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From the Editor

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Hello Family,

This is my second journal as Editor. I really appreciate creating these because I enjoy reading through the content while I am putting everything together. I want to thank everyone who submitted articles. These journals are a great way to learn some of the history of your family.

The big family topic is still the gathering in Nashville on August 17th until August 19th. I am very happy to announce that I will be attending that event with my Dad, Brad Ewing. I've never been to Nashville, so I am looking forward to seeing the city, and meeting all of you. If you are thinking about attending the event but haven't signed up yet, I encourage you to do so soon. The hotel is filling up quickly.

I wanted to take this time to congratulate my sister, Amanda Ewing, and her fiancé, Dr. Rick Mahon, on their engagement. I can't wait to attend their wedding on June 23rd 2018 and add Rick to our family. Both of them are doing positive things with their lives, and it has been a pleasure to be a part of it. May their journey through life together be filled with great memories.

This summer is a special time for my family and I. We have had a lot of memorable events happen this year, and I hope it keeps getting better. I want to thank you for being a part of my journey as well!

Thanks,

Brent Ewing

Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 7

Her Famous Friends in Philadelphia from 1779 to 1844

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Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson)
(20 Jan 1751-24 May 1844)

Introduction

Part 7 continues the story of famous and interesting people in Amy's life (January 20, 1751 - May 24, 1844). Some of the people had EWING for a last name, some were Amy's immediate family, others married into Amy's family, and some worked for decades for the US Mint in Philadelphia. In addition, Amy knew famous doctors, scientists, congressmen, senators, senior military officers, and US Presidents. This chapter centers on the Ewing/ Patterson families from 1811 to 1815.

War Is Looming

The Robert Pattersons (Amy age 60 and Robert age 68), in 1811, were grandparents to 14 grandchildren (the fourth generation of this Ewing family born in America). From 1787 to that year, the term "war" was used by the Ewing/Patterson families mainly when the elders were talking to the grandkids about the birth of the United States or when they passed along news of the battles in Europe between France and England. Amy and Robert had lived through those uncertain and anxious times of the Revolutionary War, but their grandkids had not known of war in America. As grandparents, they were praying every Sunday at the Scots Presbyterian Church for the United States to stay out of war for the sake of their offspring's future.

Then on December 6, 1811, the House of Representatives of the 12th Congress voted 117 to 11, "To Concur in the Resolution to Fill Up the Ranks of the Military Establishment, To promote the Enlistment of Troops, and To Give a Bounty of Land to Encourage Enlistment".¹

The immediate causes of the War of 1812 were a series of economic sanctions taken by the British and French against the US as part of the Napoleonic Wars and American outrage at the British practice of impressment. At the outset of the 19th century, Great Britain was locked in a long and bitter conflict with Napoleon Bonaparte's France. In an attempt to cut off supplies from reaching the enemy, both sides attempted to block the United States from trading with the other. Plus Great Britain had violated American sovereignty by refusing to surrender western forts as promised in the Treaty of Paris after the Revolutionary War. So, Amy's family was, again, called upon to defend the US Constitution and the freedom won from England in 1787.

¹ www.govtrack.us/congress/votes.

Grandchildren of Amy and Robert

So, for future Ewing Family genealogists, I have listed below the "grandkids" of Amy Hunter Ewing and Robert Patterson alive during the War of 1812:

One daughter of Samuel and Mary Padgett Patterson Moore (1777-24 Feb 1861). Mary is the oldest daughter.

- Elizabeth Moore, (born Feb 24 1812),

Seven children of Uriah DuBois and Martha Patterson (30 July 1779-25 Oct 1856), all born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Martha is the second oldest daughter:

- Charles Ewing DuBois (Jul 16 1799),
- Emilu DuBois (1803)
- Robert Patterson DuBois (1805)
- Samuel DuBois (1809)
- William Ewing DuBois (Dec 15, 1810)
- Matilda Dubois (1813)
- Louis DuBois (1814)

Five Children of William Ewing Patterson (1810-1881) and Ellen Thornton. William E. is the second oldest son.

- Mary Patterson (1801)
- Margaret Patterson (1802)
- Nancy Patterson (1804)
- Ellen Patterson (1806)
- David Patterson (1810)

One child of Samuel J. Fisher and Emma Patterson (4 Sept 1784- ?). Emma is the third oldest daughter.

- Joseph Coleman Fisher (May 1809).

Amy's eighth child, Robert Maskell Patterson (RMP) (March 23, 1787 - September 5, 1854) is my 3rd great-grandfather and a direct maternal ancestor. He is the maternal grandson of Maskell Ewing (1721-1796) whose father, Thomas Ewing (1690-1747), was one of the settlers of Greenwich, New Jersey (pronounced "Green--witch"). In the last article (Part 6), we concluded with RMP marrying Helen Hamilton Leiper (1792-1874) on April 20, 1814, Helen's birthday. She is a daughter of another 4 greats-grandfather, Thomas Leiper, 1745-1825.

While still in Europe in 1812, RMP became aware of the Congressional Resolution to build up America's military. It seemed to him from what he was exposed to in France and England that war was coming to the US. Within days of RMP returning to the U.S. from England, his father received a letter from his friend and former President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, dated Aug 9, 1812.² (See page 4.) The former U.S. President was expressing his feelings that war with Great Britain was inevitable:

² Letter, "Thomas Jefferson to Robert Patterson, 9 August 1812, Founders Online, National Archives.

Dear Sir

Monticello Aug. 9. 12.

I send you another paper from our indefatigable calculator William Lambert. I do not know whether he is a member of our society, but I think his assiduities and qualifications render him entirely worthy of the choice of the society. Our literary fare must be of homespun materials, I presume, during the continuance of the war, except so far as we may be refreshed by the precarious receipt of scientific news from France. The English seem now to be doing what, sooner done, would have prevented war, but the sword being drawn, will not I presume be sheathed again but on a full redress of past wrongs, and security against the future. If they have the magnanimity to do this, it will restore our peace on that side of the Channel, & transfer the war to the other side probably. Perhaps however in the mean time, Bonaparte may have done us justice. Accept the assurance of my constant esteem & respect.

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Dr. Patterson

TH Jefferson

Star Spangled Banner 'BroadSides'

On September 13, 1814, Francis Scott Key (actually FSK is my 2nd cousin 4x removed), wrote a poem while on the deck of the British ship that was bombarding Fort McHenry just outside Baltimore. In the fourth stanza of the poem, Key wrote *"And this be our motto, in God is our Trust."* It took another 140 years, but in 1957 the words "In God We Trust" appeared on the one dollar silver certificate.

The poem was published in Baltimore first, but 'broadsides' (single sheets to be posted in public) and newspapers far and wide printed the poem for the public over the next several months. Amy, Robert and all the Ewing family probably saw the poem published in a Philadelphia newspaper or in other towns where they lived during the fall or winter of 1814. Many 'broadsides' were placed in towns large and small all around the new country. Even in a little town such as Greenwich, 'broadsides' might give citizens fairly fresh information before a newspaper could reach them.

If you include the French and Indian War, the War of 1812 was the third major war that my Ewing ancestors in New Jersey and Pennsylvania had witnessed since 1740. When they read Key's poem, it was akin to watching news coverage from the battle field of a modern war on television. At the Patterson house, "In the evening, the family worshipped again after which Patterson read aloud to his wife from the daily paper, Walsh's National Gazette. Articles that interested him most concerned new inventions, discoveries, and theories in the mechanical arts."³ The words were encouraging, but the Philadelphia Ewings and their fellow residents feverishly did what they could to prepare for the "belligerent" British to show up in their town.



**Francis Scott Key
(1779-1843)
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Chief of a Corps of Field Engineers

Briefly RMP's duties at the University, which began soon after he returned to Philadelphia, and that of his father's, were interrupted by the British Army, which had burned Washington, was attacking Baltimore, and seemed a threat to Philadelphia."⁴ After volunteering, the younger Patterson was appointed Chief of a Corps of Field Engineers, and then set about to help in preparing the city's defenses. "With General Jon Williams, the chief military engineer, he organized the erection of temporary fortifications around the city, especially on the south and west approaches. Citizens of all ranks turned out, by thousands, to dig ditches and cast of embankments."⁵

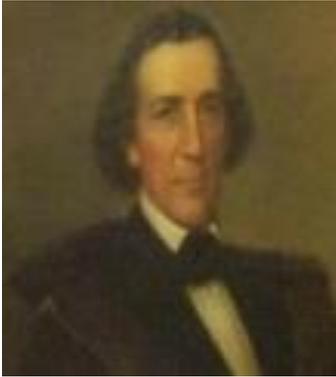
One of the records of these activities explained, "One of the earthen forts, erected at Fairmount to command the Schuylkill [River], was chiefly the work of ministers and school-teachers."⁶ The

³ A Record of Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), Thomas Ewing, and Louis DuBois, Press of John C. Clark, 1847 by William Ewing (1810-1881).

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.



Robert Maskell Patterson
Professor at University of
Pennsylvania (1813-1828)
 University of PA Archives

Fairmount was Philadelphia's main waterworks at that time. "According to the law, officers and employees of the Mint were not exempt from military duty; therefore, Director Patterson and others manned the breastworks at Gray's Ferry on the lower Schuylkill River."⁷

The Ferry was built by George Gray prior to the Revolution. George Gray (1725-1800) is my 5th great-maternal grandfather and just happens to be Helen Hamilton Leiper Patterson's maternal grandfather. Gray held several positions during the Revolutionary War and was a member of the American Philosophical Society. After the Revolution and drawing up the Constitution, Gray was, in 1787, one of the delegates from Philadelphia to ratify that document for the State of Pennsylvania.

The Ferry's location was a prominent artery in and out of Philadelphia. In fact, Helen's father, Thomas Leiper, as a member of the Light Horse Troop of Philadelphia, often escorted George Washington to and from the Ferry during the Revolution.

He also fought with him at the Battle of Trenton and Princeton, and again escorted him to and from the Ferry when the new national government was moved from New York City to Philadelphia in the 1790s, and when the new President would travel down to Mt. Vernon.

For the duration of the war threat in Philadelphia, RMP's father-in-law served on the Commission of the Defense of Philadelphia. One can imagine Robert, almost 70 years of age, back in uniform and prepared to fight against the Redcoats, reminiscing with Amy and the rest of the family about his youth as a soldier in Northern Ireland when he fought in the King's Army and as surgeon's mate as a member of the New Jersey Militia in the Battle of Long Island in 1776.



Gray's Ferry 1816
 Painting by Joshua Rowley
 Watson

Fortunately, the British never attacked Philadelphia because their aim was to capture and burn the capital, Washington. "Nevertheless, the Committee of Safety awarded Dr. Patterson (RMP) a vote of thanks for his services in such a time of peril."⁸

We do know that RMP was qualified to be a physician upon his return from Europe, "He had the luster of a many-faceted stone that has been cut and polished; he reflected the light and learning of some of the most eminent European scientists"⁹ However, he had appealed to his

⁷ John Thomason Faris, *The Romance of the Rivers* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1927,) p. 60.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

father from Europe: "A young physician, commencing practice, is not very liable to be overloaded with business." RMP proposed, "On my return, I can assist you in experimenting, and occasionally, perhaps, give a lecture in your stead." "He expressed a desire to teach natural philosophy, in Europe an essential branch of medical knowledge, which he thought would be popular and useful course in Philadelphia. He was appointed the next year to the Professorship of Natural Philosophy in the Medical Department at the University of Pennsylvania." ¹⁰

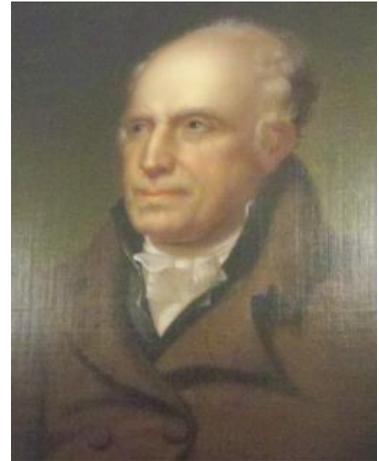
Challenges for the US Mint Director

During the time that Philadelphians fortified their city in 1814, the Director of the US Mint, and other employees donated the substantial sum of fifty dollars to help with the general defense. (\$50.00 in 1812 is equal to \$9090.00 today). Tradition has it, Patterson allowed many citizens to bring their valuables to the Mint where they were hidden in underground vaults and remained safe throughout the war. The silver ladle passed down to me and pictured in the last article may have been placed in the underground vaults.

In 1814, the senior Professor Patterson (1743 - 1824), as the Director of the US Mint in Philadelphia, had to deal with several issues. The blockade during this time, however, meant that Director Patterson had to deal with certain shortages of metals to produce coins.

"Wartime often affects coin production. Think of the various overdates (a coin on which one date has been superimposed over another) from World War I and World War II, and the steel cents and silver-alloy 5-cent coins from World War II. The War of 1812 profoundly affected U.S. coinage."¹¹ In Part 4, I described how the mint solved a shortage of silver in 1792 by a contribution of a \$100 worth of silver bullion from Martha Washington. In this situation in 1814, there was no "Martha" to provide any metals to the Mint.

"Wartime was also a time of hoarding precious metals. The Mint struck gold and silver coins only for depositors and in the denominations the depositors requested. For example, if someone deposited \$50.00 worth of silver, he could expect to receive \$50.00 in any silver denomination he chose. Gold deposits paid out in gold coin." ¹²



Robert Patterson
Portrait in Benjamin Franklin
Hall, Philadelphia, PA.
Painted by Rembrandt Peale

Professor Patterson Retires From Teaching

It was during the period of the War of 1812 that Professor Patterson retired from full-time teaching at the University. "Although he was on the downhill side of life, Patterson continued to enjoy excellent health, and he still followed his daily routine. Every morning before breakfast

¹⁰ John Thomason Faris, The Romance of the Rivers (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1927,) p. 60.

¹¹ Coinworld.com. 1812 Mint "Wartime after Effects."

¹² Ibid.

at family worship, he read from Horne on the Psalms or Scott's commentary. After breakfast he walked from his home at 285 Chestnut just above Ninth and Market he passed the once magnificent townhouse of Robert Morris, originally built as the home of the President of the United States but which had become the site of the University of Pennsylvania. As he turned off Ninth Street he recalled that the city at one time stopped at that street."¹³ "As he sauntered along the brick sidewalk, the wooden gutters beside him reminded him of the time he slipped and caught a carriage post, which save him from falling into the gutter. Then he noticed the shopkeepers opening their stores, sweeping the sidewalks in front, and preparing for the day."¹⁴

On Wednesdays and Saturday, women would be there carrying baskets through the Market Street colonnade sheds located in the center of the street. I imagine Amy, perhaps with some older grandkids in tow, shopping for the best produce, dairy products, fish, and fowl. Rum and cider beer were for sale also.

"Crossing Market Street Patterson neared the Filbert Street entrance to the Mint, where he stopped to drink at the iron-handled water pump. Philadelphia had become famous for the public pumps which stood at brief intervals along the streets. He greeted the Mint watchman and the workers as he walked into his office to begin his day's work. Around two o'clock he went home for dinner. Sometimes in the afternoons he returned to the Mint; at other times he visited the Peale's Museum (owned by the artist Charles Willson Peale) to see the latest additions to the taxidermy exhibit."¹⁵

Dr. Caspar Wistar and His Friday Night Parties

"Patterson did not keep late hours; what little studying he did at home was upstairs in his bedroom where his old secretary stood, desk portion open revealing his neatly arranged papers. On Friday nights Patterson usually went to the American Philosophical Society headquarters next to Independence Hall on Fifth and Chestnut Streets. On Saturday evenings he occasionally attended the Wistar parties held in the red brick, Georgian town house of Dr. Caspar Wistar, located on the southwest corner of Fourth and Locust Streets. Not only did he enjoy the cake, ice cream, raisins, and almonds, but also delighted in conversing with notable visitors, guests of the Society who gathered for intellectual discussions."¹⁶

Dr. Wistar and his family were among the many "famous" people in Philadelphia that Amy and Robert enjoyed professionally and personally during the Revolutionary War times and several decades after that. For over 30 years, from



Caspar Wistar (1761-1818)
Engraving by W. G. Jackman
University of Pennsylvania
Digital Archives

¹³ The Robert Patterson Family, Eminent Philadelphians, Scholars, and Directors of the Mint, 1743- 1854, by Carolyn Myatt Green, Athens, Georgia, 1974, Doctor of Philosophy, Dissertation.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid. The Robert Patterson Family, Eminent Philadelphians, Scholars, and Directors of the Mint, 1743- 1854, by Carolyn Myatt Green, Athens, Georgia, 1974, Doctor of Philosophy, Dissertation.

1788 until his death in 1818, Dr. Wistar was a member of the Penn faculty and a professor in the Medical Department teaching anatomy, midwifery, and surgery. Like Robert and Robert Maskell, Wistar was a popular teacher, enlivened by large models and drawings. Outside of the college, Wistar was a member and President of the American Philosophical Society and the Society for the Abolition of Slavery.

Professor Patterson and Amy were not wealthy, but the employment provided by the US Mint and the University of Pennsylvania gave them a comfortable life style. But because of his work, the Pattersons were considered a "prominent" family in Philadelphia.

The weekend was always full of social gatherings, but the Sunday schedule was most of the time exclusively for the family. "On Sunday he walked the long eight blocks with his wife to the Scots Presbyterian Church on Spruce Street. He concluded his week by returning to his small library, which contained mostly religious books, and he devoted the rest of the day to religious readings."¹⁷

"As Patterson aged, his white, wavy hair receded adding to his venerable and dignified appearance. He continued to be a good conversationalist, witty, but never wordy, and in his dress he preferred the conservatively styled, snuff-colored, double-breasted coat and white-boots."¹⁸



Wistar House
238-240 South 4th St.

Bonaparte, Jefferson and Patterson Letter

In the summer of 1815, with war passed, as politics, the economy, and life generally was returning to some normalcy, Robert received a letter on June 12th from the statesman and scientist, former President Thomas Jefferson.¹⁹ These two men corresponded regularly, even during the eight years Jefferson was living in the White House, covering scientific theories, discussions by the American Philosophical Society, a number of patents, and, of course, politics. Neither Jefferson nor Patterson could have known what was about to occur in Europe. He probably opened the letter on or near June 18th....the date that Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo. Here are several quotes from the first page of the letter Jefferson sent to Patterson:

Dear Sir,

Monticello June 12, 15

"...in our principles of government we differ not at all, nor in the general object and tenor of political measures. We concur in considering the government of England as totally without morality, insolent beyond bearing, inflated with vanity and

¹⁷ The Robert Patterson Family, Eminent Philadelphians, Scholars, and Directors of the Mint, 1743- 1854, by Carolyn Myatt Green, Athens, Georgia, 1974, Doctor of Philosophy, Dissertation.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Letter, Thomas Jefferson to Robert Patterson, 12 June 1815, Founders Online, National Archives.

ambition, aiming at the exclusive dominion of the sea, lost in corruption of deep rooted hatred towards us, hostile to liberty whenever it endeavors to show its head, and the eternal disturber of the peace of the world....."

".....In our estimate of Bonaparte I suspect we differ. I view him as a political engine only and a very wicked one, you I believe as both political and religious and obeying, as an instrument, an unseen hand. I still deprecate his becoming sole lord of the continent of Europe, which he would have been had he reached in triumph the gates of Petersburg. The establishment, in our day, of another Roman empire, spreading vassalage and depravity over the face of the globe, is not, I hope, within the purpose of heaven. Nor the return of Bonaparte give me pleasure unmixed. I see in his expulsion of the Bourbons a valuable lesson to the world as showing that it's ancient dynasties may be changed for their misrule....."

The letter goes on for three more "hand-written" pages. After Jefferson finished the letter, he adds a P.S.:

"P.S. June 14, before I had sent my letter to the post office, I received the new treaty of the allied powers, declaring that the French nation shall not have Bonaparte, and shall have Louis XVIII for their ruler. They are all then great rascals as Bonaparte himself. While he was in the wrong, I wish him exactly as much success as would answer our purposes and no more. Now that they are wrong, and he is in the right, he shall have all my prayers for success, and that he may dethrone every man of them."

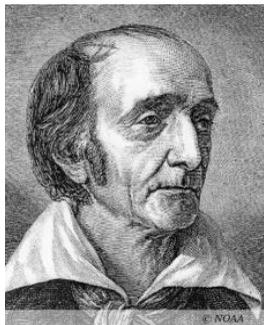
We descendants of the EWING/PATTERSON tree have no way of knowing for sure if Robert read or shared the Jefferson letters with his family, but common sense would say...Yes... he did! And so, Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) not only knew Thomas Jefferson, but was aware of his personal thoughts. She was the mother of two doctors and her daughters were married to learned men. The Pattersons were known as a "prominent" family in Philadelphia for many, many years.

In late 1814, RMP, at the age of 27, was appointed Vice Provost of the University when his father left that position. RMP had assumed his teaching assignments as professor of natural philosophy in the medical department. He subsequently also became professor of natural history, chemistry and mathematics in the faculty of arts.

Even though there were serious threats of combat to Amy's birth place, Greenwich, New Jersey, and the southern coast of New Jersey, the city of Philadelphia, despite a blockade, never engaged the British in combat during the War of 1812-14.

Coastal Survey of the United States

Just as his father had given Meriwether Lewis instruction and guidance to perform celestial navigation, RMP was involved in identifying and acquiring suitable books and instruments for Ferdinand R. Hassler's (1770-1843) planned coastal survey. Hassler was born in Aarau,



**Ferdinand Hassler
(1770-1843)**

Public Domain

Switzerland, and he was a surveyor educated at the University of Bern. Senior Patterson and his APS members had been instrumental in the establishment of a Coastal Survey in 1807. Hassler had been selected as its director that year, and, after many delays due to financial problems and difficulties in obtaining suitable instruments, Hassler was finally scheduled to conduct the first survey in 1816-1817. Ferdinand turned to the American Philosophical Society for assistance, and both father and son contributed to a list of literature and apparatus. He started near the harbor of New York, but before much had been accomplished, or the first annual report drafted, Congress abandoned the project. It wasn't until 1832 that the Coast Survey was re-established with Hassler at its head. The survey was of the East Coast only at that time in U.S. history.

In Part 8, I will describe more historical activities of the Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson's family life in Philadelphia from 1816 to 1824. But before we finish Part 7, you need to know about another one of Amy's siblings...her younger brother, Maskell Ewing (1758-1825). The portrait was painted by Charles Willson Peale in 1788. Interestingly, the subject of the portrait can be identified by Ewing's name on the letter, and his profession is symbolized by the law books.

Recently my cousin, Grace Ewing, Greenwich, New Jersey (a descendant of Dr. William Belford Ewing) sent me a copy of "Some account of that branch of the Ewing Family that settled in the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey." written by William Belford Ewing (1776-1866), son of Amy's brother, Thomas Ewing (1748-1782). He started to write his memory of the family history on August 12, 1841, when he was 65 years of age. It occurred to me that WBE's own words would be the best way to remember Maskell, Jr. On January 7, 1859, WBE recalled the life of his Uncle Maskell Ewing, Jr. with these words: ²⁰

"Maskell Ewing, their second son, was born January 30, 1758. In his youth he acted as a General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, and removed to Trenton, where he studied law with Mr. Churchill Houston. He married Miss Jane Hunter of Philadelphia by whom he had six children, three sons and three daughters. Of these, four are living:

- *Eleanor, his eldest daughter, married to Mr. George Curwen of Montgomery County, Penn.;*
- *Mary Padget Ewing unmarried;*
- *Louisa, married to Mr. Bell of Louisville, Kentucky; and*
- *Maskell C. Ewing, late of the United States Army, some time since married to a lady in Maryland. He resides at Alexandria, Dis. of Columbia.*

Uncle Maskell continued Clerk of the Assembly for more than twenty years, he then some time in Philadelphia afterwards in Radnor Township, Delaware County, Penna. He represented that County six years in the State Senate. He died in August 1825

²⁰ William Belford Ewing, Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, written in 1841

whilst on a visit to his friends in this place in his 68th year of his age, and was buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard in this town.

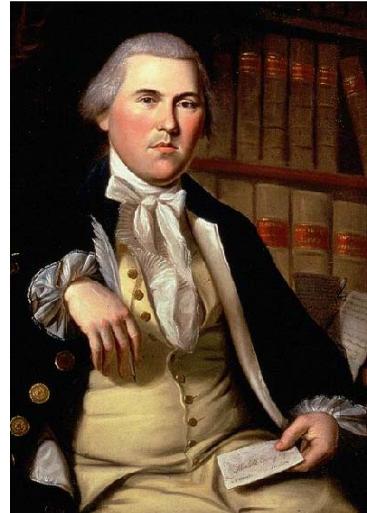
My Uncle Maskell was more than six feet in height, and full proportioned; his appearance was the most noble and commanding I have ever seen. He was a pleasant companion, and possessed great qualifications for business, more especially with his pen. He was idolized by his children, the delight of his relatives and oh, how dear his memory is to me."

It is my understanding that part or all of Dr. Ewing's account of his relatives will be published in the Ewing Family Journal sometime in the future. But one sentence in his "account" that hit home with me was the following:

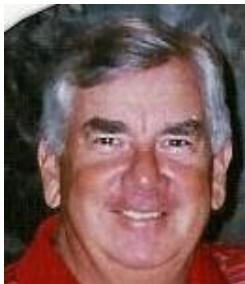
"Of all my aunts, I loved my Aunt Patterson the best"

I decided to put a couple of items relevant to the Star Spangled Banner poem in this issue's story into an Addendum, rather than place them in the middle portion of the article. Finally, I wish to thank my wife, Cobe, for her constant support and editing skills in reviewing this and all past articles.

Our fall article will feature Amy's Ewing relatives and her friends in Philadelphia from 1816 to 1824.



Maskell Ewing (1758-1825)
Painted by
Charles Willson Peale, 1788



David 'Bruce' Frobes earned his bachelor degree from DePauw University. He is attached to the Ewings of Greenwich, New Jersey through Amy Hunter who married Robert Patterson there in May 1774. He has made several on-site trips to Greenwich, New Jersey, and Philadelphia to study more about his Ewings and the history of that area. His career included the Air Force and 35 years in the investment management and trust administration business. Now retired in Rio Verde, Arizona, Bruce has built his genealogical files to include 3,800 names with the Ewings as a prominent focus of his research. When not searching the past and contributing articles to the Ewing Family Journal, he is an avid golfer in the mountains and the deserts of Arizona. You can reach Bruce via email at BruceFrobes@gmail.com.

Addendum to Part 7

Addendum to "Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) follows on pages 13 and 14 and includes a handwritten copy of 'The Star Spangled Banner' and a printed version included with the 'Defense of Fort McHenry.'

Star Spangled Banner

Courtesy of the Library of Congress and the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

The Star-spangled banner.

O! say, can ye see by the dawn's early light
 What so proudly we hail'd by the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose bright stars & broad stripes, through the clouds of the fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 O! say does that Star-spangled banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave?

On that shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
 As it fitfully blows, half-conceals, half-discloses?
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
 In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.
 'Tis the Star-spangled banner - O! long may it wave
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave.

And where is that host that so vauntingly swore
 That the havoc of war & the battle's confusion
 A home & a country should leave us no more?
 Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
 No refuge could save the hireling & slave
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.
 And the Star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave.

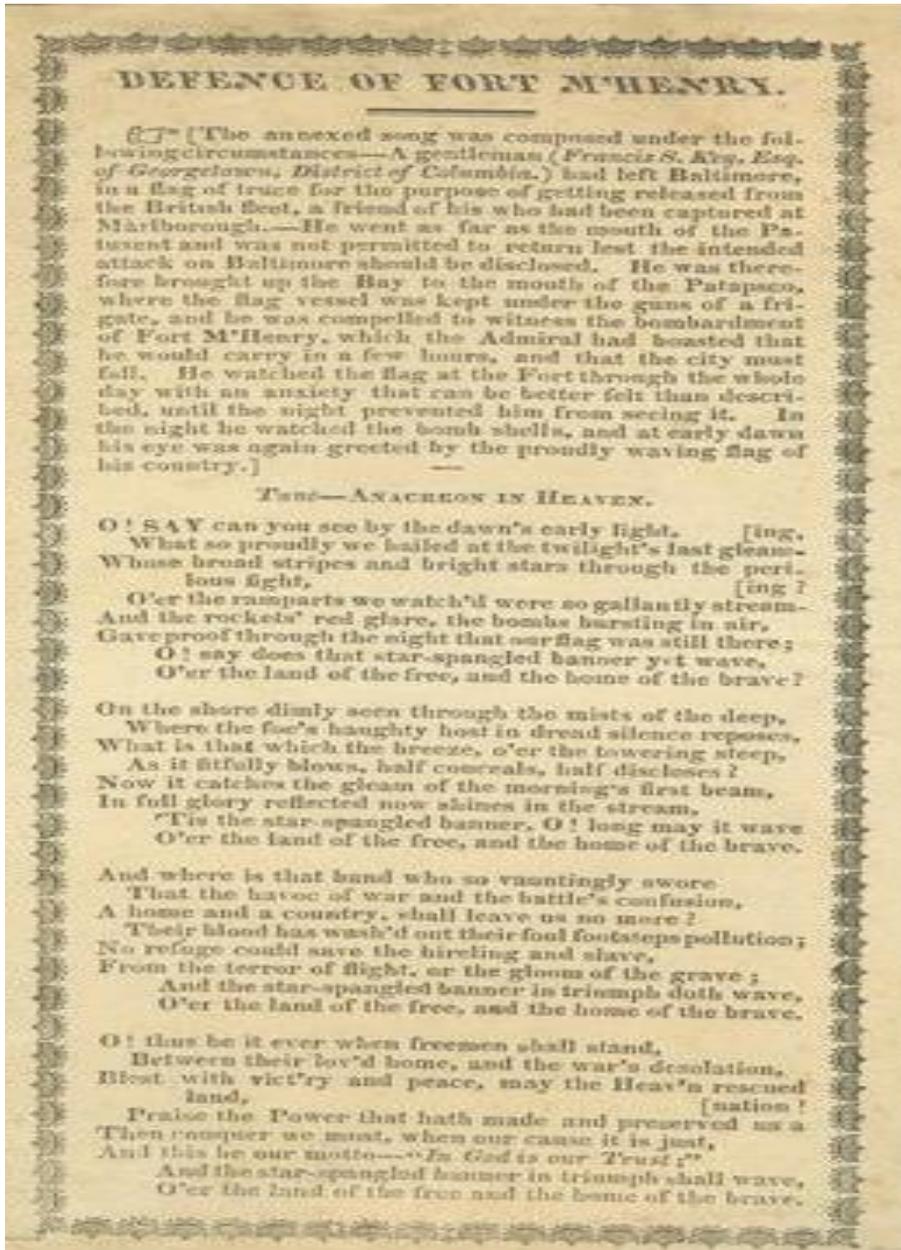
O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
 Between their lov'd homes & the war's desolation,
 Blest with vict'ry or peace, may the heav'n rescued land
 Praise the Power that hath made & preserved us a nation.
 Then conquer we must - when our cause it is just,
 And this be our motto - In God is our trust.
 And the Star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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F. Key

"Defence of Fort M'Henry" Poem

By Francis Scott Key, Original manuscript copy courtesy of Maryland Historical Society.



Five Ewing Families

Steve C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Family Research Road Trip, 10/29-30/2016

It was a balmy, dry Saturday in late October when I dropped off my wife, Claudia, her mom, Doris, and older sister, Donna, at a seaside spa in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Hazel, our eight-year-old Kelpie dog, rode along as usual. At the sprawling yellow-clapboard Saybrook Point Inn and Spa, we met Claudia's other sister, Lisa, and her daughter, Malika. They had driven from New York to join the 'Vineyard' ladies in celebrating Doris' 85th birthday at the spa.

Waving goodbye, Hazel and I turned north toward the Massachusetts' Hamptons and the epicenter of my Ewing ancestors' early residences and current eternal resting places. My third great-grandfather was Alexander John Ewing (b1822-d1910). He, his wife Flora, and four other related Ewing families, emigrated from Ireland and settled in this area during the mid-1800s. They established farms and became successful members of the Pioneer Valley community.

I had a few goals during this quick swing through the area:

1. Re-visit the two cemeteries where I had found Ewing graves on my first visit a year ago. I find that as I learn more of my family history, names that I have seen on grave stones in the past take on new meaning as I connect them to my tree.
2. Drive by the old farmstead of a third cousin, Myron Ewing.
3. Just before Myron's farm, catch a glimpse of the site where Arthur Gerrit Ewing's greenhouse/florist operation was located.
4. Check into historical society buildings, libraries, museums, etc.
5. Try to meet my third cousin, John Wesley Ewing. John lived in the old farmhouse built by Alexander John in 1855, which has been in the family ever since. It is the place where family get-togethers have been photographed over the years.
6. Try to locate a house in Enfield, Connecticut, where one Andrew Ewing lived. I heard about Andrew and a cache of old photos through discussions on the Ewing Family Association (EFA) website.

This might be a good point to try and explain some of my newly-found passion for things genealogical. My dad, Harvey Sterling Ewing, never knew his father. The story goes that his dad, Bertram Thayer Ewing got my grandmother, Alice Conkling, 'in the family way' when she was 17. Bert was supposedly attending college in Maine at the time. It is still a mystery exactly how and where they met. My strict Conkling great-grandparents insisted they marry immediately and Bert leave school. The saga continues with my dad's birth and, about a year later (they didn't waste much time), the birth of my Uncle Bob. Grandpa Bert disappeared while Bob was being born. He was never seen by the family again.

My dad, Harvey, and my brother, Doug (I'm the oldest of four boys), both died in the summer of 1995. Before Doug passed away, he asked his mother-in-law, an amateur genealogist

named Anne-Marie, to help locate Bert and find something about these mysterious Ewings from whom we get our name. Dad had taken to believing we were descended from the Scottish Clan McEwen. He acquired a kilt, helped found a local Scottish Society, went to Scotland and marched in the 4th of July parade every year. He was nuts about his distant roots, but never spoke about his missing father.

In early August of 1995, Anne-Marie found Bert's last known address, so Claudia and I packed up our two young sons, Niko and Arno, caught the ferry, and headed north. We knocked on the door of a small, neat house in the rural town of Pittsfield, New Hampshire. A respectable looking older woman opened the door. We introduced ourselves as Ewings, and after the surprise of our unannounced appearance passed, she ushered us into a modest living room where we all sat.

Jean Johnson turned out to be one of two daughters of Bert's third (he never divorced Grandma Alice) marriage. She asked a lot of questions, the most telling was, "Where have you been?" She was almost scolding us for not tracking down Bert. When we explained that we had no idea where he was, and that no one in the family ever spoke of him and he had abandoned us, she countered with another tale. Bert told her that Alice's dad, Sterling Conkling, had basically been fed up with his antics, given him a wad of cash and told Bert, "never to darken his daughter's door again."

Whichever story is true didn't diminish our sadness in hearing from Jean that Bert had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the bedroom next to where we were sitting in 1981. This sad tale was relayed to my brother, Doug, just before he passed away. We filled in a few more blanks, and Doug was glad to know that we found Grandpa and were on the Ewing trail.

Since this adventure, Claudia and I have followed leads to Ireland and found the old Ewing home site. We have also been to Scotland three times and discovered family connections there too. I have had my DNA tested, hired a genealogist, joined the EFA, gotten involved with the rebirth in Scotland of the old Clan Ewing, and spent hours staring at the Ancestry.com website on the computer. Like my dad, Harvey, I too, am nuts.

These are some of the reasons why, when I get a chance, I head towards Easthampton. Hazel and I arrived at the first cemetery about 2 p.m. I located the graves of a few relatives that I had seen previously. I also found a few other names that may or may not be related and took photos of everything. Next, we drove to the other in-town cemetery where I had found my more immediate relatives. This was also where I had located the graves of my great-grandparents, Bertram's parents, Albert Edward and Florence Tufts Ewing. (Bert was buried in Guilford, New Hampshire, next to Blanche Poitras, his third wife). Finding the graves of Albert and Florence was a grand surprise a year before. It was especially poignant, as they were buried near many of my other close Ewing relatives.

After taking more photos, I headed down Glendale Street to the next destination on my list, Arthur Gerrit Ewing's place. There it was as before. Next, I drove by the old farmhouse of cousin, Myron Ewing. The place looked freshly painted; I parked in front, and knocked on the door. Of course, it must have been years since a Ewing had lived here, but what the heck. When you're looking for lost family, you make it up as you go. I wonder if the spirits of the ancestors give you courage

After a bit of shuffling from inside, the door opened. I peered up at a sleepy-looking guy who saw me, and after a short pause said, "Steve." I reached out, shook his hand and said, "Joe." These weren't questions, but statements. I was staring a bit dumbfounded at an old friend from Martha's Vineyard, Joe Smith, whom I probably hadn't seen for 15-20 years. He invited me in and told me he had bought this place in 2002. I told him that an old Ewing relative had lived here, and he remembered something about the Ewings, but hadn't thought much about it.

Joe couldn't have been nicer. He was fighting a cold, but he gave me a tour all around the property. He showed me the old silo, the creamery, a new little guest house they were building for one of their kids, and the tobacco barn.

After exchanging contact info, I left Joe to rest, and headed towards Old Wilson Road and Alex John's farm house. A bit anxious - I hate to be a pest - I was hoping to meet my third cousin, John, who was living with his family in the old homestead. I drove by the house and spotted a van with a door open in the driveway. (I found out later John had just returned home that minute. Good thing I had spent an hour with Joe Smith, or I probably would not have met him.) I pulled in and walked towards the van.

A fellow, about my height walked towards me. I introduced myself as Steve, Steve Ewing. After a short pause, he extended his hand and said he was John Ewing. Well, we really hit it off. He invited me in and for two hours we got acquainted. I didn't get too deep into the genealogy stuff, but John did pull out some old photos, and I showed him some charts which explained how we were related. At one point his wife, Senka, who is from Bosnia and Herzegovina, walked into the room. (My wife, Claudia's, ancestors come from Eastern Europe, too.) What a nice woman. She couldn't stay, but as she was leaving she gave me a hug and said, "Of course you have to visit, you're family."

It is hard to describe the feeling I had talking to John in the old homestead he has managed to keep in the family. I suppose the feelings were pride, love, nostalgia, respect, and more, all rolled up in the space between us and the old but freshly-painted place. The trees and hills, the slant of the sun, all reflected the years this part of our family spent working the land and holding their place in the sweep of humanity. As inspiring as it may sound, it just seemed so natural. I am grateful to have experienced this, and I hope everyone can have these familial moments at least once in their life. It is a blessing, for sure.

The sun was setting, so I begged to take my leave. John followed me to the car. I bet he was feeling the same emotions as me. We talked a bit more, then I drove off towards our hotel in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, about a half-hour away. I settled in with a short Scotch and rang Claudia. She was so excited for me and couldn't wait to hear the full story later.

The next morning, I got up, had a coffee and Cheerios, and drove 15 minutes north towards Enfield. I was going there because a woman named Shirley Wild had cleaned out a barn behind a house her family had owned on 119 Pearl Street in that town. (The Pearl Street residence was featured in the November 2017 issue of the [Ewing Family Journal](#)!) She came across a collection of old photos and documents relating to an Andrew Ewing. She found the Ewing Family Association website, and took it upon herself to reach out to see if the EFA would like the group of photos for our archives. There was supposed to be a transfer of the photos

in Florida 2014, but I never heard if that had taken place. What the heck, I was in the neighborhood, I might like to see the house and barn anyway.

Enfield is a mid-sized town near the Connecticut River. It seemed pretty residential and working class; well-kept houses, tree-lined streets. I soon rolled up to 119 Pearl, kind of a main drag with more stately old Victorians. The old Ewing house was in very good repair with a black-iron fence bounding in the property.

I got out of the van on a quiet Sunday at 8 a.m. Not much action, as I cautiously took a few pictures of the house and walked along the sidewalk. I did notice someone across the street as I turned the corner of the side street and saw a, beautiful, good-sized shed behind the house. I took a few photos of the shed, and as I was turning back, the fellow I'd seen across the street walked toward me. "Hi, can I help you?" he asked as he toted his take-out coffee.

Trying to explain genealogical neurosis without sounding like a con artist is a fine line to walk early in the morning. My innocent island naiveté was probably quite obvious, and Carl, who owns 119 Pearl, and I, became friendly right away. He didn't seem to know Andrew Ewing, but did recognize another name from the e-mail I produced as evidence of my integrity. Carl is also the owner of a tattoo parlor, across the street (he saw me on a security camera) and also another place nearby. A real nice guy. I got his e-mail address, and I hope to fill him in on the identity of Andrew Ewing if I ever do get more information.

Hazel and I had a nice drive back down the river. We arrived back in Old Saybrook right on schedule at about 10:30 a.m., and met up with the gang of very relaxed-looking ladies and the happy birthday girl. We stopped at our old highway standby, the Parthenon Diner, in town for a late breakfast, said our goodbyes to the New York contingent, and headed for Woods Hole and the ferry. We had a quiet sail back home.

What a wonderful weekend for us all.



Steve Ewing is a dock builder living in Edgartown with his wife Claudia. They have two grown sons, Niko and Arno. Steve is the Town of Edgartown's first poet laureate. He is interested in all New England Ewings. The five Ewing families to whom he is directly connected are just up the Connecticut River in the North/East/Southampton area. They all came over in the mid-1800s.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles to be written by Steven C. Ewing for the Ewing Family Journal. They recount the five Ewing families from whom he descends.

Celebratory Poetry

Steven C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Shiretown

I see the Island
as a tall
sailing ship
in open sea
Each of the six towns
is a mast
rising mightily
above the listing deck
canvas billowing
before the
stiffening breeze
I see you
the citizens
at the helm
steering this massive
yet sleek craft
into the future
I look aft
over the high
and broad stern
to see
the boiling frothing wake
left by all
who have steered
our boat before
As this living hull rises
on each blue green swell

I see the unselfish union
of the crew
working together
to trim the sails
to set the course
to guide the stately
still beautiful craft
Away from rocks
Away from shoals
Away from unseemly hazards
And as we plunge forward
towards tomorrow's horizon
I see the light of hope
reflecting
in the faces
of you
the stalwart crew
straining to work
together as one
Like our mothers and fathers
before
and our children
yet to come
You strive to guide us
Home again

April, 2012

[Editor's Note: Steven C. Ewing was named Poet Laureate of Edgartown several years ago. While his poetry has appeared in the Ewing Family Journal from time to time, Steve has now published his first book of poetry entitled "Town Meeting Poems." It is available at local Martha's Vineyard bookstores or from Steve directly for \$20 plus \$5 shipping and handling.]

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As I read "Shiretown," I was reminded of the rugged West Highland coast of Loch Fyne. This poem reflects not only the island of Steve's domicile, but also the nautical activities of our ancient Clan Ewing.]

Benjamin Ewing of Benlock Grafton, Haldimand Township, Ontario, Canada

Elizabeth Ewing Fox

The Ewing Family Association received a message from Leslie Vogt (lesvogt@gmail.com) indicating that she believes she is living on a Ewing property in Grafton, Ontario, Canada. *“In doing some research into my property I came across the name of one of your ancestors, Benjamin Ewing, who was one of the early settlers of this area. My house is quite old, built in approximately 1850, but perhaps earlier. It is on Benlock Road, which was once the property of the Ewing family. I would be very grateful to learn anything else about this.”* Leslie’s request was forwarded to Elizabeth Ewing Fox, a long-time Ewing family researcher and genealogist, as she belongs to this family line. Her response to Leslie follows:

The first Ewing of my line to go to Upper Canada was Benjamin, who was listed in error in Margaret Fife’s book as a brother to his father, James. Benjamin was followed by brother Jamie; parents James and Naomi (about 1810); and sisters Mary (Polly) m. Robinson Irish; Hannah m. Eliakim Barnum; Clarissa m. 1st Charles Powers, 2nd William Buell; Belinda m. John Arkland and Maria, never married. Only two of James’ and Naomi’s nine children remained in Vermont - Daniel Sullivan and Naomi.

Benjamin James Ewing of Benlock, Grafton, Ontario

Benjamin James Ewing was born May 1776 in Greenwich, Massachusetts to James and Naomi (Cooley) Ewing. In 1778, a second child, Mary (Polly) was born to James and Naomi. Sometime between 1778 and 1780, James followed his brothers-in-law Gideon and Benjamin Cooley by moving his young family to Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont. Thus, the first of the Ewing family to become some of the first settlers of the town of Pittsford. A third child, James (called Jamie by the family), the first of the children to be born in Vermont was born in 1780. There were six more children born in Vermont – Naomi, 1784; Daniel Sullivan, 1787; Hannah, 1791; Belinda, 1797; Clarissa, 1798; Maria Margaret, 1801. All of the children migrated to Upper Canada except my ancestor Daniel Sullivan Ewing, who married Harriet Thankful Tuttle, and Naomi Ewing, who married Reuben Smith. Clarissa married (1) Charles Powers (2) William Buell and then resettled in Rochester, New York. The youngest of the family, Maria, a public school teacher, never married. According to the 1851 Canada West, Northumberland County Census: 49-year-old Maria is living alone, but not far from her cousin Manson Ewing’s family.

Benjamin married Eunice Doolittle, daughter of Moses Doolittle of Pittsford, 11 July, 1798, in Pittsford. Shortly after their marriage, Eunice’s father, Moses Doolittle, and mother, Elizabeth (Buck) Doolittle, moved their family to Upper Canada, landing on Lot # 10 in Broken Concession B of Haldimand before 1800. The place is known as Doolittle Point.



Map Courtesy of Wikipedia

The Northumberland County Genweb page erroneously gives the date of Benjamin's arrival in the Township of Haldimand as 1798. He was, indeed, one of the first settlers, but he was listed as a resident in the 1800 census of Pittsford, Vermont, with a male between 16 and 60 (he was 24), a male under 10 (son Henry was 2) and a female between 16 and 60 (Eunice was 22). Furthermore, Benjamin does NOT appear on the 1802 Assessment Rolls for Haldimand. His father--in--law, Moses Doolittle, does, however. The assessment Roll for Haldimand from the first Monday of March 1803 to the first Monday of March 1804 does include the name of Benjamin [] ing. (Brackets indicate names which are partially, or wholly undecipherable.)

This 1803 Haldimand Ontario Census lists the Benjamin Ewing family as consisting of two males under 16 (Henry and Benjamin Franklin.), one female under 16 (Celine) and two adults – one male and one female for a total of five persons. Henry, was born in 1799 in Vermont, Celine was born in 1800/01 in Vermont, and Benjamin Franklin was born 31 Dec 1802 in Haldimand. These dates indicate that Benjamin and his family arrived in Haldimand sometime after the Assessment Roll of March 1802 BUT previous to the birth of the third child on 31 December 1802. Thus, Benjamin's arrival was in 1802, most likely during the summer or early fall.

Benjamin Ewing's original settlement on the 1st Concession was called Benlock. He had held a post in the commissariats in 1812 under commissary Wilkins of Murray and obtained a grant of 500 acres of land in Alnwick for his military services. Eunice gave birth to five sons and two daughters.

Henry, often called Harry, was the eldest. He married the step-daughter of his Aunt Mary (Polly) Ewing who had married widower Robinson Irish. Hannah Irish, born 1800/02, was the eldest of Robinson's and Betsey's (Corey) four children. Henry and Hannah were married ca 1818 in Kingston. They had four sons and one daughter. Henry drowned in Lake Scugog at Port Perry, Eldon (where he had been professionally engaged) on 11 July 1841. According to a 5th cousin of mine, John Sinclair, who is a direct descendant of Henry, the professional engagement was the transportation of rum at the time of his drowning.

The second eldest child was daughter Celine who married Charles Arkland, a brother to her Aunt Belinda Ewing's husband, John Murdoch Arkland. Celine and Charles had seven children – two boys and five girls.

Benjamin and Eunice's third child, first to be born in Canada, was Benjamin Franklin, a colonel in the volunteer militia, and a highly-respected magistrate of the County of Northumberland. At one time, he was one of the commissioners of the Court of Requests, and for a long time had

served as reeve of the Town of Percy. He and his wife Margaret Bradshaw had 12 children. Benjamin Franklin died at age 89 on 23 April 1892.

The fourth child, Emily, born ca 1804 in Grafton, married Alexander Armstrong. They had five children. The fourth was named Benjamin and the fifth named Eunice.

The fifth child, Milton, and wife, Mary Ann Boyce, had eight children.

The sixth born was William M., born in 1817 in Grafton. He and his first wife, Maria, had one son named Arkland. His second wife had seven children -- all of whom were born in Coburgh. Manson died in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, in 1893.

Other points of interest regarding Benjamin James Ewing's family:

- 1) He and his younger brother James (Jamie) married Doolittle sisters. James married Eunice's younger sister, Polly, who was only 15 at the time of the marriage.
- 2) Benjamin's sister, Hannah, was a young widow when she arrived in Upper Canada with her parents James and Naomi Cooley. She married another early settler of Haldimand who was a friend of Benjamin's -- Eliakim Barnum. "On January 7, 1812, Eliakim was married to a 'very attractive widow,' Mrs. Hannah Ewing Blanchard, who, with her parents drove in a lumber wagon all the way up from Vermont to Grover's Tavern" (as Grafton was then called).

"Marriage certificate: "Whereas Eliakim Barnum and Hannah Blanchard, both of the Township of Haldimand were desirous of intermarrying with each other and there being no Parson or minister of the Church of England living within eighteen miles of them, or either of them, they have applied to me for that purpose. I Jack Merriamone of his majesty's Justices of the Peacehave this day married the said Eliakim Barnum to Hannah Blanchard ----- this 7th day of January 1812 James Norris, witness"

[Source for the two pieces of information above: Trent University Archives]

- 3) Eliakim Barnum was also from Vermont. In the early period of his residence, he engaged in distilling and milling and accumulated a large property. By 1820, Eliakim had accumulated 900 acres. At the time of his death, 1877, Eliakim had over 1,200 acres of land. Eliakim Barnum married Hannah Ewing Blanchard during the War of 1812. Together they raised a family of two sons and two daughters: Smith, James, Sarah, and Harriet. As an active magistrate and colonel in the volunteer militia, as well as private gentleman of large means, he exercised a large influence in the locality. Barnum joined in establishing the first school in the township in 1820 and acted as a local Justice of the Peace. A loyal Tory, he also helped to found Saint George's Anglican Church in Grafton. An active member of the militia, Barnum eventually became Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Northumberland Battalion. He was remembered as being tall, with black hair and eyes, and as always wearing a tall silk hat."

- 4) An excellent example of Neo-classical domestic architecture, Barnum House was constructed about 1819 by Eliakim Barnum. In the first historic house restoration in the province, the structure was refurbished by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario in 1940. It is now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Location of the house on the grounds: County Road 2, at the western approach to Grafton Tourism Region Central Ontario County/District County of Northumberland Municipality, Township of Alnwick, Haldimand.

The house remained in the ownership of the Barnum family until 1917, when it was sold to Harry Prentice. The significance of the house was recognized by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO), a private organization founded in 1933 to preserve the province's architectural heritage. The ACO acquired Barnum House from the Prentice family in 1940, refurbished it in its early style and opened it to the public as the province's first period-house museum. In 1958, the ACO presented the house to the Township of Haldimand, which continued to operate it as a museum until 1982, when ownership was transferred to the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

The Foundation has conducted an extensive restoration of Barnum House. Original paint colours and wallpaper were reproduced to show Eliakim's and Hannah's decor of the 1820-40 period. At the rear of the house, where an original drive shed once stood, a two-story addition was constructed to house facilities necessary to support the house as a museum and community heritage resource centre. In June 1991, the house was reopened to the public. Barnum House was designated a National Historic Site in 1959.

Haldimand of 1878

[Extracted by Thelma Collens, thelc@cgocable.net from the 1878 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Durham and Northumberland Counties of Ontario. Published by H. Belden & Co. – Toronto]

The township of Haldimand is bounded on the north by Alnwick, west by Hamilton, and east by Cramahe. In 1817, there were 6,258 acres under cultivation. There were three gristmills and four sawmills in the township. Land was valued at from 10 to 15 shillings per acre. In 1850, the population was 4,177.

The villages are: Grafton, Eddystone, Centretonn, Vernonville, Fenella, Bowmanton, and Burnley. Grafton Harbor was built 42 years ago. The original incorporators were Henry Ruttan, Benjamin Ewing, R. Hare, Eliakim Barnum, John Arkland, and John Grover. The company had fallen away in 1857 when Mr. Charles Eldon Ewing [son of Henry Ewing, grandson of Benjamin James Ewing] the present proprietor, became possessed of the stock; Josiah Gillard, the warfanger, being his lessee. There are storehouses and plaster mills. About 100,000 bushels of grain per annum are exported. Grafton was originally called Haldimand Post Office.

Charles Eldon Ewing, already mentioned, of Cobourg, still owns the old Benlock place cleared and settled by his grandfather Benjamin, and is also, as mentioned, proprietor of Grafton Harbor. In 1852 "Charles Eldon Ewing still owns the old Benlock place, cleared and settled by his grandfather ..." [Source: Extracted by Thelma Collens, from the 1878 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Durham and Northumberland Counties of Ontario. Published by H. Belden & Co., Toronto]

My question would be, "What is meant by 'the old Benlock place'?" Does that mean land and house, or is it only land? Benjamin died 31 Oct 1852 in Grafton at age 76, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, also, in Grafton. His wife, Eunice, died in 1867 in Grafton at age 91. Was she still living in the old Benlock place, perhaps with her grandson? The Ewing family certainly was very instrumental in the settlement of that part of Upper Canada. The Ewing women married well, and I'm sure were an inspiration to their husbands who have also contributed a great deal to the growth of the area.

I try to imagine the route that was followed by all of those 'Vermonters' who migrated to Upper Canada, such as the Ewing, Powers, Irish, and many other families. It is said that Benjamin's father, mother, and sisters traveled by a lumber wagon. The only description of travel from Vermont that I found was that of Eliakim Barnum who married Benjamin's widowed sister Hannah. "Eliakim Barnum emigrated from Vermont to Canada in 1807, taking a boat to Kingston, Ontario, and then overland to Northumberland County. He chose to settle in Haldimand Township near the village of Grafton (then called Haldimand) on the north shore of Lake Ontario, a few miles east of present-day Cobourg. He is said to have had several brothers. A young man in his early twenties, he went to Grafton, married and bought 'The Poplars' a pretentious log building which was burned while British soldiers, on the retreat from York in the War of 1812, were billeted with the Barnums. Col. Barnum, with patriotic fervor, refused any remuneration from the British Government but rebuilt this home on the same site." What waterway(s) went from Vermont to Kingston?

Photos of Benlock House submitted by Leslie Vogt (lesvogt@gmail.com), current resident.



Commander's Comments

John Thor Ewing (thor@thorewing.net)



Apologies for what may be a rather brief Commander's Comments in this issue. As some of you might know, if you follow me on social media, I've had my head down preparing a book - not on a specifically Ewing or clannish subject I'm afraid, but a new edition of an English Tudor classic called *A Hundred Merry Tales*.

However, that's now sorted, and I'm delighted to be able to confirm that I'll be attending this year's Ewing Family Gathering at Nashville this August, and I look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new faces, too. There are no Ewing events planned in the UK this year, but next year the clan will be attending the Cowal Highland Gathering, which takes place from 29th to 31st August 2019.

In other news, I have recently taken some of the research behind my last two articles for the Ewing Family Journal as the basis for a new article in the March issue of *West Highland Notes and Queries*. Although this journal has a relatively small circulation, I chose it as a good place to air new research into our clan, because its readership and contributors seem to include the handful of acknowledged experts on clans in the West Highlands. It has a more informal approach than most academic publications, and I hope that my article might encourage others to share their insights. If it succeeds in stimulating wider interest, this could be very helpful in expanding our knowledge of our early Scottish ancestors. My article will shortly be available via the clan website, at a new page: www.clanewing.uk/research

The whole website is slowly undergoing an overhaul. It was set up for the wide-screen computer monitors that once dominated web-browsing, but as more people now go online using cellphones and tablets, this is no longer sensible. If, like me, you still rely on your computer to go online, the new version might not be quite as finessed as it was, but I hope it will be more accessible to those Ewings who are better able to keep up with the times.

That's all for now. See you in Nashville!

John Thor Ewing

Chancellor's Letter

Beth Ewing Toscos, EFA Chancellor (mbtoscos@comcast.net)



The Ewing Family Association lives! Thanks to its many volunteers, the EFA is on an upward trajectory. With nine new members during the first quarter of 2018, ongoing activities on our Google Group discussion page (www.ewingfamilyassociation.org) and 790 members on our affiliate, Clan Ewing Facebook group, the genealogy of our family continues to deepen. It is astonishing to me when a new Ewing branch is discovered. See Information Exchange to meet a few new lines. Equally exciting are the Ewings who continue to join us from around the world.

At the same time, we honor those who have passed on. Of special note in this issue is the passing of William Myrl Ewing, a founding member of Clan Ewing in America (Member #166). Bill passed away in November of 2017 at the age of 92. We have included his sons' tributes to him, as they lovingly describe their father's character. Also included is a special tribute from David Neal Ewing. As we experience the passing of the torch from founding members to future generations, we bear in mind the work that went into the Clan Ewing in America start-up. We honor those extraordinary founding members by continuing the work of the Ewing Family Association.

Consider joining us in Nashville, Tennessee, from August 17-19 for the Ewing Family Gathering. A tentative schedule of events, information on hotel accommodation and a participant registration form can be found in this issue of the Journal. This Gathering promises to be very informative. We'll look back at the Ewing family's influence in the establishment of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee.

Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos, Chancellor

Treasurer's Report

Summary of EFA Finances for 2017

Linda (Ewing) Coughlin, Treasurer, (LLCoughlin@comcast.net)

The Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) 2017 revenue from regular operations of \$6,005 was derived from membership dues, gift memberships, and library support donations. Year-to-date 2017 operating expenses for quarterly Journal and newsletter printing and mailing, the EFA web site, professional fees, liability insurance, PayPal fees, and other postage expenses were \$5,323, resulting in a net profit for regular operations of \$682.

The EFA also received designated contributions in 2017 of \$905 for the Special Operations Fund. The Heritage Fund incurred \$28.63 in postage expense in 2017 to provide documents for the clan games in California.

Total equity at 12/31/17 was \$14,951 compared to \$13,393 at 12/31/16 due to the net income on regular operations and donations to the Special Operations fund, offset by the expenditure from the Heritage fund.

The Ewing Family Association had 199 members at the end of 2016. We received 19 new members since the beginning of the year, 11 members renewed their membership in 2017 who had not renewed in 2016, 1 member passed away, and 26 people did not renew their memberships for 2017. The EFA currently has 202 paid members as of 12/31/17.

Please contact the treasurer, Linda Coughlin, with any questions or to receive additional information related to EFA's 2017 profit and loss or fund balances.

Notice of General Membership Meeting

A General Membership Meeting of the Ewing Family Association will be held during the evening of Saturday, August 18, 2018. The meeting will follow the Saturday buffet dinner to be held at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. All those with paid memberships will be allowed a vote in any business transacted on behalf of the Association at this meeting.

New EFA Members – Welcome Aboard!

Helen Ross Petty (Member #1239) resides in Austin, Texas. You may contact her at helenpetty21@gmail.com.

Charles Turner (Member #1240) resides with his wife, Jacqueline Turner, in Spring Hill, Tennessee. You may reach him at bzkfrl@gmail.com.

Robert Kenneth Ewing II (Member #1241) lives with wife, Molly, in Reno, Nevada. He can be reached at robertkewing@gmail.com.

Daniel E. Thurnau (Member #1242) lives in Kingston, Illinois, and can be contacted at piperdan@charter.net.

I am descendent from John Ewing and Elizabeth Phelps. Next is George Ewing and Deborah Parsons, then Lyman Ewing and Emma Phelps, then my Grandmother Alice Ray (Ewing) Thurnau. [See Dan's discussion with Karen Avery, Ewing Family Association Genealogist, in Information Exchange.]

AvaNell Ewing Friddle (Member #1243) resides in Scottsdale, Arizona, where you can reach her at avanell@cox.net.

I am a descendant of Guin Porter Ewing, Kelsey Ewing and Buster Ewing and of John Bailey Hefley, Robert Alison Hefley and Vesta Hefley, all born in Newton County, Arkansas, except for John Bailey, who was born in Tennessee. I was born at Mt. Judea, Arkansas to Buster and Vesta Hefley Ewing.

Sally Ewing Abbott (Member # 1244) lives in Acton, Massachusetts. Contact her at sallyabbott@comcast.net.

Maryann Ewing (Member #1245) resides with her husband, James C. Ewing, in Lebanon, Oregon. Maryann can be reached at beechhillclothing@gmail.com.

Jerry Ewing Squires (Member #1246) and his wife, Kathy, live in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. You can contact Jerry at squirrel2345@gmail.com.

Jeffrey E. Carll (Member #1247) lives in Greenwich, New Jersey, and can be reached at gfd1469@hotmail.com.

Michael Collins Ewing (Member #1248) lives in Forest Park, Illinois, with his spouse, Margaret, and can be reached at ewingmike@yahoo.com

Passings

Ned Jonathan Ewing

(Online obituary may be viewed at www.fountainmemorialfuneralhome.com)

Ned was born May 3, 1954, in Fort Worth, Texas and was a long-time resident of Acadiana. He retired with the rank of Major, from the Lafayette Police Department, after serving for 34 years, from 1981 to 2014. Ned was a decorated officer who received numerous awards throughout his career. He enjoyed gardening and fishing, but his greatest passion was supporting his children. Ned loved watching Sydney compete as a gymnast and attending Travis' music performances.

Ned is survived by one daughter, Sydney Reed Ewing of Baton Rouge, LA; one son, Travis Jonathan Ewing of Tucson, AZ; his partner, Marcy Magette of Lafayette, LA; the mother of his children, Donna Ewing of Ponchatoula, LA; two sisters, Betty Ann Ewing Israelit and her husband, Martin of Providence, RI and Deborah Ann Ewing Zengerle and her husband, Monta of Seguin, TX; one brother, David Ewing of Bandera, TX and numerous dear nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benie David and Ava Theone Garoutte Ewing and his sister, Mary Ann Ewing Butler.

J.C. Ewing

(Published in Merced Sun Star from Nov. 14 to Nov. 15, 2017)

J.C. Ewing "Jay", 90 of Rogers, Arkansas, peacefully passed away Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 at Circle of Life in Bentonville, Ark. He was born Oct. 16, 1927 in England, Ark. to Joe Cephas Ewing and Julia Christine Rose Ewing. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, four sisters and one granddaughter, Rachael Lee. Jay is survived by his wife Linda Hood Ewing of 44 years, his children's mother, Agatha Cauble Ewing, Joe Ewing (Ann), Carolyn Lee (Eddie), Joyce Hunt (Ron), Shari Ewing, Donna Ehde (Jan) and Linda's children, Robert Locke and Robyn Smith. He was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jay Ewing proudly served in the United States Army during WWII as an ambulance driver in the Philippines. He resided in California from a young adult, returning to Arkansas after his retirement. Jay worked at many jobs throughout the years, including Crane operator, and owner/operator of four gas stations. He was adventurous and never met a stranger. He enjoyed many friends, fishing, playing horseshoes, gardening, playing guitar and singing. His positive outlook on life was endearing.

James L. Ewing

(1812–1836). James L. Ewing, Alamo defender, was born in Tennessee in 1812. He took part in the **siege of Bexar** as a member of Capt. **William R. Carey's** artillery company and later served as secretary to Lt. Col. **James C. Neill**, commander of the Texan forces occupying Bexar. Ewing died in the **Battle of the Alamo** on March 6, 1836.

Tribute to William Myrl Ewing

With sincere condolences to his family and friends, we note the passing of:



William Myrl Ewing – Member #166

(Courtesy of Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 E. 51st, Tulsa, OK, US, 74145)

William Ewing, 92, retired electrical engineer, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 2017.

Bill worked at several Tulsa technology companies during his 40-year career, retiring from Nelson Electric Company in 1994. He graduated from Will Roger H.S. in 1943 and OSU in 1951. Bill served with the U.S. Army in World War II seeing duty in France, Germany, and Austria. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Bill is survived by Norma, his wife of 62 years; sons Terry Ewing, Arlington, TX and Tom Ewing, Gothenburg, Sweden; granddaughters Randi Ewing, Lexington, KY, and Audrey Ewing, Gothenburg, Sweden, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

From Norma Hall Ewing

I am saddened to report the death of my husband, William Ewing, on November 14, 2017. He was a founding member of the Ewing Family Association, Member 166, and we attended the first gathering, along with Bill's father, M. M. Ewing. The February Newsletter included a photo on the second page of Bill and our granddaughter Audrey, displaying a Clan Ewing Flag purchased at the 1988 gathering.

Bill was 92 years old, and began suffering from various illnesses 4 years ago. He was a tough old fighter, and never lost his sense of humor. He regretted not being able for many years to attend the gatherings.

Tribute to William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing

By David Neal Ewing, Y-DNA Project Manager and Past Chancellor, EFA

From William Myrl "Bill" Ewing was one of the founding members of Clan Ewing in America, the predecessor organization of the Ewing Family Association. He and his father, Milam Myrl Ewing (1900-1993), attended the first gathering in October 1988 in Vincennes, Indiana. When Clan Ewing in America was first formally organized at the third gathering in San Antonio, TX, in June 1993, Bill became a member of the "Clan Ewing Council," representing the line of "William (A)"—the immigrant ancestor we now refer to as William Ewing of Rockingham (Rockingham County, VA). The organization that became the *Ewing Family Association* in 2008 grew out of the hobby of Reverend Ellsworth Samuel Ewing (1908-1995). Ellsworth traveled around the U.S. meeting with Ewings he thought to be the descendants of William Ewing of Stirling, born about 1625. He lovingly and laboriously collected data and made an enormous chart showing what he thought to be the relationships among them. The chart shows William

Ewing of Rockingham as a grandson of William Ewing of Stirling, through his son “William Ewing of Glasgow,” born about 1660. Ellsworth thought William Ewing of Glasgow married Eliza Milford and that they were the parents of the Cecil County Ewings (Y-DNA Ewing Group 2a) who are the progenitors of many of the members of the EFA. Many Ewing genealogists had realized that this was a mistake even before the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project began, but the cat was out of the bag and now at least half of the Ewing family trees one finds on the Internet show descent William Ewing of Stirling through Eliza Milford.

I am writing this as a tribute to Bill and do not want to get lost in the genealogical weeds, which would be easy for me to do because I am certainly not expert in this line, but we now know that William Ewing of Rockingham was not related in the paternal line to the Cecil County Ewings, and we think that Eliza Milford was his wife rather than his mother, and that one of their sons, Andrew Ewing (William Myrl’s 4th great grandfather), born about 1740, was a founder of Nashville, TN, where our gathering will be this summer. (You should all come!)

Bill became an early member of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project in June 2006. To our surprise, his Y-DNA results were completely unlike any that we had received up to then on any Ewing man. I am not sure what our percentages were then, but through time we have found that about 2/3 of the Ewing men tested in the project are in a fairly closely related group within Y-DNA haplogroup R:M222. Most of the others are in other branches of the parent haplogroup R. Together, haplogroups R and I account for most of the paternal lines originating in NW Europe, including Britain. Based on Bill’s Y-DNA results, Family Tree DNA originally predicted that he was in haplogroup G, which is rarely found in Scotland or elsewhere in Britain, but rather occurs at its greatest frequency in the Caucasus! We resorted to speculating that one of Cesar’s legionnaires had somehow intermingled with one of the Ewing girls in Bill’s ancestry.

Characteristically, Bill was a terrifically good sport about this. He and Norma made a video about the “ANDY Tribe” (ANDY is Y-DNA backward), in which Bill marched in to the strains of a bagpipe wearing a tam and sash and spoke about the Ewing surname, then revealed his Y-DNA results and announced that he was forming a new tribe, whereupon he donned a feathered headdress. The video closes with him and Norma dancing the “ANDY Tribe Stomp Dance” to the strains of *Thus Spake Zarathustra*. Here is a link to the video: https://www.dropbox.com/s/dzg51ns5ws3vedp/THE_ANDY_TRIBE.mp4?dl=0

Now, as it turns out, Family Tree DNA was also mistaken. Bill’s haplogroup was not G, but rather a branch of haplogroup I that is characteristic of what were probably some of the pre-Celtic peoples of Britain—for all we know some of Bill’s ancestors may have participated in building Stonehenge. And though Bill was the first, we have now found another five Ewing men who have very similar Y-DNA results (Y-DNA Ewing Group 5a). But probably, most of our family trees include some of these same folks—we can identify this lineage in Bill only because it happens to have been in his direct paternal line. I think maybe what I like most about Bill and Norma’s video is that it pokes fun at the tendency to get too tied up in “blood lines.” There is nothing wrong with being proud of our ancestry, or even with identifying with one among potentially hundreds of ancestral threads, but the fact is that we are close cousins of everyone on the planet. Bill is one cousin that will be sorely missed.

David Neal Ewing, Albuquerque

Tributes from sons, Terry and Tom Ewing

Terry's Funeral Tribute to Bill

“Do You Want Bill to be Your Dad?”

My mom and I had been living with my grandmother, Ina “Buddy” Hall, since 1950. Mom was working at Oklahoma Natural Gas. I was the youngest of the “free range” kids running around the neighborhood. With no fences cutting off yards and none of the worries about safety like today, our playground was the entire neighborhood. Though, not a bad little boy of 5½, I was at least mischievous.

I had some idea mom was seeing someone, I had not met him. Then, one evening after he dropped by to pick her up for a date, mom said, “This is Bill.” He extended his hand to shake and I responded but much to my surprise in the palm of his hand he had one of those tricks that buzzed your palm. I jumped back surprised, looking down at my hand and laughed. Wow! This guy is great!

There were other times when Bill would come by to pick up mom for a date. I don't remember how many. I guess they dated about 6 months. Each time he came by he made a point of seeing me and of tricking me with a novelty. One time it was a little book that gave you a shock when you opened it. Another time, he brought in this big can of peanuts. When you opened it, big curly snakes jumped out.

So, it was hardly a surprise when one night before Bill came by to pick her up for a date that mom said she wanted to talk to me. I remember she crouched down and asked me, “Do you want Bill to be your dad? He's asked me to marry him but I wanted to check with you first.”

Wow! Of course! This guy is great!

And so, it went from there. They were married. Pop adopted me. They bought a little house and we all moved in. For me at least, it was a magical time. For this little boy, raised by two women, having a guy like Pop around made each day another day of surprise.

When I consider our years together, I realize that one of Pop's greatest gifts was the always clever, often artistic application of his own interests for the benefit or amusement of others and creating scenes of fun and memory. You were always involved with Pop. It might be a project, or something he made, or a little special program but you did it together. And, it was different. For instance,

-When they were dating, Pop made my first record player. He made the cabinet, put together all the electronics and even stuck an OSU sticker on it.

- He made a wooden car for me to drive, with hand brakes, a big steering wheel, and passenger seat.

- He made a “chariot” to attach to my bike in order that I might carry the big bundles for my paper route.

- We built a rubber band airplane for competition. When we got to the contest and stepped out of the car, the wings were flattened by the wind. I was crushed but Pop found a way to repair it and we won 2nd place.

And those little things. Little quirks that were Pop:

- The little noises he made when you worked on a project with him (noise).

- Pop could not yell but he could sing (“Be Quiet!”).

- Or teaching you how to drive on the snow and ice. You’re headed toward a stop light, it changes but you don’t want to get stuck by stopping, so Pop yells, “Here we go! We’re going for it! Whooo!”

Those who know me personally, as well as professionally, know I have done some—well, I guess you would say—wacky things. Fun things. I tell folks what you see on the outside of me, my actions, is Bill Ewing. So much of my personality is Bill Ewing.

And yet, there was certainly much more:

- The week Mom and Pop got married, he began saving for my college education.

- I never wanted to disappoint Pop. I did, of course, but he always managed to just scoop me up as we moved on.

- By Pop’s example, I experienced and I learned what it means, really means, to be “steady”. A non-anxious presence in this world.

Mom always says that Pop saved her. Well, he saved me too. My whole life would have been entirely different were it not for Bill Ewing. As Mom and I stood near Pop during his last breath I said, “Well Mom, we began with him together and now, we are ending with him together. He did save us.”

“Do you want Bill to be your dad?” (Terry released the wired “snakes” and they jumped from the can) Of course!

Thank God!

Terry's Prayer – "We will Remember"*(Bill Ewing)*

*Sweet God of Mystery, Child of Light,
 Spirit of the Brightest Hope,
 We fall into your caring arms—your children.
 Now, we can only offer our love and thanks.
 Your Grace falls quietly upon our lives,
 The chatter and noise of past days together
 We now know as love.*

*Wondrous God, you burst into our everyday lives,
 You transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.
 Everyday people become Your People.
 More than our activity.
 More than what we each do.
 The sounds of those around us, Eternal One,
 Mirror your unfailing presence and care.
 Bill Ewing was a mirror of it all,
 For each of us.*

*So, we will remember . . .
 A voice of peace and wonderful expectation,
 An embrace of saving assurance and quiet stability,
 Words draped with fun and family,
 The soundlessness of his presence in the next room,
 Or across the hall,
 Or in the kitchen, in a rocker, in the garage or behind a camera.*

*Our Loving God,
 Over time, we have unwrapped the Gift of this man, Bill Ewing
 Now, or in the future we will turn and look,
 Knowing the legacy of his gift.
 We will speak and we will pray.
 Song, good memories and laughter will fill our hearts.
 And quietly, Gentlest God,
 We will stop, and –
 We will remember.
 This is now our prayer, Our Emmanuel,
 Our God with us, Amen*

Tom's Funeral Comments

Reflection

“Bill Ewing Says”

At age 92, Dad's departure did not come as a surprise but it was still a shock. Fewer than 10 percent of the children born in 1925 are still living. Only 4.7% of the population is above 90, according to the Census Bureau.

It occurred to me that Pop had numerous close calls through the years.

Pop's life story can sort of be told through – accidents, humor, and projects.

Accidents

For a quiet man who always tried to do the right thing, it's amazing how many adventures he had. Dad was an endless source of new stories – you rarely heard the same one twice – so, this list of close calls is almost certainly not complete, as I know that I never heard all of them.

Pop survived:

- The usual childhood illnesses.
- Falling off Turner Falls – 77 feet – Oklahoma's highest waterfall
 - He landed in mud at the bottom
 - He said the worst part was getting skinned up because he wasn't wearing a shirt
 - There seem to be multiple versions of how he fell off ...
- Spending the night in a forest with just a blanket & a knife ... this was required to earn a merit badge for the Boy Scouts. I'm not sure they still have this one.
- Having his little brother shoot him in the back of his throat with an arrow. Dad was an archery champion and his little brother wanted to show him that he could be one, too. Dad's mouth was open as he yelled: “Tom, put the bow down!” Dad said he pulled the arrow out of his mouth and was pretty much okay.
- Flying an airplane with his cousin Jimmy over Lake Texhoma – no pilot's license involved – doing power dives, and bombing boaters with water cans ... the plane crashed in the lake the following year when flown by another cousin who had been paying his way through OSU as a bootlegger using the same plane.
- World War II, generally.
- World War II – watching wide eyed as the driver of his bus to Ft. Sill asked someone to take the wheel as a crap game had broken out on the bus and the driver wanted to join in ...

- World War II –being 18 and not 19 – the day they took the 19 year olds away from the training camp. Dad showed me photographs from Camp Roberts of young men he trained with who were later killed during the Battle of the Bulge.
- World War II – German artillery – the first round landed right in front of his platoon. The second round landed behind them. The third round would have landed right on top of them ... but it never came.
- World War II – Crossing the Rhine under fire at Oberweisel (part of the Remagen bridgehead battle) and climbing a hill carrying his 40-pound mortar ... later in life met a young German who saw them coming up the hill and thought he had seen supermen ...
- World War II – ski picture – frozen lake – a tank had fallen in and not been recovered – they didn't tell him how to stop, somehow he managed to stop just feet before he would have plunged in.
- Projects – Dad was always doing projects ... and they had consequences
 - Slicing off part of his finger with his radial arm saw; Terry and I share some of the blame for this, although I was 2, and he was 12.
 - Poisoning himself with the glue for the outdoor irrigation.
 - Countless other small injuries that could have ended worse.
 - As he told me more than once: "I have never completed a project without shedding a little blood."
- Falling off the roof of the house in 1966, breaking his hip, arm, wrist, and a few other things as well
 - Get well drawings made by my classmates that I found again this summer. The first drawing I found this summer after being in storage for 50 years was made by Bruce Baugus, a classmate of mine who died of cancer at least 15 years ago ... that puts things in perspective.
- Running away from security guards at Promenade Mall in 1974 after being accused of passing counterfeit money during the Christmas season – he knew it wasn't counterfeit since he had just gotten it at a bank and he was late picking me up from a band concert, which is why he ran away ... but it was so out of character.
- 1975 – diagnosed with benign tumor around his right optical nerve – would sometimes swell and make his eye look larger – but they decided to leave it alone – one surgeon wanted to do surgery. Changed his eyesight such that one eye was nearsighted and the other was farsighted.
- Pushing his Volkswagen Beetle up an icy hill ... he ended up getting a hernia ... but things could have ended up far worse.

- Driving the same Volkswagen beetle into a flooded road in 1981 and having to escape out the windows. Contrary to the commercials, Beetles don't float (Mom survived that one, too.)
- Various diseases and conditions of old age, including a massive blood loss due to routinely taking aspirin without a meal about 10 years ago.
- It's absolutely amazing that he had 92 years with us.

I should mention that Dad was the greatest natural athlete I've ever known. But ... he hated sports. Otherwise, Yogi Berra, also born in 1925, would have had a partner. Mom once saw Pop playing two games of ping pong simultaneously.

Humor

Dad was one of the funniest people I've ever met but his sense of humor was very contextual and personal. For that reason, it's difficult to recount the humor from one of Dad's stories, and especially without providing an enormous amount of background detail.

I say this because one of the funniest incidents I remember with Dad, one that left me gasping for air and crying as I recall, involved Dad's recounting his troubles as a Boy Scout – passing his bird watching test but I'm sure that I can't convey how funny it was when he told the story. My grandfather was his scout master. Granddad's personality and Dad's personality were very different. Both were good guys ... but while dad was very low key and a bit shy, Granddad was very forthright and earnest – he only had a high school education yet managed to retire as a US federal magistrate judge.

Dad told this story in Scotland about 25 years ago, in the town of Oban, near the end of our trip, at the point in a long trip when your interest in seeing one more anything has become very low. So, we all decided to take a break in a restaurant that overlooked the harbor. The tide was low and there was a strange fellow who we watched wading out into the harbor ... he was either crazy, intoxicated, on a peculiar mission, or some combination of all of the above, as he sloshed around in the water as the tide began rising. He didn't seem to be in any danger, and no one but us seemed to notice him while we discussed and debated what he was up to.

We all ordered ice cream, and the ice cream, a comfortable chair, and this strange fellow in the harbor put Pop in a mood to tell us a story about his scouting days. As I mentioned, Dad was an Eagle Scout ... but Dad also had very, very bad eyesight. Even as a kid, his glasses were pretty heavy and thick and this was back in the day when glasses were made of glass, meaning, that the worse your eyesight was, the heavier your glasses weighed. Dad tended not to wear his glasses when he was scouting. I've only found one photo of him as a scout wearing glasses. I'm not sure if he was worried about breaking them or if they were just uncomfortable.

So, Dad had a bird watching test that he had to pass to earn a merit badge on the way to becoming an Eagle Scout. READ QUALIFICATIONS FROM POP'S SCOUTING MANUAL. If you don't see well, things are fuzzy, colors blend, and all birds look gray. So, they would give him the bird recognition test, "Bill, what's that bird over there?" And Pop told us, that he didn't know. He just didn't know – They all looked like gray birds to him. He tried memorizing the names of gray birds. That didn't work. I think he even learned the names of the most common birds in Oklahoma. We could all picture the scene, my grandfather trying to get his son to pass

the bird identification test and his son who could only see gray birds regardless of whatever color they really were. According to dad's story, this went on for a while, but somehow, he was eventually able to pass the test and get his merit badge ... I know I haven't recounted this story as well as dad did, but by the end, all of us were convulsed in laughter. I think I briefly had trouble breathing. All someone had to do was say "gray bird," and we all started laughing again.

Projects

Dad filled his life with projects. He was always doing something. He enjoyed a number of hobbies – photography, offset printing, woodworking, home improvement tasks (among other things he tripled the number of electrical outlets in their home from 1961 to 1993), cabinetry, genealogy, painting, making albums of all kinds of things – vacations, family photographs, WWII journals, you name it, And writing – Dad began a weekly family newsletter with a widely dispersed group of friends and relatives about 30 years ago and kept going until his last hospital visit. This newsletter transitioned from the print/mail era to the on-line email era. If he had been younger, it would have had a social media presence, too.

The Basketball court project – Pop made all of it, backstop, court Then a few years later, he turned the basketball court into a tetherball court – he drilled a hole through the thickest part of the concrete to put in the holder for the pole ... he drilled a little bit every day after work – in the winter ... then the basketball/tetherball court became a greenhouse for mom ... he even put in the natural gas line for the stove ... how he managed to do this safely, I'm not sure ... and a sink, which drained out the old hole for the tetherball pole. The greenhouse is still standing so far as I know, sitting on top of a 55-year-old former basketball court.

Dad loved to write – All kinds of writings – including long, long writings on projects that he made – dozens at the home they sold 25 years ago. He made a full length three-fold mirror once. He spent the afternoon writing his entire life story on the plywood panels that held the mirrors. Turn over any chair that dad had worked on, and you'll find a story. He made a double doll bed for Audrey, complete with canopy – and on the bottom is a story. My parents once visited their old home, and the new owner was thrilled to meet the man who had written such long stories behind things. Of course, they had only found one or two of them. There must be dozens in total.

When I was a kid, Dad used his printing press to print Valentine's Day cards for the kids in my class. The living room and dining room would be filled with drying cards before a treat of some sort would be glued to them. I'll never forget the rhythm of that manual printing press when Dad was printing something.

The best part was the little poem he would write to be printed on the Valentine's cards. His composition process would start by asking me, "Tom, what's the name of your teacher?" He didn't know. And confirming what grade I was in – he sometimes wasn't sure about that. Now he was all set. He would then build an entire poem around my teacher's name and our grade. My classmates were impressed by the cards but they rarely understood the poems although the teachers loved them. Every now and then someone who I went to school with will mention these cards to me – more than 50 years after he made the last one.

Mom and Dad sang in the church choir for many years. David Rollo who died earlier this year and who was the music director at Holland Hall for many years was their choir director for a while. Audrey sang in the choir at Trinity with David. So, the family music connection goes full circle. Anyway ...

Dad wrote a column – again another writing opportunity – his column was about the church choir. His nom de plume was “Miss Minor Key.” Dad had loads of nom de plumes – Sir William the Hep – was another common one, typically reserved for birthday cards and small notes. His Miss Minor Key column involved the personalities of the specific people in the church choir but even if you didn’t know them, Dad’s humor still shines forth. (Tom read from Miss Minor Key Columns)

I should point out that Pop was the most human person in our family. This was confirmed after a genetic test – put another way, he was the least Neanderthal person in the family (273 variants to mom’s 312 variants, 57% of the population versus 93%) – this upset Mom until I reminded her that research shows that art comes from the Neanderthals.

I’ve wondered what sort of funeral Dad would have wanted. It’s a pity he never mentioned it so far as I know. I do know that he would have snickered at anything too serious. It’s difficult, obviously, to describe a person in all their dimensions, and I know that there are many more things to say about Dad, but I hope that what I’ve said brings back good memories of a wonderful man.

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 *Ewing Family Journal's* Editor, the following websites, 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.

Lucy Williams Ewing and David Hitchcock

Message from Daniel Elroy Thurnau (piperdan@charter.net) – New Member #1242

My name is Dan Thurnau, in Kingston Illinois. I recently talked to David Purtill a distant cousin and he told about you and the Association. I will join. I have a lot of information from Dorothy Fuhlhage and just want to update my info and learn some more about our Ewing ancestors. I believe we are very close in that my Ewings are from Ohio and my great-great grandmother married a Hitchcock. I will be visiting the Fort Wayne area soon and then head toward Vermillion Ohio. I am searching for some history on the Ewing families. Please advise me on some direction about our immediate Ewing family if they are in fact close. Some of what I know is I am descendent from John Ewing and Elizabeth Phelps. Next is George Ewing and Deborah Parsons, then Lyman Ewing and Emma Phelps, then my Grandmother Alice Ray (Ewing) Thurnau.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Greetings Cousin Dan. The good news is that you and I are fourth cousins! You list a name unknown to me, so we need to compare a bit more. You list John Ewing and Elizabeth Phelps as your ancestors. The name Elizabeth Phelps is new to me. One of your relatives, Lyman Otis Ewing (1855-1942) married sisters Emma Louise Phelps (1857-1915) in 1878 and then her older sister, Caroline A. Phelps Foster (1857-1945) in 1919. Another sister Mary Lavina Phelps (1849-1934) married Hiram Smith Ewing (1841-1921) in 1871.

Our direct Ewing ancestors were in Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut before 1732. Research there and also in Fort Wayne is probably as complete as is possible. The Allen County Public Library has a huge amount of data. Many folks over the past hundred years or so have searched this line. Many of us also worked with Dorothy Fuhlhage. Her work was quite thorough, but she had not found the link to Ashford. This link was discovered about ten years ago from a will made in 1800. The Ewing Y-DNA project confirms the paper trail.

The Hitchcock name comes into the picture when your George Samuel (1805-1883) Ewing's mother, widow Lucy Williams Ewing married David Hitchcock (in 1815, after the death of her husband John Ewing). Six Hitchcock children were born to them. I believe that Mr. Hitchcock allowed Lucy's youngest child, John, to remain within her new family. This John is my 2nd Great Grandfather. Anyone descending from Lucy and David Hitchcock are 1/2 cousins to us. We are so lucky that the Hitchcock family recorded much of what we know about the Ewing family.

Research in Vermilion, Ohio would be welcome. Let's compare notes and I'll then share more of our family history. I think we are on the same page! I believe that the work on your family is mostly complete. We do have some other members of Ewing Family Association from your line. I will be happy to put you in contact if you wish.

I have attached an outline of the descendants of Joseph and Susannah Phillips. This brings you to Deborah Parsons and her marriage to George Samuel Ewing, Sr. Since

you mention that you are just starting out, this may be more than is needed. I think most of my data is correct for our family, but when you see my work, you will see that it is very much under construction. Because I have such a large data base (nearly 64,000 - of which about 14,000 are Ewing born), I add information into names and locations to help jog my memory as I work on various people. Please let me know of errors or additional information.

It's great you did your DNA. Did you do the Y-DNA test with FamilyTreeDNA or another test with another company? Your Y-DNA will not be of help in the Ewing Y-DNA project since you receive your Y chromosomes strictly from all the direct line males in your past.

The following is the link to the main page for information about the Ewing Y-DNA Project. There is much to learn about our project and DNA in general.

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

This next link takes you directly to the diagrams of our project. Click on 2b for our ancestors. If you click on the initials EN, that takes you to the personal lineage page for Earl Norman Ewing who is your 1st cousin, once removed. My direct line goes to RC (my uncle). Click on his initials and will show his personal lineage page.

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/diagrams/relationship-diagrams#diagrams>

This should provide you with lots of reading material and new insight into our great Ewing family. I look forward to helping answer your questions. And welcome to Ewing Family Association.

Elisha Rogers Ewing, Sr.

Message from John Cowdrey Grier III (jgrier3@aol.com)

Earliest Ewing Ancestor: Elisha Rogers Ewing Sr.

Question: My great, great grandfather lived in Cecil County, Md (b:1822, d:1914.) I am positive of this.

Please confirm:

- 1. That his parents were John Ewing (b:1795, d:1869) and Ann Rogers (b:1791, d:1832).*
- 2. That his grandparents were William Ewing (b:1761, d:1837) and Elizabeth.*

I have pictures Elisha R Sr and Jr with their wives. I also have pictures of Homer H Ewing...my grandfather whose father was Elisha R Ewing Jr.

Thanks for any information you can provide that would extend this line further back in history.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Thanks for your query. I can confirm some of your information and also ask for your help where I have some conflicts in data. This line has been researched rather well and is believed to begin with Henry Ewing, I of Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland along with his wife, Elizabeth Glenn. They died Fairhill Farm, Sand Hill Twp., Marshall County, West Virginia. We have several men who also trace back to this couple and are placed in Group 2 of the Ewing Y-DNA Project.

Descendants of Henry and Elizabeth also lived in Cecil Co., MD and Chester Co., PA. I would love to compare more with you to be certain I have the correct data in my large Ewing family file. If you will, I need exact vital dates for the children of Elisha, Sr. - I have nine children for this couple who were married more than fifty years.

For Elisha, Jr. and wife, Laura Hazel Hall, I also need vital data for their children.

Response from John Grier (jgrier3@aol.com)

In answer to your question regarding the children of Elisha Rogers Ewing Sr. (1822-1914), I have a copy of a newspaper article covering the death of his wife, Louisa (December 28, 1904). It says among other things:

"She was the last of a family of ten children and was in her 81st year. Her husband, in his 83rd year, five sons and four daughters survive; also 43 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, 33 of the former and one of the latter being present at the funeral".

So, they did indeed have nine children. I don't know the exact birthdays of all the children, but here is what I DO know:

1. Anna (Annie) b:~1846. Married Samuel F Cooper.
2. Thompson b:~1849. Married Margaret J
3. Arthur Jones b:~1851. Married Hanna
4. Louisa b: **4/26/1853**. Married Jonathan M Yerkes. (See Chronicles of the Yerkes Family, entry #1061)
5. Margaret b: 1865
6. Elisha R Jr. b: **2/16/1858**. Married Laura Hazel (He was my great grandfather)
7. Kelley A. (sometimes reported as Calvin) b:~1860
8. Eva K b: **6/7/1863**. Married Henry C Yerkes, brother of Jon M above. (See Chronicles of the Yerkes Family, entry #1063)
9. Amos b: ~1868

Finally, what does "Group 2 of the Ewing Y-DNA Project" mean. I have had my DNA already tested at 23andMe.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Thanks for the new information. I have entered the new items into my data base. I have a pretty clear picture of this line of the Ewing family. It's quite interesting that I have your Mother's cousin, Marian Ewing Roach, in my records and she hasn't changed her email address since before 1999! Perhaps some of the information came from her. I have also had others of the line who have shared data with me. I have personally done a lot of census work so I believe the lineage is pretty accurate.

I have attached a five generation outline report of my records for this line from Elisha Rogers Ewing, Sr. (1822-1914). It is in a PDF format and is four pages long. You are not shown since I do not know your parents vital information.

You may review information about the Ewing Y-DNA Project beginning here: <https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project>

More personal information for your lineage is found here:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/results-introduction>

Go down the page and click on the red underlined Group 2d. When you view this diagram begin at the top with Henry, then down to William, John and William H. (1819). Your line would connect here since Elisha, Sr., (1822-1914) is a younger brother of William H. Ewing (1819-1910).

FamilyTreeDNA is the only company who properly tests the Y chromosome. The Y chromosome passes directly from father to son, to son, etc. so if you wanted to test, you would join the Grier Family project.

Thomas Ewing (c. 1819-1878)**Message from Raymond Allen Ewing – Member #1051**

My name is Raymond Allen Ewing and I am stuck finding information on my great-grandfather, Thomas Ewing. My lineage is as follows:

Raymond Allen Ewing, born January 8, 1951, Strattanville, Clarion County, Pennsylvania

(Father) Raymond Oscar Ewing, Born May 16, 1906, Heath Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania

Died June 21, 1972, Clarion Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania

(Grand-father) Seth C. Ewing, Born 1887, Heath Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania

Died June 7, 1916, Heath Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania

(Great-grand-father) Thomas Ewing,

As for what I have found through research, Thomas was born about 1819 and I think he was born in Pennsylvania. He was married to Hannah who was born March 15, 1831 and she died in August 25, 1920.

I have found a Civil War Pension application for a Thomas Ewing who was married to a Hannah Ewing. The application was filed for Thomas Ewing (Invalid) on Oct. 15, 1877, application # was 243291, and a certificate # 265337 was issued. An application was filed for Hannah Ewing (Widow) on June 15, 1878, application # was 237946, and a certificate # 206346 was issued. I am not certain this is my Thomas and Hannah as his service on the application was for the "D & H 52 Ind Inf."(Indiana Infantry)

Although, 1870 Census records for Heath Township of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania show Thomas as head of household and Hannah as wife, then the 1880 Census records show Hannah as head of household which these records fall in place if the Thomas on the Civil war application was indeed my great-grand father. Any help you can provide me with will be greatly appreciated. I am planning on attending the Ewing gathering in Tennessee to continue to dig into my families past. Hope to see you there.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Having recently purchased Civil War Pension records for one of my ancestors, I can tell you that it was well worth the money. It turned out to be a lot of money and resulted in almost two hundred pages!

The records you found are certainly reasonable except for the reference to the state of Indiana. Is it possible the reference is to Indiana County, Pennsylvania? If you haven't yet checked Fold3 records, perhaps you can access those at your local library to determine more about the man referenced.

Have you checked all the various genealogical libraries, historical and genealogical societies in the counties near where your Thomas lived? Also be sure to seek out county atlas books.

The last item for you to check if you haven't already is the Ewing Y-DNA page for Group 4a. You may access it here:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/diagrams/relationship-diagrams#diagrams> Go to the listings and click on Group 4a. There you will find other Ewing males who closely match your ancestor.

Discussion for Group 4 is located here:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/results-tables/discussions-tables#g4>

Joshua Ewing, b. 1793, Kentucky

Message from Charles E. Ewing III (shotze414@aol.com) – Member #706

Karen, I understand you are the genealogy director for EFA and wondering if there is any update on my line. Never see anything in the bulletins. If there is something new, I would appreciate you forwarding it to me.

Last known ancestor: Joshua Ewing b. 1793, KY, d. Caldwell Par., LA. m. (1) Jacobe Sarah Gray 1797-1808,

m. (2) Eliz. Nebolt in 1839, Caldwell Par., LA

son: Elijah Gray Ewing b. 1820 ARK, m. Emeline Stansbury, lived Abbeville, LA

son: William E. Ewing b. 1824 ARK

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Attached is an eight page Genealogy Report of Joshua Ewing (1793-1846). Included are the sources I used. The initials in some of the names are for men who are participates in the Ewing Family Y-DNA Project. Here is the link to Group 1d which includes you.

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/diagrams/relationship-diagrams#diagrams> Click on 1d. It looks like this diagram hasn't changed since 2009. Please let me know of any errors or additions.

Response from Charles E. Ewing III and wife, Charlotte Hudson Ewing (shotze414@aol.com)

Thank you for sending the report. You had about 3 men that we didn't, so we are thankful. I have quite a bit more to send. Are you interested in the stories, as well?

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Your package arrived safely and I have been entering additional data into my Ewing data base from Joshua's line. This is definitely a large line with three known men who have tested for the Ewing Y-DNA Project. They all fit nicely into Group 1d. It is interesting that the group is mainly found in Louisiana for many generations.

Glad that I had a new clue or two for you. I'm eagerly awaiting your additions/corrections. I would definitely appreciate receiving your family stories.

David Gillaspie (Gillespie) b. Abt. 1760

Message from Nancy Gill Shifflet (Nancy@shifflet.us)

Earliest Ewing Ancestor: My grandmother was a Gillespie

Question: As I do my Gillespie, Gillaspie, gillespey, etc. research, I find a lot of Ewings!!! I was reading your site, great site! And I found a Ewing in Pocahontas County, WV that I don't see on your site?

William Ewing, 83, died of old age, parents John and Ann Ewing. Wife Sarah Ewing reported his death. Lived at Stony Creek.

He is number 13 in year 1858

http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_view.aspx?Id=4071061&Type=Death

If you already have this information, I apologize.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

We do have a long list of Gillespie folks in our 'go-to' book - Ewing in Early America, by Margaret Ewing Fife, published 2003 for Clan Ewing in America, by Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah. (We are now known as Ewing Family Association.) The index pages of the book have not yet been added to the website. Using this link, https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/books/Document_Fife.html, you might want to view pages containing Gillespie family. Start with Chapter 14 and using your 'find' search tool, check out the following chapters. There are many references to Gillespie.

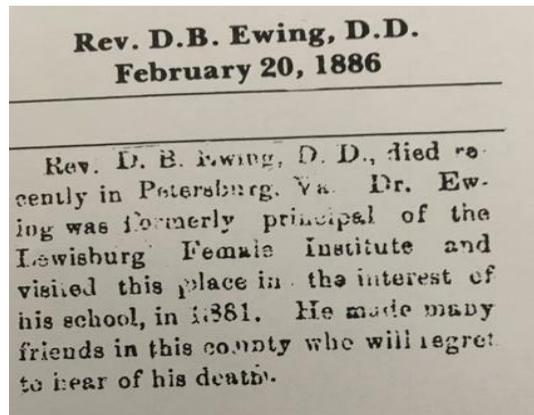
We would love to have you join the EFA. The link is located here: <https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/about-us/membership>

Thanks for the offer to look up Ewing information in West Virginia.

Response from Nancy Gill Shifflet (Nancy@shifflet.us)

I have been tied up in my own research but today I did find this obit on Rev. D. B. Ewing, D. D. Thought you might find it interesting. Lewisburg is in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

I volunteer at the state archives and during the Christmas luncheon today I happened upon this book with the intriguing title [Murder, Mayhem, Hydrophobia (and just plain 'ol dying in Central West Virginia);



Compiled, written and conceived by Shirley E. Grose] It's really just a collection of obituaries and newspaper articles. Found the Ewing obit on page 63.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

So interesting that you found this obituary for Rev. Daniel Baker Ewing (1821-1886). He is featured in the latest (November, 2017, page 43) issue of the Ewing Family Journal. If you are receiving the Journal via snail mail, it should arrive very soon.

There should be many more records of Ewing folk. One Ewing line beginning in the 1770s was located in (then) Ohio County - later Marshall County - up to at least the 1970s.

Response from Nancy Gill Shifflet (Nancy@shifflet.us)

My Gillespie line goes back to David Gillaspie (Gillespie) b. Abt. 1760?? Died 1828 Louisa County, VA. Most internet family trees tie us back to Robert Gillespie and Mary Galloway but I know, DNA, historical documents and my Aunt Rena's excellent family notes tie us to David Gillespie (especially David's Will and probate) of Louisa Co., VA. I've given up trying to get folks to correct this. I can't get beyond David in the Gillespie line but more deeds have been ordered so....

We also know George Gillespie 1731-1803 of Amherst VA, John Gillespie 1745-1811 of Fluvanna VA and William Abner Gillespie 1790-1860 of Pendleton Kentucky share the same Gillespie DNA.

There are quite a few EWINGS in early Kanawha County. I live in Charleston, WV. Very near the State archives and Kanawha county courthouse. If you need something copied let me know.

How do I join the Ewing association. What is the link? Do you have a list of Gillespie's that came over with the Ewings?

Message from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Thanks for writing and for the death information for William Ewing. I keep a large Ewing data base which is not online, and I do have the record for the William Ewing whose death record you found. He was born in 1775 and died 1858 in Pocahontas Co., WV/VA. His wife was possibly Sarah Beatty (she previously married to James Johnson - I think). William was a son of John and Ann (Smith) Ewing. We call this John 'Indian John' to keep a few of our John Ewings straight. Our Ewing Y-DNA Project has men who Thanks descend from Indian John although I do not have any children listed for William and Sarah. I suspect that William was also previously married since he and Sarah did not marry until 1827.

About 1725 it is known that Ewing and Gillespie families came to America and settled in Cecil County, Maryland where they did intermarry. Does your Gillespie line connect there? I have records on about 40 Gillespie folks.

Ewing Family Association welcomes any and all who are interested in Ewing history. You need not have a Ewing ancestor. We are quite proud of our website and all of the information that can be found there. Dues are only \$30.00 per year. We would love to have you join.

Response from Nancy Gill Shifflet (Nancy@shifflet.us)

[Ewing in America, Fife] Worked great! And on the first page of chapter 14, I see a familiar name. David Gillespie's will, filed 1828, in Louisa County, VA. names all his children. One son is named James Lindsay Gillespie.

Louisa County Records, Will Book 7, pp 493-495. David Gillaspay bequeaths to wife Peggy and children Morris Robert, Nelson Saunders, William Allen, Matilda Caroline, Mary Elizabeth, David Shelton, John Miner, Parthenia Jane, James Lindsay, and Emily Ann.

There is a pattern of using surnames as middle names for sons.

I am currently investigating deeds and transfers trying to determine David Gillespie's parents.

My great, great grandfather Robert Morris Gillespie (b. 1795-d. Abt. 1873) threw a wrench in the works when he reversed his first and middle names. Most family trees list him as the son of Robert Gillespie and Mary Galloway, but my family notes said his parents were David Gillespie, Ellisville, Va. Mother's last name Roberts? I found a David Gillespie married first to Frances Robards (Roberts), second marriage to Margaret Peggy Saunders. Confusion over the Morris Robert, Robert Morris cleared up when I found a probate record and Robert Morris Gillespie's letter requesting approval for his war of 1812 (served 1814) pension, saying he would write to the clerk of Louisa County and get affidavits of 2-3 reliable persons. Also we did DNA and our Gillespie male line is not even the same haplogroup as the Gillespie/Galloway line. So it has been a challenge getting the ancestry straightened out.

If I figure out my Gillespie/Ewing relationship exists, I will thrilled to send it to you. Also as I run across "official Ewing documents" here in WV should I forward them to you? I just started genealogy last spring and was fortunate to attend a 'Mining your History Foundation' conference. I was told to always look at original documents and I have found so many facts that way. Transcription errors do occur. So I am slow but thorough... it seems a disservice to find these original documents that can be scanned and just walk away from them, especially when the transcriptions have errors. I ran across one person whose transcription said surname: Herring and on the original document it clearly was Ewing.

Message from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

So glad you have already found some information for your Gillespie clan in Margaret Fife's book. I haven't yet had time to study the relationship to the Ewing family. When you get it worked out, please give us your Ewing-Gillespie lineage.

Your offer to send all the original documents you find concerning the Ewing family in West Virginia is wonderful. Yes, please send them to me so that I might glean data from them for my personal Ewing data base. I have managed to collect close to 13,000 Ewing born folks - hence my job as EFA Genealogist! We (EFA) have a large number of Ewing documents already stored permanently at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Eventually anything you send to me will go to the library. They will scan each document and make it available online forever (and always free). Having a transcription of each document is a big plus - thank you.

I've also just learned that your EFA membership has already come in! Welcome - we are happy to have you join us!

David Ewing (1784-1844)

Message from David Hosom - Member #1179 (dhosom@whoi.edu)

During the year I emailed the person in charge of genealogy asking for any "tree" information about the Ewings from Rainbow Drive in Lancaster, Ohio. I have the information about David Ewing who first settled there but nothing before and nothing after – until Arthur E. Ewing who was my grandfather. Is there any "tree" information available?

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Hopefully I can provide some of the missing vital facts about folks in your Ewing lineage.

I will begin with your grandparents, Arthur Edgar Ewing (1872-1948) and his wife, Dora Etta Cruik (1870-1949). My file shows that Arthur had eight siblings. They were children of David Ewing, Jr. (1823-1900) and wife Dianah Rachel Wilhelm (1837-1910).

David, Jr. was a son of David Ewing, Sr. (I've added the Junior and Senior labels). The elder David was born in Cumberland County, PA October 20, 1784 and died December 30, 1844 in Lancaster, Ohio. He married Jane Eliza Ainsworth (10-25-1794 to 1-23-1872) in Lancaster on January 9, 1810.

My records have conflicting information for the parents of David, Sr., but I believe his father was John Ewing, Sr. (c. 1739-1806) who wrote his Will May 25, 1806. It was proved in December 1806. David was one of the executors of that will. John, Sr. married Sarah Jenkins about 1765 probably in Chester County, PA.

Response from David Hosum – Member #1179 (dhosom@whoi.edu)

Thank you very much for the Ewing / Rainbow Drive information. I have the Margaret Ewing Fife document (Chapter 39) information but couldn't follow it. It does support John / Sarah as the father of David (1784 -) The trail from the early David to Arthur is much shorter than I thought.

In any case, thank you very much for your response. I do have personal information about Arthur and Dora's children, grandchildren, etc. if that is helpful to you.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Thanks for your offer for further information about Arthur and Dora Ewing's children. If their son, Robert William Ewing (1905-1982) and his wife, Clara (_____) (1915-1997) had any male children/grandsons, it would be a great idea to have one male descendant's join the Ewing Y-DNA Project. The results would be more 'proof' that the lineage is correct. I would love to include the Ewing folks in my data base.

John Ewing, Sr. (c. 1739-1806) is placed in the Ewing Y-DNA Group we label 4d. If you haven't seen the DNA diagram for the group, please go here:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/diagrams/relationship-diagrams>

At the bottom of the page, click on 4d to view others who are also in this group.

Ewing With An 's'

Message from Douglas Arthur Ewings (dougarthur1960@gmail.com)

My question is do you have any information on when we got the 's' on the end of the name and any information on Ewings over here in Queensland Australia.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

It is so nice to hear from you. I wish I had the answer for you as to why the name is spelled so many different ways.

Attached is a copy of the May 2016 issue of the Ewing Family Journal. See pages 35 to 59 for an article about one Ewing family living in Australia.

Your query will be posted in the May 2018 issue of the Ewing Family Journal. Perhaps someone will have an answer for you.

Esther Ewing Boyd (1769-1854)

Message from Terry L Boyd (TerryLBoyd@aol.com)

I am doing family research on the Boyd family of Fayette and Moon Townships in Allegheny County who were contemporaries of the Ewings in the late 1700s and early 1800s. I am currently researching the Montours Presbyterian Church cemetery information where my Boyd family relatives are buried.

One of the Ewings, Esther (1769-1854) married a Boyd, James Boyd. I was wondering if your family tree might contain some information on James Boyd or Robert Boyd from Fayette? Robert Boyd, probably Junior (1787-1834), is my 3rd great grandfather. His widow, Agnes Livingston Boyd left Allegheny Township and moved to Clinton County, Iowa with her three young sons in 1837.

I was sorry to just learn that William Ewing Riddle passed away in 2014 as I would loved to have contacted him regarding his compilation of the graves in this cemetery. Would you happen to know where I can get a copy of his 1998 compilation? Any other of his Allegheny research?

He seems like a very dedicated genealogist and I am sure he is missed in the Ewing Clan.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can offer.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Yes, we do miss Bill Riddle and yes, he was a very dedicated genealogist.

My records contain conflicting information for the Ewing family of Esther who married James Boyd. I know there are many Ewings buried in Montour Cemetery (Presbyterian Churchyard), but I do not have a complete list.

Response from Terry L Boyd (TerryLBoyd@aol.com)

Thanks for responding. Since I sent the note I looked over the Ewing family website and it is wonderfully laid out with great information.

Esther married a Boyd but it is not one of my Boyds ancestors apparently—at least not as far back as I have gone.

Thanks for maintaining this great genealogy reference tool. You are all to be commended.

Ewing Family of Lima, Ohio

Message from Fawn Bryan (fbryan084@gmail.com) on ewingfamilyassociation@googlegroups.com)

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Ewing community. I have just started working on my family's ancestry. My daughter is studying abroad in London. I realized I want her to be able to visit the places that our ancestors came from while she is there. My father's side of my family has been fairly easy to figure out and I have been able to give her many places in England that she will be able to visit. My mother's side of the family has proven to be quite challenging.

Her Grandmother was Addie Ewing. Great Grandfather was Dr. Frank Ewing (1843: Southington, Trumbull County, Ohio). I am trying to find out information about this very intriguing ancestral line. I believe they came from Scotland...but, I am not certain. I am finding there are too many Williams to be able to be certain if I am even on the correct track. I want my daughter to be able to visit and take pictures of the places of our ancestors while she is so close to the places that our ancestors came from originally.

Thank you in advance to any person that might be able to assist.

Response from David Ewing, Y-DNA Project (davidewing93@gmail.com)

Hi, Fawn. I'm glad to see you are getting some feedback on the list. Wally Ewing gave you a page reference in Margaret Ewing Fife's book and Stewart Ewing said you could find it at ACPL in Ft. Wayne. The text of the book is also posted on our website at: https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/books/Document_Fife.html. The page reference Wally gave you is to the beginning of Chapter 40. Fife addresses in some detail the confusion about which of many Alexander Ewings may have been the father of the William Ewing who is the subject of this chapter, but if I understood her correctly over the next couple of chapters, I think she finally decided that he was among the descendants of James Ewing of Inch Island, some of whose descendants are discussed in her book in Chapter 41. You can also see a detailed genealogy of this family on the website in the Ewing Genealogy Documentation project, where Bill Riddle posted an annotated genealogy of the descendants of James Ewing of Inch.

Karen Avery said that to her understanding other members of your family are in Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project 4d, which consists of descendants of James Ewing of Hunterdon County, NJ (which Fife discusses in her Chapters 7, 13 and 38), which is NOT in the line of James Ewing of Inch, whose descendants are in the Y-DNA Project Group 1b. Clearly, both of these things cannot be true, but I do not have a brief on which (if either) is. Sadly, I am not much of a genealogist and have mostly confined my attention to the Y-DNA project.

About 2/3 of the Ewing men who have been tested in the Ewing Y-DNA project are reasonably closely genetically related in the paternal line--this includes everyone in Groups 1 & 2, but not those in Group 4. But even though Group 4 is genetically distinct (in the strict paternal line) I consider it very likely that many of them were in fact part of the same family and virtually certainly intermarried with them. Stewart told you of several areas in Scotland where Ewing families are known to have lived, and he correctly told you that perhaps most of the Ewings who ended up in America came by way of Ulster in Ireland, though I disagree with him that they were "forced" to go to Ireland. Indeed, some of them traveled back and forth. We have suspicions and suppositions where those who did go to Ireland came from in Scotland, but we cannot be sure exactly how those on whom we have documentary evidence were connected with our ancestors. You can find a thousand American lineages claiming descent from Baron William Ewing of Stirling, but we think these are mostly mistaken. But there was a Baron Ewing in Stirling and some of those who went to Ireland may very well have

descended from him. A modern day Scot nobleman named Sir Alexander Orr-Ewing has been tested by the Ewing project and found to be in Group 2.

Stewart spoke about a "few" Ewings who argue for a connection with Clan Ewen of Otter--which occupied part of the western shore of the Cowal peninsula of Argyllshire, where the ruins of Castle McEwen can still be found. There are actually more than a few Ewings who believe this, and some of them, especially Thor Ewing, who is commander of Clan Ewing, made strong enough arguments for this in the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland here a couple of years ago that the Lord Lyon accepted them. Thor thinks that when the lands of Clan Ewen were ceded to the Campbells in the 15th century, some members of the clan moved to Dumbartonshire--part of a larger region then called Lennox--and began using the name Ewing. Many of them lived around the southern end of Loch Lomond. The cemetery in Bonhill has quite a number of old Ewing graves, though the stones on any graves old enough to have held our ancestors have long since eroded beyond recognition.

Here is my suggestion. Don't worry too much about historical exactness--this trip for your daughter is really about fantasizing about your ancestors and probably by now you have ancestors among many of the "different" Ewing families. Have her go to Loch Lomond and take a boat ride--it is beautiful and a lot of fun. If I were along, I would look in the phone book and see if I could persuade a local Ewing to go out for coffee with me--but I am famous for being cheeky. If she can, she should go to Stirling also--you can find an old map on the EFA website showing where William Ewing probably lived near Stirling Castle. Of course she should go to Edinburgh because it is very cool, though Glasgow has been much more intimately connected with Ewings. And more trouble to do, but the most romantic of all would be to take a trip up to Argyll and hike over to the ruins of Castle McEwen. You can find an article by Wally Ewing on the website describing the trip he and Jane took there a few years ago. If she can go to Ireland, she should certainly go to Londonderry, Inch, Carnashannagh and Burt parish. Have her take pictures and send them to us--even better, have her write up her experiences as an article for the Ewing Family Journal.

Response from Stewart T Ewing <ewingent@bellsouth.net>

In the long term, I'm sure that there are works in the Ewing Family repository in Fort Wayne, Indiana that might help you, including Margaret Ewing Fife's work "Ewing in Early America". However, in the short term your daughter is in England, your question is nearly impossible to answer. My father worked with Mrs. Fife on her book personally and he contributed research to her as did others. I worked a great deal with my father on our lineage and I can tell you that given your purpose of trying to direct your daughter to a "homeland" to visit while in the British Isles, anything you find in Margaret's book may be confusing and could lead you in the wrong direction. Don't get me wrong, her book is outstanding, and she helped a lot of the Ewing branches out a great deal in an era when information was difficult to come by, but to arrive at any level of certainty would be difficult with that book if you could find it. So, let me try to answer your question another way.

1. *The Ewings are pretty much Scots-Irish, which means they are Scottish, but were force-migrated to Northern Ireland by the British in the 16-1700s. There are a few that came directly from Scotland, but most came via Ireland after being transplanted from Scotland.*
2. *Traditionally, most Ewings, even the Scots-Irish ones, originally came from the lowlands, just north of the border with England. She would do well to visit Stirling, Dumfermline, Kirkcaldy, and Edinburgh. A few Ewing branches have very credible evidence of lineages in those areas.*
3. *There are a handful of Ewings who believe they have ties to the McEwan Clan which in the 1400s and 1500s came from the region of Otter on the shore of Loch Fyne. That would be in the Highlands, which culturally would have been very different from the Lowlanders back in the time we were all back in Scotland.*
4. *Those that were displaced to Northern Ireland settled in Donegal, Derry, Belfast, Antrim, Coleraine, and other locations.*
5. *Ewings in Ohio could be attached to a dozen different branches which came to America at different times in history. The Ewing family in America is far too fragmented for all of us to have a clear-cut lineage. There are several works of research kept in the main repository in the main library of Fort Wayne Indiana that might help, but specific answers won't likely come easy. I've spent decades in the halls of county clerks, land offices, libraries, historical societies, and archives, and I'm still going. You have to learn to love this stuff to stay with it that long.*

Ultimately, you are likely correct that your Ohio Ewings came from Scotland, and the locations mentioned above are the best locations I can think of to give her a flavor of the area her ancestors likely came from.

My focus has been on my Ewing branch which ended up in Gwinnett County Georgia, but passed through Cecil County Maryland back in the 1700s when they came from Ireland and Scotland before that.

I hope this helps you in this situation.

Donald (Edward?) Ewing

Message from Collin Alexander Smith (cs.varg@gmail.com)

This is a bit of a shot in the dark, but I've run into a bit of a problem tracing my lineage on the Ewing branch any further than the early 1900s. That side of the family is scattered all across the US (and I'm all the way over in Sweden). As far as I can remember and from what census data I could dig up, I have a cousin Don Ewing, and

uncle Don Ewing, a grandfather Don Ewing, and a great grandfather Don Ewing. Which is problematic. I've narrowed down exactly which ones of over 50 I have records of are my uncle and his son (through middle names and former Michigan residences), but beyond that I am lost. What I have in that line so far are as follows:

Don and Teresa Ewing, children of Don and Theresa Ewing (imaginative, I know). Don Ewing may be Donald Edward or Edward Donald, but I can't really be sure. As far as I can tell, he is deceased but I don't know if he lived in Florida, Ohio, or Michigan last. It doesn't help that using middle name rather than first is exceedingly common on all sides of my family. And nobody numbers themselves, rather they just change spelling or middle name. In the case of my uncle Don, every one of his kids just have the same middle name (Lee).

If you could assist in digging anything up, I would greatly appreciate it. Additionally, from family history, this does appear to be the same Ewing family based on common lore and known Scotland -> Ireland -> US migration route.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Looking in the index of my very large Ewing data base, I find more than 40 men named Donald Ewing. In order to make any attempt to discover if one or any of these might be your family, I simply must have approximate vital dates of birth, marriage and death. Also must have locations.

I will be happy to help if you can supply me with the necessary information.

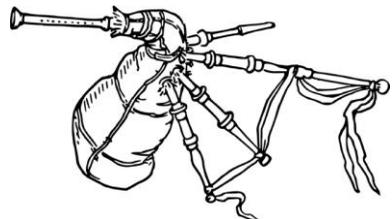
Do you have a living Ewing male who could join the Ewing Y-DNA Project? Begin reading here: <https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project> We have a large project and results of a test could point you in a direction for discovering cousins and early ancestors.

15th Biennial Ewing Family Gathering



***Our Clan Ewing Commander,
John Thor Ewing,
will attend the Nashville Gathering!***

An author and historian, Thor will travel with us to the sites founded by early Ewing settlers in Davidson County, Tennessee, and Logan County, Kentucky. Welcome back to America, Thor!



Gathering Information

Gathering Registration

Complete the form on page 59, and send with a check for your registration to:
Ewing Family Association
1330 Vaughn Court
Aurora, IL 60504

You can also register on-line at www.ewingfamilyassociation.org and pay via PayPal.

Hotel Registration

Official venue for the Gathering is the [Maxwell House Millenium Hotel](#), located at
2025 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.,
Nashville, TN 37228

You can make your reservation by calling (615) 313-3584, or on-line by clicking on this link:

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The Ewing Family Association is enjoying a special rate of \$135 per night (up to 3 people). A fourth person can stay for an additional \$10 per night.

If reserving by phone, be sure to state that you are attending the Ewing Family Association Gathering. Parking at the hotel is free.

Transportation

We will be traveling around Nashville and north into Kentucky. You should be prepared to rent a vehicle if you fly into Nashville. Ride-sharing may be possible. There are shuttles to and from the airport and the downtown area. Historic Woodlon Hall, City Cemetery, and The Hermitage (home of Scots-American President Andrew Jackson) are three sites to which we will travel.

On Sunday morning, after hotel check-out, we will drive to Logan County, Kentucky, to visit the Red River Meeting House site. This historic site is the home of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and site of the Second Great Awakening conducted in part by Rev. Finis Ewing.

Schedule of Events**Ewing Family Association
15th Biennial Gathering Agenda****Friday, August 17**

- 3:00 p.m. Registration begins
 5:00 p.m. Refreshments in reception room with welcome from EFA
 Officers and local hosts
Presentation by David Ewing, local historian
 6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

Saturday, August 18

- 9:00 a.m. Gather in reception room
Presentation by Davidson County historian, Carole Bucy
 10:30 a.m. City Cemetery
*(Things to see: Grave of city founder James Robertson,
 multiple Ewing grave sites)*
 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own (multiple restaurants in the downtown area)
Place of interest: Fort Nashborough
 1:30 p.m. The Hermitage (home of Andrew Jackson)
*Ticket included in your registration fee.
 Interpreter-led tour of mansion; self-guided audio tour of gardens.
 Visitor center and gift shop.*
 4:00 p.m. Drive by Woodlon Hall, home of 'Devil Alex' Ewing
 4:30 p.m. Return to Hotel
 6:30 p.m. Banquet
Includes General Membership Meeting & Entertainment

Sunday, August 19

- 11:00 a.m. Check Out
 11:45 a.m. Leave for Red River Meeting House in Schochoh, Logan County, KY
Approximately 44 miles North on TN RTE 431
 1:00 p.m. Meet at Red River Meeting House
 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Darlynn Moore, Chair of the RRMH Board
 2:30 p.m. Adjournment

**Ewing Family Association's
15th Biennial Gathering
August 17 - 19, 2018
Nashville, Tennessee
REGISTRATION FORM**



Online Registrations can be made at the EFA website via Pay Pal, MasterCard or Visa.

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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NOTE: Your E-Mail address will be used to confirm your registration and to send you news about the 2018 Gathering. If you do not have an E-Mail address or prefer not to use it, please enter "none".

Phone Number (incl. area code): (_____) _____ — _____

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Adults (EFA Members)	\$135	_____	_____
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Youth UNDER 18:	\$100	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet ONLY:	\$80	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	_____

Make checks payable to Ewing Family Association or pay online at www.ewingfamilyassociation.org. Send checks and Registration form to Ewing Family Association, 1330 Vaughn Court, Aurora, IL 60504.

Your registration fee covers costs for the Saturday night banquet, a buffet dinner with multiple selections. If you have special dietary constraints, please let us know:

(number of meals)

(number of meals)

Vegetarian: _____ **Other:** _____

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Please tell us what name(s) you'd like to appear on your Gathering badge(s):

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We look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

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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.

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Forms are available at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org. Annual dues are \$30.00. Membership includes the semi-annual 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 EwingBrent89@gmail.com. Hardcopy submissions should be sent to Brent Ewing, 2156 Jennifer St., Akron, OH 44313. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please call Brent Ewing (330) 801-6663.