead in July 2016. The Gathering recently held, called the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, took place April 17-19 as part of the Caucus of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA). Several speakers addressed the Caucus, including Clan Ewing Commander, Thor Ewing, and the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Dr. Joseph Morrow. EFA members set up a welcoming tent, one of many similar Scottish Clan tents at the games. The Highland games themselves were attended by a large number of Ewings, all drawn together by blood or by interest, and represented by many U. S. states, Scotland, Ireland, England and Canada. This first ever event for the EFA was deemed a major success and will serve to set guidelines for our continued participation in Highland Games in a variety of locations, including Canada and the United Kingdom.

Another first will take place on July 8-10, 2016 at Saline, Michigan, not far from Ann Arbor. This celebration of our Celtic heritage also will serve as the venue for our next biennial Gathering. The annual Saline Celtic Festival offers a variety of cultural experiences. Details about the 2015 Festival is available at www.salineceltic.org. The Festival's 2016 website can be accessed later in the year. How exciting can it be? Like those Ewings who recently trekked to North Carolina, join us in Saline, Michigan and find out!

Wally

New EFA Members

Congratulations to Walter 'Major' Ewing on his appointment as Chairman of the Membership Committee!

'Major' sends his greetings:

Let me first welcome all of our new EFA members who join those who help preserve the heritage of our Ewing lineage in so many ways. And, on behalf of our "extended family," we bid farewell to those members who have passed on, but have left behind their own legacies and memorable family stories that inspire us all.

I would like to encourage all members to help out in even a small way with an EFA committee, activity, or future forum. More volunteers are needed as we continue to grow and become involved in Clan Ewing events. In order to better guide us along this path, I plan to conduct a membership survey in the near future.

Speaking of Clan Ewing, please consider attending our "2016 EFA Gathering." This will be a great opportunity for families to enjoy a time of fellowship and participate as part of Clan Ewing during the Celtic Festival in Saline Michigan.

Finally, invite your own Ewing relatives to become members of EFA, especially the younger folks. As we all know, helping future generations appreciate "family" is something that seems to be more of a challenge nowadays. Let's do our part to pass on that Ewing family heritage!

'Major'

Wallygator57@hotmail.com



Chelsi M. Ewing (Member #1174) resides in Indianapolis, Indiana. She reports:

As a long-time student of history, I am very interested in my family traditions and culture. While growing up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, my family was very involved in genealogy research, and we are excited to be a part of the Ewing Family Association. Two of my aunts, Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Jane (Ewing) Weippert, serve on the board of the EFA, and my father, John Alan Ewing, has recently accepted the position as editor of the *Ewing Family Journal*. I graduated from Indiana University in 2013 with a double degree in History and Political Science. I am very excited to be a part of this organization and to learn more about our family story.

Jessie Flynn (Member #1176), Cottonwood Heights, Utah;
Granddaughter of the late William Ewing Riddle.

Deborah L. Ewing (Member #1177), Istachatta, Florida

Carla Batts Gerding (Member #1178) lives in Henry County, Kentucky and shares the following:

My passion is genealogy and I have been actively tracing my ancestors for some 10 years now. My gr-grandmother was Dora Ewing Ransdell, whose lineage came from James Ewing of Adair Co KY, d. 1801-03. I am currently studying court cases in colonial VA to attempt to connect the Ewings of Adair and Cumberland Counties in KY to the already known Ewings of Augusta Co VA. Hopefully it won't be long!!

David S. Hosom (Member #1179) is the son of **O. Scott Hosom** and **Florence (Ewing) Hosom** and was born in Lancaster, OH on 30 May 1934, grandson of **A.E. Ewing** of Rainbow Drive also of Lancaster, OH. He and His wife, **Dorothea (Clorius) Hosom**, currently live in Falmouth, MA. They have a daughter, **Johanna (Hosom) Roveto**, and a son, **John-Paul Hosom**. David writes:

I am an engineer specializing in buoy-mounted meteorological instrumentation currently retired from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. I play the (Great Highland) bagpipes in an Irish pipe band in Falmouth MA. In addition, I play Scottish Smallpipes in A and Northumbrian Smallpipes in D. If possible, I would like to trace my genealogy to the UK.

Rebecca Hockaday (Member #1180) was born in McAllen, TX, and is currently residing with husband, **Mark Zaleski**, and children, **Noah**, age 7, and **Rachel**, age 4, in Galway, New York. Rebecca reports the following as her family line:

James Ewing b. 1665 d. 1707 Inch Island, Ireland,
married Anne;

Henry Ewing b. 1701 Inch Island, Ireland d. 1781 Chester Co, PA
married Jane Allen;

John Henry Ewing b. 1734 d. 1837,
married Rebecca Edmonston;

John Mose Ewing b. 1795 Augusta Co, VA d. 1866 Itawamba Co, AL,
married Sarah McGaughey b. 1800 Blount Co, TN d. 1857 Itawamba Co, AL;

William Mose Ewing b. 4 July 1825 Lawrence Co, AL d. 26 May 1899 Cleburne, TX,
 married Martha Ann Ray 9 Dec 1828 Morgan, AL d. 10 July 1873 Cleburne, TX;
 Marcus Lafayette Ewing b. 13 May 1852 Fulton MS d. 25 July 1946 Cleburne, TX,
 married Lilly Lenore Stringer b. 16 March 1859 Caldwell, LA d. 10 Dec 1918
 Cleburne, TX;

Janie Adeline Ewing b. 27 Oct 1882 Cleburne TX d. 11 Nov 1937 Cleburne TX,
 married Gary Walter Jordan 17 April 1867 Hollywood AR d. 19 Dec 1950, Cleburne TX;
 Jimmie Lee Jordan b. 18 July 1907 Cleburne, TX d. 1 March 2000 Brownsville, TX,
 married James Addison Hockaday 23 Jan 1892 Plattsburg, MO d. 10 May 1966
 Port Isabel, TX;

Robert Hockaday b. 3 May 1947 Brownsville, TX – Living,
 married Lynn Belle 11 Dec 1946 New York, NY – Living;

Rebecca Ann Hockaday b. 16 Feb 1977 – Living,
 married Mark Zaleski 9 Oct 1966 – Living;
 children Noah Zaleski 21 March 2008, and Rachel Zaleski 8 Nov 2010 – Both Living

Dorothy (Ewing) Blase (Member #1181), East Falmouth, MA

Joseph Ewing (Member #1182) was born and currently lives in Columbus, Ohio, and works as a semi-truck/trailer mechanic in West Jefferson Ohio. He reports the following as his Ewing family line:

Samuel Glenn Ewing: Born March 21, 1885, in Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio; died on January 11, 1942, in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was buried in East-lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. His wife was Katherine McGinnis from Ireland.
 William Henry Ewing: Born in 1849 in Fairfield, Ohio; died in 1913 in Fairfield, Ohio. His wife was Ella M. Emick Ewing.

David Ewing: Born in 1824 in Ohio and died on October 30, 1864, in Georgia. He was buried at Andersonville National Cemetery. His wife was Rachel Joseph Ewing.

Thomas Ewing: Born in 1782 in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and died in February 1827 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He is buried in Ohio. His wife was Margaret Peggy Edwards Ewing.

John Ewing: Born in 1738 in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died on May 25, 1806 in Fairfield County, Ohio. His wife was Sarah Jenkins.

William Ewing: Born in 1708 in either Ireland or Pennsylvania and died in Pennsylvania in 1771. His wife was Jane Robertson Ewing.

James Ewing: Born (I believe) in 1670 in Ireland and died in September 1740 in Pennsylvania. His wife was Margaret Burley.

John Edward Ewing (Member #1183), Centennial, CO (jewing5464 @aol.com) has joined EFA and is looking for help to find his Ewing ancestors. He shares the following:

I was born 7/11/42 Berkeley, CA

Brother: William Arthur, born Berkeley June 1929, died May 2010

Sister: Grace Irene, born Berkeley Jan. 1927, died around 1990

Father, Arthur William Born Gallup NM June 1904, died Jan. 1976

Mother, Susan Wilda (Folden) Born Omaha NE April 1907, died Dec 1976

Father's sister, Nona, Born location unknown 1886, died Contra Costa County, CA

Father had a brother who died young

Father's Father: William Lee Ewing I think was born in Ohio or Illinois, Died in Richmond CA.

He had a few brothers living in the Fresno CA area.

Father and grandfather and brothers were railroad men working for Santa Fe Railroad.

An old census report that had William Lee Ewing saying his father, John, was born in Ireland. This isn't true. John was born in Kentucky. Goes to show, official documents aren't always reliable either. John Ewing died around 1864 or 65 and his wife, Susan, is buried in Fresno in the Wells-Ewing plot.

Response from Karen Avery (BK Avery2@comcast.net)

Welcome! Your family genealogy was forwarded to me and I hoped to make a connection to a known line in my Ewing database. Research was done in the census of 1900 to 1930. Prior to that, I was unsure of a connection. I also found two trees online which included a few of your Ewing folks. It appears one tree is probably one you provided.

My research centered on William Lee Ewing (1858-1935) and his wife Mary (1863-1937). The census provided names of three children: Francis L., (1885-); Nona/Nora Viola born c. 1886- married William C. Hough who died prior to the 1930 census when Nona was living with her parents as a widow; and Arthur William Ewing (1904-1976).

I discovered that William Lee and Mary are buried in the Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, CA.

If you can provide more details as to the parents of William Lee Ewing, I would be happy to continue in searching for connections to earlier generations. We at Ewing Family Association have a large Y-DNA project and you will want to consider having a male do the 37-marker test with FamilyTreeDNA. Results will give you a good start for where your line connects with other men in the project. If you need help, please let me know.

Response from John Edward Ewing

Thank you Karen. The only information that I might be able to add is that Francis L. Ewing died at an early age; possibly before my father was born but I do not know when exactly. I do not know if you got the information on my siblings when I sent them, but my brother, William Arthur b. 1929, d. 2010 and my sister Grace Irene b. 1928, d 1993? Meanwhile, we are still searching for the report my nephew prepared. I will also look into the Y-DNA project.

Jean Carter Wilson (Member #1184) lives in Nashville, and shares this about her family: Jean is the fifth great granddaughter of Robert Ewing I, born in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, who eventually settled at Peaks of Otter, Bedford County, Virginia. Many of Robert's children came to Logan County, Kentucky, where the next five generations of

Jean's immediate line were born. She is doing research on Gen. Robert Ewing II's role in the early settlement of Nashville, Tennessee, and helping write a history on a brick home in Canton, Kentucky built by Abraham Boyd and Nancy Linn (Nancy's mother was Sydney Ann Ewing, daughter of Robert Ewing I).

[See page 20 for more about this family.]

Passings

With sincere and heartfelt condolences to their family and friends, we note the passing of the following:

Wayne Charles Fox (Husband of **Betty Ewing Fox**, Member #825)

(Posted: February 25, 2015, courtesy of Press-Republican, Plattsburgh, NY)

WESTPORT - Wayne Charles Fox, 84, of Westport, N.Y., and Sebastian, Fla., died unexpectedly at his Florida home on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. He was born on May 27, 1930, in Rutland, Vt., and is a 1948 graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy. He also attended University of Maryland and Western New England University. He was in the National Guard from 1947-1958. He served as a Sergeant and saxophonist in the 40th Army Band. Mr. Fox retired as Sales Manager for Westelcom Company of Communications, Westport, NY, in 2002. Concurrently, he became licensed in real estate and, together with his wife, purchased, renovated, and managed a number of investment properties for the next three decades.

Mr. Fox was a gregarious, keenly observant, compassionate, and generous man who genuinely cared about people. Helping others, often anonymously, was a lifelong mission for him. His considerable church and community involvement over the years ranged from being an altar boy; Little League coach; President of the Holy Name Society, Palmer, Mass.; member of the Knights of Columbus; and serving as Chairman of the Town of Westport Planning Board. He was a master craftsman and woodworker, and his workshop was his artist's studio. A natural athlete, he particularly enjoyed golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and swimming. Camping and RVing with his family were also favorite pastimes as was traveling with his wife throughout North America, Europe, and the Caribbean. Always curious and inquisitive, Mr. Fox was a voracious reader.

Mr. Fox is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth Ewing Fox; his daughter, Elizabeth Fox Dyke, of Greenwich, Conn.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Ewing D. Fox, (Theresa Hait) and his daughter, Logan Rae, of Essex, Vt.; Elizabeth M. Dyke Barker (R. Ford Barker) and their son, Augustus Fox, of Old Greenwich, Conn.; Crosby E. Fox (Kent Collier) and their son, Sullivan Kent, of Decatur, Ga; William B. Dyke of Boston, Mass.; and Emily C. Fox of Brunswick, Maine. He was predeceased in 2010 by his 56-year-old son, Ewing W. Fox, of Lisbon Falls,

Maine. The fifth of six children, Mr. Fox is survived by two sisters, June A. Parker of Clearwater, Fla.; and Theresa S. Cummings of Ashland, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, John A. Fox, of Forest Dale, Vt.; and his sisters, Mary E. Reilley and Rita J. Rizzico, both of Clearwater, Fla. He was the son of Charles Leo and Margaret Greenough Fox of Rutland, Vt.

Memorial service planned for this summer in Westport, N.Y., followed by internment at the Chippenhook Cemetery in Clarendon, Vt., where he will join eight generations.

Gerald Eugene Ewing (Member #194)

Gerald was born December 20, 1919 and died January 10, 2013. He was the author of the book titled, *Howard S. Ewing, His Ancestors and His Descendants*, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD 2005

Edmund Robert 'Bob' Ewing

Steven R. Ewing, (maceoghainn@celtricrodio.us) son of Edmund Robert 'Bob' Ewing, reported the death of his father.

A resident of Louisville, Kentucky, Bob passed away peacefully at Louisville's Norton Brownsboro Hospital on January 28, 2015, after suffering a stroke at home the previous week.

Bob was born in October 1931 at St. Ann's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, and was raised and lived in the Dayton area until 1968. He and his wife and children moved to Florida in the late 1960s, and he had lived and worked in Lee County, Florida from 1973 to 2008. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and truck driver. Bob, his wife, and daughters moved to Louisville, Kentucky, in late 2008.

He was the only child of the late Edmund and Roberta (Snyder) Ewing and was the beloved husband of Dolores (Powell) Ewing for over 60 years. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Hilda (Schidecker) Ewing, as well as his stepbrothers, Wilson Bohner, Paul Bohner, and Richard Page; his stepsister, Charlotte (Bohner) McClelland; and one infant son, Jeffery Ewing.

Bob will forever be remembered by his devoted children, Steven, Cynthia, Mary Lynne, and Gregory, along with countless other friends and family.

Bob loved going fishing, being with his family, and having fun with friends and coworkers. Bob touched the lives of many people with his smile and maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end.

James Morgan Ewing (Member #918 – Y-DNA Line JM-4a)

(Posted: December 22, 2012, courtesy of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*)

James M. Ewing, 72, of Honolulu, a retired Bank of Hawaii and Ohana Pacific Bank executive bank credit officer and a Navy veteran, died in Honolulu, on December 17, 2012. He was born in New York City. He is survived by wife Sarah, son Sherrard, daughter Caroline E. Walker and a grandchild.

Sally Ewing Sigler Carathers (Sister of **Jill Ewing Spitler**, Member #502; and **Judy Ewing Austin**, Member #633)

(Courtesy of *The Daily Record*, Wooster, OH)

Sally A. Sigler Carathers 59, of Wooster passed away Saturday January 24, 2015 at Westview Healthy Living. She was born September 28, 1955 in Wooster the daughter of Ernest M. and Esther Starr Ewing.

Sally had owned Sugars Variety Store in Wooster and enjoyed her grandchildren and following all of their activities.

She is survived by her daughter: Brandy Adkins of West Salem. Siblings: Ken (Jane) Ewing, Jill Spitler, and Judy (Tom) Austin all of Wooster and Joe Ewing of North Carolina. Grandchildren: Cody and Jake Adkins. A great grandson; Maverick Adkins. A sister in law; Carol Ewing. A special friend; Jim Steinbach of Wooster, and her step-mother; Margaret Ewing of Wooster

She was preceded in death by her husband Willard "Hoss" Sigler in 1990, her son Bryan Sigler in 1997, and her brother William Ewing in 2012.

Paul B. Ewing

(Posted: Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:50 a.m., courtesy of the *Kokomo Tribune*)

Paul B. Ewing, 76, Kokomo, passed away at 1:37 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at Community Howard Regional Health. He was born May 15, 1937, in Kokomo to William Gobel and Florence J. (Colburn) Ewing.

Paul was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church as well as the Eagles in Kokomo. Paul worked for Continental Steel and was a proud steelworker. He was also an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting and bowling. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Paul is survived by his children, Loraine Rose, Sharon Ewing, Barbara Lucas and Richard P. (Kim) Ewing; stepchildren, Danielle and Connie Wilson; grandchildren, Allen Wilson, Richard H. M. Ewing, Timothy Rose, Zachary Rose, Melissa Ewing-Black, Cody Ewing and Brianne Hinkle; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Ewing and Theresa Ewing; a brother, Mike (Kathy) Ewing; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Lucas Hinkle; and siblings, Marianna Ewing, William "Bill" Ewing, Margaret Van Winkle, Chuck Ewing, Mark Ewing and John Ewing.

William Allen Ewing

(Courtesy of the Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Home, Tyler, TX)

William, 89 of Tyler, TX passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Terrell, TX. He was born July 17, 1925 in Kaufman, TX to the late Erby J. and Maude Marie Scott Ewing.

Bill served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He retired from the Automobile dealership industry, where he worked in management for many different dealerships. He loved the outdoors and loved to hunt and fish. He was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and also attended the Lakeview Church in Quinlan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Ewing.

He is survived by three sons, Terry Owens of Wills Point, Gerald Owens of Kemp and Bill Ewing, Jr. of Mabank; three daughters, Tammy Stack of Scurry, Pam O'Teter of Sweetwater and Vicki Owens of Copperas Cove; a brother, Edward Ewing of Seagoville; a sister, Cathy Jo Ewing of Irving; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Sherman Ewing, Jr. (Member #301)

(Posted: September 5, 2014, courtesy of *The Lethbridge Herald*, AB, Canada)

1926 ~ 2014 Sherman Ewing Jr. age 88, of Claresholm, AB passed away peacefully on September 1, 2014 of natural causes. Born July 5, 1926 in Minneapolis, MN. Sherm spent his early years in Pleasantville, New York. He attended high school at the Thacher School in Ojai, CA. and riding the train across the country, he fell in love with the West. Sherm then served in the US Air Force until the end of WWII. He studied economics and agriculture at Yale and Cornell Universities. In August of 1950 he married Clarissa Clement of Buffalo, NY. Together they moved west to begin their lives in the cattle business in California and Montana, and then settled at the SN Ranch in the Porcupine Hills west of Claresholm, Alberta.

Aviation was Sherm's passion and he used his wings for business and pleasure. He loved his family, friends and neighbors, church and volunteered for his community. Sherm played leading roles in ranching organizations.

In his retirement in Great Falls, Montana, Sherm authored two books, *The Range* and *The Ranch*. He enjoyed freelance writing, loved tennis and golf. He and Claire traveled extensively with friends and family. Sherm is survived by his three children, Wanina Ewing (Mike Lindsay) of Claresholm, Charlie Ewing (Sherry) of Claresholm, Leslie Kriz (Wayne) of Rimbey, AB; seven grandchildren and 3 great-granddaughters; sister Nan Bull of Stamford, CT, brothers Truxtun Morrison of Wayzata, MN, Nick Morrison of Boise, ID. He was predeceased by his loving wife Claire, sister Lucia Ewing of Hopkinton, VT, and brother Frank H. Ewing of Denver, Co; father Sherman Ewing Sr. of New York City, NY and mother Mary H. Morrison and beloved stepfather Gen. H. T. Morrison of Wayzata, MN.

Edna Ewing (Mother of **Beatrice June Ewing**, Member #226)

(Posted: November 14, 2014, courtesy of *Amarillo Globe-News*)

DIMMITT — Edna Ewing, 94, of Dimmitt died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014.

Edna was born Feb. 11, 1920, in Castro County to Henry and Lena Behrends. Edna was raised in Castro County. She married Arlon Ewing on Oct. 29, 1938, in Clovis, N.M. She was member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. She was a wonderful mother

in raising her children. She loved embroidering, sewing, working crossword puzzles and canning. She will be greatly missed by her family who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arlon Ewing; three daughters, Sue Ewing, Arlene Ewing and Laurie Watts; a son-in-law, Ron Miller; and three sisters, Sylvia Duran, Ethel Lockridge and Mable Ewing.

Survivors include two sons, H.N. Ewing and wife Ruth of Amarillo and Ed Ewing and wife Sharon of Dimmitt; three daughters, Irene Miller, June Ewing and Peggy Ehly and husband Bruce of Dimmitt; 10 grandchildren, Beth Newman and husband Kent of Sugarland, Shawn Ewing of Pampa, Stacy Parkhurst of Amarillo, Tish Wolter and husband Malcolm of Houston, Jaime Samford and husband Damon of Bushland, Chad Ewing and wife Liz of Pampa, Janna Miller and husband Ben of Amarillo, Sheena Ehly and fiancé Tyler Myatt of Lubbock, Cassidy Watts of Amarillo and Catlin Watts of Canyon; 10 great-grandchildren, Bailey Higdon of Amarillo, Colton Ewing of Amarillo, Lorien Wolter and Morgan Wolter of Houston, Ryan Samford and Hanna Samford of Bushland, Dillon Ewing and Christopher Ewing of Plainview, Lucas Miller and Kaitlyn Miller of Amarillo and Mallory Deason of Pampa; a sister, Agnes Pennington of Perry, Okla.; and a brother, Clarence Behrends and wife Kay of Hereford.

George Ewing

(Posted: January 14, 2015, courtesy of *WiscNews*, Madison, WI)

George Ewing was called home by his Heavenly Father Monday, Jan. 12, 2015. George's work here on earth had been completed. Well-done, good and faithful servant. George was born June 26, 1930, on a farm in Richland County, to Archie and Erma (Stayton) Ewing. He graduated from Reedsburg High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

George served his country as a sailor in the United States Navy. He served a total of three years and saw two tours of duty. One tour was in the Mediterranean region.

George married Helen Alexander March 1, 1952, in Evansville. They were married for 62 years.

After his graduation from the University of Wisconsin, George and Helen moved to Minneapolis where he began his career as an engineer for General Mills. During his 35 years with General Mills, he helped to develop many Betty Crocker/General Mills products enjoyed today.

George believed one should use one's God-given talents to help other people in need. In 1980, he organized a group of fellow engineers and scientists to work to improve the food supply, as well as create sources of income, for people in developing countries. As a result of George's belief, the nonprofit organization, Compatible Technology International (CTI) was founded and today has operations in 13 countries. He was a recipient of WCCO radio's Good Neighbor Award as well as being honored with a proclamation by the mayor of Golden Valley.

George was a resident of Covenant Village and an active, long-time member of Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church in Golden Valley.

George is survived by his wife, Helen; brother, John and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; one brother; two sisters-in-law; and two brothers-in-law.

Archives Report

Daniel C. Ewing, EFA Archivist (DC.Ewing@frontier.com)

At the Ewing Family Association Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio, in September of 2012, a decision was made to move the EFA Archives to the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) for storage and digitization. The digitization process, which has been underway for some time on other materials, would thereby enable certain EFA materials to be available to genealogy researchers, to Ewing Family folks themselves, as well as the interested public, via the internet using the ACPL website. The Ellsworth Ewing Collection was delivered to the ACPL at the conclusion of the 2012 meeting. More recently, the James Roland McMichael Collection has been moved to the ACPL, along with those of Margaret Ewing Fife and Myrtle Armstrong Roe.

In addition, a complete set of the EFA Journals prior to 2011 has been delivered to the ACPL and has been reviewed and cataloged. Beth Ewing Toscos and Daniel C. Ewing continue to catalogue materials and the digitization process is ongoing in April 2015, with some material on-line now. The digitized material is being made available to on-line users in “batches” with different release dates.

In a separate and simultaneous project, our own Wallace K. Ewing of Grand Haven, Michigan, has delivered to ACPL many items of his personal research and his Ewing Family records. Some of his material is on-line now also.

As EFA Members become more familiar with the ACPL arrangement, the Archive Committee would like others to contribute/loan their personal Ewing Genealogy collections to this facility for storage and digitization. The Archive Committee can act as your representative in having early discussions with the ACPL. We urge donors to consider the long-term value of the material. Reminder notes and “scribble sheets” don’t count.

The ACPL storage area is in the sub-basement of the main library building. The storage area is just that—there is no public access to the area, normal library activity is not performed in the room. The room is temperature and humidity controlled and is fire-proof, thus assuring preservation of Ewing Family genealogical materials.

Celebratory Poetry

Highland Song

By Steven C. Ewing *
(Member #1129)

Feel the peace of solitude
along our burns
and on our bens
Pick the fruit of summer
from our meadows
with your friends
Drink the cool fresh bounty
deep beneath our strands
Eat our freshest harvest
reaped by Highland hands

Walk our windswept stretches
where ships have
come to grief
Stroll our heathered hillsides
let them lull you
off to sleep
Lay upon your back
as the stars hang down
on high
Stretch your fingers out
till they touch
our jet black sky

May the peace of Highland living
settle in your bones
May the lightness of your being
stir memories of your home
May you cherish our first greeting
dear as our last song
May you always feel the blessing of the Highlands
all life long.



**Steven C. Ewing in new Clan
Ewing tartan.**

* Steve's poem, "Highland Song," was scored by fellow Martha's Vineyard resident, Dorian Lopes. It can be heard by viewing a rendition (by Jane Ewing Weippert and Beth Ewing Toscos) on the Clan Ewing Facebook page.

Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games

Rural Hill – Huntersville, North Carolina – April 16, 2015

John A. Ewing, EFA Journal Editor (johnewing2003@msn.com)

We arrived at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina in the rain on Thursday afternoon. After an aborted landing attempt due to the weather, we finally touched down to find that we had missed our chance to deplane on a jetway so we reluctantly shuffled down the stairs into the steady Spring rain, imagining that this might be just like any Spring rain back in Scotland. As we organized our group together in anticipation of meeting other Ewing cousins, my thoughts were already moving ahead to the next day at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Games where we would unveil the new Ewing tartan. How would our newly recognized clan be received by the other Scottish clans? Would our group be able to adequately cover all the events? Would we meet many new Ewing cousins? Would I be able to find any tasty cranberry scones?

Upon our arrival at the hotel, we quickly met up with Karen Avery, our Ewing Family Association genealogist and first cousin, and her husband, Bob, who had driven down from Virginia. Karen promptly announced that she and Bob had scouted the soggy grounds of Rural Hill and proclaimed that “we will all need hip boots” for the weekend events. So, after meeting together for dinner, off we went to a nearby Wal-Mart. By 11 p.m., we had all purchased our “hip waders” and yes, they did save us. Karen was right!

Friday dawned early and off we went to Rural Hill. This first day consisted of a Scottish caucus meeting of The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA). Primary objectives of COSCA include bringing together the best ideas of all clans, preservation of national monuments and promotion of kinships. The list of presenters was impressive and so, too, were the number of Clan Ewing members in attendance. Unofficially, of the forty-five to fifty members present, I counted twelve Ewings, which probably made us the most represented clan at the caucus. Of course, we couldn't be missed either. Thor Ewing, our Commander, and Steve Ewing, of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts were handsomely decked out in kilts featuring our beautiful new black and red plaid. Several of the ladies of our group wore gorgeous tartan sashes and one, AnnAdele Lloyd, of Asheville, North Carolina, wore a smart, tailored tartan jacket.



Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

Kicking off the proceedings was none other than the esteemed Lord Lyon, King of Arms, Dr. Joseph Morrow of Scotland. Yes, he is the same Lord Lyon who had recognized the Ewings as an official Scottish clan last year after Thor Ewing, who was subsequently recognized as Clan Commander, and other Ewing Family Association members had successfully presented their case as to the validity of our existence over the ages as a true Scottish clan.

Before getting into COSCA business matters, Lord Lyon reviewed his various duties of office. Key among them, Lord Lyon is the final arbiter on matters of heraldry, on decisions about selections of Clan Commanders and Chiefs and, most importantly, on decisions regarding the use of Scottish arms. He stated that he relishes his role in promoting “the ideals of kinship and bonding - to have an understanding of self, who we are and how we are linked together.”

Perceiving the importance of taking a modern outlook, Lord Lyon stated that by working hard, in a progressive sense, he attempts to reach out “to be inclusive, not exclusive in matters like recognizing clan Commanders and Chiefs, but he did qualify that he still has to work within the bounds of facts and historic evidence and the specific confines of the law. Also of note, Lord Lyon expressed his belief that “Scotland occupies a unique position in the world community because of the way Scots and their descendants understand the concept of bonds and relationships”. He added that he believes strongly in “consensus building, finding the best structure for modern clan construction.” Of course, Lord Lyon has an endless number of other duties, maybe none more exciting than officially representing the Queen with proclamations and in Royal processions.

Throughout the morning, there were notable guest speakers such as John MacInnes, President, International Association of Clan MacInnes; the Rt. Honorable Viscount Dunrossil, Society of Scottish Armigers; Sir Malcom MacGregor, Chief of the Name and Arms of Clan Gregor and Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs; and Dr. Bruce Durie, world-renowned Scottish genealogist who holds this position with COSCA. The presentations and discussions that followed were lively and rendered much insight into Scottish customs and traditions. Some discussions were even transmitted live overseas. Listening live and giving their feedback were Malcolm Buchanan, President, Scottish Australian Heritage Council and Alene McNeil, President, Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada.

After lunch, the assembly was treated to a series of presentations that shed much light on how Scotland evolved from ancient invaders. Professor Donna Heddle, Director of the Center for Nordic Studies, Orkney and Shetland College, University of the Highlands & Islands, spoke passionately about the influence of the Norseman on the evolution of societies that eventually emerged into the Scottish nation.



Professor Donna Heddle

Following Professor Heddle was our own Commander, Thor Ewing, who gave an impressive presentation on the Vikings and other foreign invaders, specifically the Picts, the Hebrideans, and Gaels. Thor, a Celtic and Viking scholar, storyteller, musician and author, presented examples of Viking and Norwegian influence on Scotland that have been unearthed by archeologists and researchers. He specifically cited the Norwegian design elements that have been found on the shields of warriors. Of much interest were his descriptions of Viking design features found in stone cottages with rope thatch. Viking influence, he added, also extended to peoples' diets. For example, with the arrival of the Vikings, herring and oatmeal made their introduction into the region. Thor punctuated his discussion on a topic about the Viking custom

of honoring their dead by burning them onboard their Viking boats and ships. Although sometimes contested by some historians, Thor confirmed that evidence shows, beyond a doubt, that this was a common custom. Fascinating!



**Lady MacGregor,
Fiona Armstrong**

A final feature presentation of the day was offered by Fiona Armstrong, Lady MacGregor, wife of Sir Malcom MacGregor of Clan Gregor. Having produced many feature presentations for the BBC and other media outlets, Fiona has also been a prolific writer and historian and is currently finishing a Ph.D. in Highlandism.

Fiona gave a riveting presentation covering The Borderers, the clans bordering Scotland and England, known for their fierce independence and “reiving” (raiding and stealing) of sheep and other livestock. These border reivers not only “reived” each other, but frequently crossed the border and targeted the English. Of the several border reiver clans, the Armstrong Clan, from which she is descended, was probably the fiercest, she reported. Other such clans were the Elliots, Bells, and Grahams.

Interestingly, Gaelic was the spoken language by the border reiver clans. Fiona reported that currently Gaelic is making a comeback in many areas of Scotland due to its sponsorship by numerous Scottish schools. As the chairman of the Clan Armstrong Trust, Fiona has also set up the Border Reiver Trail in southern Scotland.

As the afternoon waned, so, too, did the on-again, off-again rain but not before a notable presentation was given by Dr. Michael Newton, a Celtic and Gaelic scholar, author and performer. Dr. Newton received a Ph.D. in Celtic Studies from the University of Edinburgh in 1998. Now teaching at the University of North Carolina, Michael was making his second consecutive appearance at a COSCA caucus. During his presentation, Michael added his thoughts on the reemergence of Gaelic as a spoken and written language in modern day Scotland. Most interestingly, he also talked about teaching his own young children Gaelic at home. Michael currently writes a blog entitled *The Virtual Gael*.

Visit his blog at <https://virtualgael.wordpress.com>.

After the caucus was complete, we returned to the hotel to freshen up a bit and then, at the invitation of a Board Member of the Ewing Family Association, Denise and I returned to the festival grounds where we met up again with Thor and Steve Ewing. Our assignment, as Editor and assistant,



**AnnAdele Lloyd, Beth (Ewing) Toscos,
Jane (Ewing) Weippert, and
Karen Avery among the attendees
at the Caucus on April 17.**

was to report on all that we observed. Meeting in front of a large field tent, a pipe and drum band led all the honored guests and festival officials into the tent. Official opening remarks were then delivered opening the 23rd annual Rural Hill event. Most everyone was attired in full Scottish attire representing all clans in attendance. A buffet dinner was served and then the real fun began.

Suddenly a procession entered the tent consisting of a Scottish Chief, two Scottish women, a bagpiper, a Scottish swordsman and another kilted Scotsman. The Chief leading the procession held up a big silver platter which revealed a large steaming piece of meat resembling a huge piece of meatloaf. Behind him the others followed his every move with the bagpiper playing loudly. The solemn entourage paraded through the crowd in snake-like fashion before finally taking the stage. The last Scotsman in the procession balanced a bottle of scotch whiskey on his silver tray.

For me, this was the first haggis procession that I had ever witnessed. If you might not be familiar with it, haggis is a favorite Scottish entre containing meat, spices and perhaps anything else that might be found in the Scottish kitchen. Much of the time, I was told by some of the clansman present, Scottish households were often very poor and, therefore, the cook might put whatever ingredients were available into the haggis, even oatmeal. This frequently meant that one might not prepare haggis the same way twice in a row. In Scotland, the haggis would almost always be cooked in the lining of a sheep's stomach. One of the Scottish ladies told me that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will not allow haggis cooked in this manner to be imported into the United States. I quickly concurred with the USDA on that one! She also explained that haggis prepared here represented an Americanized version.



Steve C. Ewing and Commander Thor Ewing share a Scottish toast before the Callin' of the Clans.

Now, back on the stage, the bagpiper completed her compelling song as the Chief seized the moment with much aplomb.

Placing the silver platter of steaming haggis on the table, he pulled out a large carving knife, and in his best throaty Scottish brogue began to recite *Ode To A Haggis* by the beloved Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Seemingly mesmerized, the crowd followed the Chief's every move. With each successive verse, he became more animated, wildly waving the knife about as if he was living some kind of a haggis dream. Intensity building with each stanza, the Chief, at a peak moment, powerfully plunged the mighty knife deep into the haggis which immediately released a hissing jet of steam, much to the roaring merriment of all. As an encore, he repeatedly plunged the knife into the delectable haggis causing more steam to spout forth each time. His task complete, the Chief communicated a look of great satisfaction, no doubt wondering when he would again encounter such a marvelous platter of haggis.

For those not familiar with Burns' masterpiece, it goes as follows:

Ode To A Haggis – by Robert Burns

(Courtesy: www.robertburns.org.uk)

English Translation*

Fair and full is your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.

The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill
In time of need,
While through your pores the dews distill
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
And cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm steaming, rich!

Then spoon for spoon, the stretch and strive:
Devil take the hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and-by
Are bent like drums;
Then old head of the table, most like to burst,
'The grace!' hums.

Is there that over his French ragout,
Or olio that would sicken a sow,
Or fricassee would make her vomit
With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view
On such a dinner?

Poor devil! see him over his trash,
As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash,
His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit.

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his ample fist a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will cut off
Like the heads of thistles.

You powers, who make mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill of fare,
Old Scotland wants no watery stuff,
That splashes in small wooden dishes;
But if you wish her grateful prayer,
Give her [Scotland] a Haggis!

* To read the Broad Scottish Translation, go to www.robertburns.org.uk

The haggis presentation now complete, the Scottish caterer carved up tiny pieces and placed them in small paper cups for all to enjoy. At that point, I must confess a bit of trepidation in sampling my first haggis, but, audaciously, I forged ahead. Surprise! Actually, it was quite tasty, but following the lead of many around me, I promptly washed it down with a shot of scotch. When I suggested to Denise that she might like to try it, she looked at me as if I were an alien. I quickly concluded on this night that Denise would not live up to our clan motto of "Audaciter" where haggis was concerned. Nor did she care!

A short time later, the ceremonial bagpipers and drummers assembled outside the tent. All at once, there was the tight and raspy machine-like volley of the snare drums - once, then again, as the band broke into a stirring rendition of *Scotland the Brave*. Now, with many clan Chiefs and Commanders following behind, they marched off to the far side of the roped-off field perhaps some one hundred yards or more away. There, as darkness fell, they prepared to respond to the Callin' of the Clans. Two large sets of bleachers in front of the field accommodated the spectators who anxiously awaited. In the middle of the field, a bonfire burned bright, but by now, little else was visible in the darkness. The announcer for the Rural Hill festival was articulate and clear as he delivered a moving five-minute introduction over the public address system. His narration brought us from the customs and traditions of Scotland, including great battles, through time to the Scottish history of America and its tie-in with the celebrated Rural Hill event. As he concluded his dramatic presentation, he addressed the clans by asking, "Who will answer the call?"

As the "callin'" commenced, the announcer, one at a time, called a clan name, after which a bright torch, carried by the clan Commander or Chief, moved slowly in the darkness toward the middle of the field near the bonfire. He would then, obviously with the benefit of microphone, deliver a unique message referencing his clan and "answering the call". Numerous clans, one at a time, were "called" by the announcer until all at once, the moment arrived as he boomed out - "Clan Ewing".

Although Commander Thor, like the others was invisible in the blackness of the April night, his torch shone bright as he slowly marched out to join the formation and his voice was proud and true as he proclaimed: "The last inter-clan event we attended was hundreds of years ago and it was probably a battle. From Loch Fyne and Loch Lomond, from Pennsylvania, Fort Wayne and Martha's Vineyard—Clan Ewing is back and we're here!" The crowd erupted loudly in response.

Yes, with the statement from Commander Thor still reverberating in our memories, Clan Ewing was back, indeed! Many other clans continued to march forward and answer the call, but the pride among members of Clan Ewing, on this night, could not be matched.



EFA Members left to right: John A. Ewing, Denise Ewing, Chelsi Ewing, Jane (Ewing) Weippert, Commander Thor Ewing, Karen Avery, Beth (Ewing) Toscos.

We all awakened to bright sunshine on Saturday morning and excitedly headed to Rural Hill, grateful for a break from the drenching rains of the past two days. Already the festival grounds had a different appearance as we arrived. In the distance, we could see that many of the vendors were already present as evidenced by plumes of rising smoke. Undoubtedly, they

were busily preparing a lot of delicious Scottish fare which, we were to later learn, included such favorites as Scottish eggs, shepherd's pies, meat pies, scones and other baked goods, and, of course, the ever present haggis. Also on sight was a micro-brewery vendor serving a great Gaelic ale and many other brews. Later in the day, I ate the best kettle corn that I have ever encountered – the taste had just a “tich” of sweetness accompanied by a “tad” of salt.

Referring back to our entrance to the grounds for a moment, we had an ominous start. We were making our way in from the parking lot when we encountered a bare-footed, tall, rustic mountain man looking –sort- of -fellow. Gazing at our display of tartan garb, he asked us which clan we represented. After telling him, he exclaimed that he had only recently learned through genealogical study that his family was part of Clan MacDonald. “Actually,” he quipped, “we are part of a little sub-clan called McNuggets and we live in small boxes”. So much for our grand entrance!

Steve Ewing, who some refer to as the clan's poet laureate, from Martha's Vineyard , Massachusetts, was already eagerly waiting at the Ewing clan tent with Thor when we arrived. Steve had arrived very early and had hung the Clan Ewing banner across the top of the tent. His handyman skills were much appreciated by all of us. Both he and Thor were dapperly attired once again in their Ewing kilts and jackets. As for me, a Ewing tartan tam-o-shanter would have to do for now. My wife, Denise, sisters, Beth Ewing Toscos and Jane Ewing Weippert, our daughter, Chelsi Ewing and our cousin, Karen Avery all looked resplendent with their Ewing tartan sashes. A bit later, another Ewing, AnnAdele Lloyd, of Asheville, North Carolina arrived wearing the aforementioned beautiful tartan jacket.



Tossing the Caber.

The steady downpours of the previous days had taken a toll in front of the clan tents where the muddy orange soil had been rutted by the golf carts used to transport all the Scottish books, heirlooms, tartan cloth and other materials which would be exhibited over the weekend. Remember the late night “hip wader” run? Surprisingly, the large grassy field in front of the clan tents and bleachers appeared to be in excellent condition and already, some of the Highland Games participants were warming up and preparing to compete.

In front of our tent, huge kilted Scottish men were using a pitch fork to spear a twenty pound burlap bag filled with ropes (sometimes straw at similar events). With almost Olympic-like form, they would heave the burlap back and forth before flipping it over a crossbar which measured the height of the toss. A successful toss meant that the bar would be raised a little higher for their next attempt. The highest successful attempt would be recorded during the actual competition and compared with the highest tosses of all participants until a winner was determined. The event is known officially as the Sheaf Toss. Throughout the day, festival goers witnessed other events such as the Scottish Hammer Throw, the Stone Put, the Weight

Throw and others. The Tossing of the Caber, however, is always the most fascinating to me. Imagine lifting up and balancing a large wooden pole reminiscent of a telephone pole, weighing up to 140 pounds and then, flinging it in a way that the tosser “sticks” (lands) one end of the pole so that inertia cartwheels it end-over-end. The toss of each participant is measured and the farthest toss wins. Only the Scots could come with such a game!

Another crowd favorite was the sheepherding demonstration. No matter how they tried, the sheep could not out-manuever the crafty Australian Shepherd. Obeying the signals of his trainer, the intelligent dog easily rounded up the flock with great precision.

Equally exciting were the pipe and drum bands which played throughout the festival. Combining together several times in the center of the field, the musicians formed a giant band consisting of over four hundred bagpipers and dozens of drummers, all playing Scottish marches in unison. What a sight, and what a sound!



Multi-clan bagpipers and drummers performing as one unit.

No self-respecting Scottish festival would be complete without Scottish dance exhibits and competitions. And Scottish dances there were. Young ladies of all ages participated all day long in such competitions as the famous Highland Fling and other popular dances. Whole families came just to watch these events.

Overall, the Clan Ewing presence at the festival was strong and as far as being received well by the other clans and festival goers, we felt the reception was more hospitable and welcoming than we could have expected. Many people showed curiosity about us and expressed admiration for our tartan. Traffic at our tent was also brisk, and we spoke with many passers-by. A good number were Ewings who were thrilled to see us and shared history of their respective families. Several even purchased displayed Ewing tartan items that were offered for sale.



Scottish lasses compete in the Highland Fling.

Visitors to the Can Ewing tent included:

- Janis Arlandson-Coder, a current EFA member from Medford, Oregon. Janis' friendly nature made it seem like we had known her for years. She owes her Ewing heritage to her mother's, father's side of her family.
- Jean Carter Wilson, of Nashville, Tennessee is a new EFA member who is related to many Ewings throughout the South.
- Jennifer Rush from Connecticut and Anne Hacking of North Carolina, both Ewings and thrilled to see us.
- Vicki DeBord, our cousin and EFA member from Kingsland, Georgia along with her husband, son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons. Her son, David and his wife made the trip from Monk's Corner, South Carolina.
- Also present at the festival were Kimberly Dugan and her husband from Raleigh, North Carolina.

Other stalwart EFA members who helped staff the tent all day long were:

- Steve C. Ewing from Martha's Vineyard, (Edgartown) Massachusetts who seemed to be everywhere, doing whatever was needed.
- AnnAdele Lloyd from Asheville, North Carolina who shared her talents all day by playing unforgettable Scottish music on her harp.
- Beth Toscos Ewing, our EFA Board Chair, from Fort Wayne, Indiana who organized much of our participation in the Rural Hill event.

- Jane Ewing Weippert, EFA Secretary, from Cecil, Ohio, who also helped greatly throughout the event.
- Karen Avery, our EFA genealogist and her husband, Bob, from Gainesville, Virginia, who busied themselves everywhere and did whatever was needed. Karen talked genealogy with festival goers all day.
- Chelsi M. Ewing, our daughter, from Indianapolis, Indiana, who possesses a degree in history from Indiana University, and is keenly interested in her Scottish heritage.
- Denise Ewing, my wife, who with me, hales from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Denise is our resident EFA Office Word “wizard” who invests more time into the journals and newsletters than anyone, inputting and formatting all *Journal* entries.
- John A. Ewing, husband of Denise, who is your humble correspondent and also Editor of this Journal and EFA newsletters.
- Thor Ewing, our esteemed EFA Commander, of Herefordshire, UK, who represented us with superb leadership throughout all weekend activities.



**Commander Thor Ewing marching
in the Parade of Tartans.**

In addition to the all-around aforementioned contributions of Steve Ewing, special thanks is owed to Beth Toscos, Jane Weippert and AnnAdele Lloyd for their harmonizing Scottish vocals and for AnnAdele’s musicianship on the harp. Beautiful, ladies!

With the sun now fading in the West, the crowd began to exit to the parking lot. The day had been so rewarding, but I still longed for one thing as we headed to the car. Then, magically, there it was. From the corner of my eye, I spied a Scottish vendor featuring baked goods. At last, I had found a cranberry scone. The day was complete!

Sunday’s festival events can be summarized briefly because the heavens opened up again early and often with relentless downpours. Even so, two major festival events were still accomplished. First, was the Kirkin’ of the Tartans, a ceremony in which the tartans are essentially blessed at a church service. The word “kirk” is derived from a Scottish word meaning church and quite interestingly, this “kirkin” tradition is more of an American-Scottish event practiced mostly here and not so much in Scotland. The Rural Hill version was scheduled to take place in a nearby church cemetery Sunday morning, but due to the rains was moved inside and was much abbreviated. Still, Thor was very gratified because he knew it was important to be “properly kirked.”

Second, back on the Rural Hill grounds, the Parade of the Tartans, was scheduled to take place with much pageantry a bit later. And take place it did, but again torrential rains were the order of the day. This photo of Thor gallantly parading the Ewing Tartan says it all – Audaciter! Despite the weather, the Ewings were here and they were not to be defeated by it. If you think this photo was out of focus and appears blurred, actually it is not. It is our Commander, Thor, as he appears through the rain drops.

Later, several of us left for the airport, having to be back home for our jobs on Monday, while others stayed behind to pack up and exchange farewells. We had seen so much in the last two plus days, and we had not a single thought about missing out on the rain-shortened last day. We had experienced unforgettable sights and sounds, enjoyed kinship with old and new friends, eaten great Scottish fare, tipped a wee pint or two and most of all, we had learned much and laughed more. We had also been “called” and “kirked”.

As we deplaned back in Fort Wayne, it was still raining.

Information Exchange

This section of the *Ewing Family Journal* provides members with transcripts of dialogues initiated by queries or offers of information sent to the EFA Genealogist, the *Journal's* Editor and others. Including these items here is intended to entice others to join the dialogues and help respond to the queries or amplify the provided information.

Ewing-related requests for information and offers of information are often posted to various Internet web sites including:

- EFA's Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation,
- EFA's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association,
- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum at genforum.genealogy.com/ewing, and
- Rootsweb's Ewing Message Board at boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx.

Readers should periodically view and search these sites to find queries and offered information related to their Ewing-related genealogy research.

Ewing Y-DNA Project Update

From time to time, Ewing Y-DNA Project Administrator, David Neal Ewing, engages in exchanges with Y-DNA participants. Where these exchanges provide further understanding of the Project, information will be published in the EFA *Journal*.

Terry (Ewing) Schulz wrote:
[To: David N. Ewing]

Finally my dad's yDNA!
Thanks I hope we find a connection.....

Terry Ewing Schulz

From: David Ewing
To: Terry (Ewing) Schulz
Subject: Re: Eugene A Ewing YDNA

Hi, Terry,

I have had a look at your dad's results. To follow the discussion below, you should print out these three results tables:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group1_ResultsTable.pdf
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/67-markerTable.pdf>
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/111-markerTable.pdf>

The first is the Group 1 37-marker results. I have assigned your dad the ID **EA** and for now have put him into Group 1*. "Group 1" means that he is in "the large closely related group of Ewings" and has DYS391 = 11. Group 1* means that so far we do not know his conventional genealogic relationship with any of the others in the project.

He is genetic distance 5/37 from the Ewing modal--which is right at the upper limit of what we initially thought would constitute membership in the "large closely related group," but more importantly, he matches all five of the markers in the 37-marker panel where the Ewing modal differs from the M222 modal. The names of these "off M222 modal markers" appear in red at the top of the chart. I consider this conclusive evidence that he is reasonably closely related to all the other members of Groups 1 & 2--so within the last four or five hundred years.

To look for closer genetic relatives, we should look at his "off Ewing modal markers." These are highlighted in the chart--light green means one step off, light yellow means 2 steps off, and light red means 3 or more steps off. As you can see, at all five he is one step off. At two of them, no one else in the project has the same value, DYS393 and DYS 447 (after this I will just give the number and leave off the DYS). These markers can serve as family branch markers for your specific family--the mutations must have occurred after your line branched off from the others, but we have no way of knowing how many generations ago that may have been.

At 390 he has 26 repeats, as do **MS**, **TF** and **DL** in Group 1*, and **HB** in group 1b.

At GATA-H4 he has 12 repeats, as does **MT** in 1*.

At CDY he has 36-38, which appear also in so many others that this is really not very informative.

Now look at the 67-marker table (which actually has only markers 38-67). He matches the Ewing modal on all of these, and the Ewing modal matches the M222 modal. We learn nothing useful from this--beyond confirming that he is in M222.

Now look at the 111-marker table (which actually has only markers 68-111). You will see three 'empty' boxes, which means he was not tested for these three markers at Ancestry and wasn't upgraded at FTDNA. Don't worry about those--I think it would serve no useful purpose to get this additional data. We don't really have enough 111-marker results to construct a very reliable Ewing modal, but given what we have now, he is "off Ewing modal" at three markers.

589 is 11, and he matches **WA2** in Group 1b here.

712 is 22, and he matches **JL** in Group 2* here--but I usually ignore matches that are not even in the same Group. That **JL** is in Group 2 means that he has DYS391 = 10, and we think the mutation from 10 to 11 (which is what your dad has at 391) occurred very early in Ewing history, so **JL** and he must have arrived at the 712 mutation independently and coincidentally--we call this a parallel mutation.

Finally at 650 he has 19 repeats, which matches **AS** in Group 1a, **DN** (me!) in Group 1b, and the M222 modal.

So, who is your closest relative in the project? The short answer is that we cannot tell. If one of the other participants matched your dad at two or three of his off modal markers, we would have a very strong lead. But just matching one off modal marker here and there doesn't give us a strong pattern. I suppose it is interesting that three of his off modal matches are two different members of Group 1b, but they are not even in one branch of Group 1b. Have a look at the Group 1b Relationship Diagram:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group1bRelationshipDiagram.pdf>

You should also take a look at the lineages for the four men in Group 1*, the one in Group 1a and the three in Group 1b where he has off modal matches and see if anything pops out. (You can get to the Group 1b lineages from links on the Relationship Diagram above--click the blue ID codes at the bottom of the chart.) Links to the others are here:

DL https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/DL_David%20Lee%20Ewing.pdf

MS https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/MS_Martin%20Sipple%20Ewing.pdf

BTF https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/TF_Thomas%20Frederick%20Ewing.pdf

AS https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/AS_Andrew%20Scott%20Ewing.pdf

We would also like to make a project lineage like these for your dad. The way I like to do that is to get a GED so that I can do it without typing. If you have your data in a genealogy program, that is quite easy to do. You do not have to prune out irrelevancies--I can easily do that with a few clicks of the mouse. And I also automatically hide information on living relatives.

I hope this helps. There are all kinds of resources on the website that will help you understand what I said above and the logic involved in looking for close matches. Here are a couple of examples:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/ForTheFlustered.pdf>

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/ModalHaplotypesDiscussion.pdf>

Good luck!

David Neal Ewing

Terry (Ewing) Schulz wrote:

David, should I do additional testing?

From: David Ewing

To: Terry (Ewing) Schulz

Subject: Re: Eugene A Ewing YDNA

No additional testing at this time would give you any additional genealogic information, Terry. If you wanted to support the effort of the folks doing SNP research, they would love to have another Ewing "Big Y" test, but this is quite expensive--sales come up every so often, but it is still on the order of four hundred bucks. I have had a whole lot of testing personally, but did not get this one because it seemed too expensive. So far only one Ewing has done this. Two more of us have done the Chromo 2 panel through Scotland's DNA for a couple of hundred bucks a pop. A more reasonable SNP panel (maybe less than \$100) is the M222 bundle. I am not sure if that is offered generally, yet--I had it done in beta testing. It tests a panel of SNP markers known to be downstream from M222. It hasn't given us any interesting information about Ewings yet, but it has the potential of doing so.

But let me be sure you understand that the SNP panels would be a contribution to the developing science and would not be helpful genealogically. Eventually, SNP tests will be much cheaper and will become the gold standard for genetic genealogy, but we are still in the very early stages of working this out and it is not yet useful for that purpose.

It all boils down to how hard money is to come by for you and what level of interest you have in the science. If your main interest is genealogy and working out where you fit in with the other Ewings, you have plenty of testing for that already, and I would suggest waiting a few years to see what develops with the SNPs.

Best,

David

Cory Ewing wrote:

[Via: EwingFamilyAssociation.org]

I was hoping someone may have information on John Bertram Ewing.

For years, I have never been able to go further back on my Ewing lineage than 1806. My ggg grandfather was John Bertram Ewing. We know that he married his wife (my ggg grandmother) in Amite County Mississippi and had three children. The story passed down for generations was that he had seven brothers (or that he was one of seven brothers) from Pennsylvania. The only information I've been able to find is a census form where he listed his birth year and place as 1806 and Pennsylvania. If anyone has any information regarding John Bertram Ewing, I would greatly appreciate it.

I found your site, ewingfamilyassociation.org, while looking into DNA testing for my family tree. If this is a viable path to find further trace my line, please let me know.

Thank you!

My line....

John Bertram Ewing
Robert "Bob" Stewart Ewing
Joseph Barr Ewing
Joseph Barr Ewing, Jr.
Donald Ashton Ewing, Sr.
Cory Brandon Ewing (me)

Thank you!

Wallace Ewing wrote:

An interesting inquiry. A quick Google search turned up a few hits, but nothing you don't already know about, I'm sure. His headstone is on findagrave.com, and there was some other information. I have nothing helpful for you, but suspect others who receive your query may have additional information. Good luck as you continue your genealogical research.

Wally Ewing

Steve Ewing wrote:

My grandfather was named Bertram Thayer Ewing but we live in Massachusetts. I don't think there is a direct connection, but I have yet to see the name Bertram associated with the surname Ewing. (His father was Albert so maybe that is where the name Bertram came from.) I thought I'd chime in. I have a brother, Colin Stewart Ewing and an uncle, Robert Thayer Ewing, too.

Steve Ewing

To: Cory Ewing; EFA
Subject: Re: [ewing-assn] John Bertram Ewing

Cory asks whether the Ewing Surname Y-DNA project is "a viable path to find further trace [of] my line." The answer is a definite maybe.

Y-DNA evidence can be helpful in understanding the deep reaches of your family line. It "looks back" much further than will ever be possible using only conventional genealogical resources, but it often doesn't shed much light on questions that are close at hand. Used alone, Y-DNA cannot reliably distinguish your brother from your fifth cousin.

Our Y-DNA project has discovered that about 2/3 of the 150-odd participants have a common paternal line ancestor on the order of 500 years ago. We have called this the "large, closely related group of Ewings." The remaining 1/3 of our participants are a diverse group. Most of them have a common ancestor (who is also an ancestor of those in the large, closely related group) on the order of 8000 years ago, but some of them have a common ancestor no more recently than 30,000 years ago. There are some more closely related subgroups within the diverse group. Of course, all of this talk of "common ancestor" refers only to the common ancestor in the strict paternal line--in fact, all of us are much more closely related than this if we consider all of our family lines. To get a quick picture of the genetic distances involved, have a look at this diagram:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/NetworkDiagramOverview.pdf>

And to see how the project groups are defined, see:

http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_ProjectResults/ResultsIntroduction.html

To learn more about the project or to get information about joining, go to:

<http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project>

and follow the links.

David Neal Ewing

Upcoming Events

Events in Scotland

An exceptional source of information about genealogy-related happenings in Scotland is Visit Scotland (www.ancestralscotland.com). They periodically distribute a newsletter by EMail; you can sign-up for their EMail mailing list by making a request via their web site:

www.americanancestors.org/home.html.

Events in the U.S.

September 5-6, 2015 – 150th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games Pleasanton, CA

Information for this event can be found at <http://www.thescottishgames.com/>.

2016 EFA Gathering – A Time for Ewings to Join in Fellowship

T'was a story of wee little lads and lassies who asked a Grandfather of Clan Ewing, "Will ye not take us to ah Gatherin', Grandfather?" "Aye," he said, "For tis a time ah learnin' 'bout yer Clan and growin' up to be ah fine Ewing."

Don't pass up the chance to bring your family to the Ewing Family Association's 2016 Gathering, an experience worth sharing. Our upcoming EFA Gathering will be held **July 8-10, 2016**, in Saline, Michigan in conjunction with the Saline Celtic Festival. This Gathering will provide opportunities to witness aspects of Clan Ewing heritage, be affordable for families, give us time to share stories and pictures of Ewings we know, and allow active participation in some of our own Clan Ewing "Highland Games" type activities.

So, what's stopping you from gathering around our Clan Ewing tent with EFA / Clan Ewing members for a "wee bit of fellowship"? The 2016 Gathering will prove to be a memorable event.

Watch for details soon about registration, accommodations, schedule of events, meetings, special EFA / Clan Ewing activities, social events, and a "cookout." Until then, please go to the following website for a nice overview of the Celtic Festival. And, remember to add "EFA Gathering 2016" to your calendar and family vacation plans.

<http://thesalinepost.com/article/quick-guide-saline-celtic-festival>.

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The Ewing Family Association fosters interest in the Ewing family; promotes gatherings of its members; publishes a journal with biographical, genealogical, and historical information; encourages identifying the relationships among Ewing families; and encourages genealogical research and the sharing of results.

Membership is open to all persons with the surname of Ewing or who are descended from anyone with that surname; to anyone who is, or has been, the spouse of such a person; and to anyone who otherwise supports the organization's purposes. To join, send a membership form to Ewing Family Association, 1330 Vaughn Court, Aurora, Illinois 60504

Forms are available at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org. Annual dues are \$25.00. Membership includes the quarterly Ewing Family Journal.

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We welcome contributions to the Journal from Ewing Family Association members and others. Electronic copy is preferred and should be sent to the Editor at johnewing2003@msn.com. Hardcopy submissions should be sent to John Ewing, 7910 Moss Grove Place, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please call John Ewing, +1-260-704-1392