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## ***From the Editor***

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*Not ending a sentence with a preposition is a bit of arrant pedantry up with which I will not put.*

Winston Churchill, Politician, 1874-1965

This issue of the *Journal* is the first reflecting the organization's new name, *Ewing Family Association*. It is also chock full of articles reflecting several researchers' journeys in search of information about their ancestors. The articles are excellent, meaningful and valuable, and they speak for themselves; I will not attempt to synopsise them here. Instead ... As many of you know I actively edit submissions to the *Journal*. I thought I would list some of the grammar rules I consider. Please know that I often violate them in my own writing, and let them be violated in material prepared by others, in favor of readability.

- Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
- Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
- And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
- It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
- Avoid clichés like the plague. They're old hat.
- Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
- Be more or less specific.
- Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
- Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
- No sentence fragments.
- Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
- Its important to use the contraction of 'it is' correctly.
- Foreign words and phrases are not *apropos* (italicized or not).
- Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
- One should *never* generalize.
- Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
- Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
- One-word sentences? Eliminate.
- Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
- The passive voice is to be ignored.
- Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary.
- Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
- Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
- Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
- Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth-shaking ideas.
- Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said: 'I hate quotations. Tell me what you know.'
- Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
- Puns are for children, not groan readers.
- Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
- Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
- Who needs rhetorical questions?
- Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

*Wm E. Riddle*

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# ***Bridge to the West***

## **Eleventh Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association***

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Area  
Fall 2010



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The eleventh gathering of *the Ewing Family Association* will be held in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area in the Fall of 2010. Pittsburgh lies at the confluence of three rivers: the Allegheny, the Monongahela and the Ohio. It is popularly known as the *City of Bridges* because of the dozen-plus bridges that span the rivers to link the city's neighborhoods.

Ewing-genealogy speaking, the Pittsburgh area was both the target for Ewings emigrating to the frontier in the mid-to-late-1770s and a doorway — a bridge — for many Ewings who used their Pittsburgh area relatives as a stepping-stone to Ohio, Kentucky and other farther-west parts of America.

The earliest migrants to the Pittsburgh area, around 1730, were trappers and traders who came to the area when the French claimed sovereignty. There is only anecdotal evidence that Ewings were among them. After the 1763 end of the French and Indian War, the British owned the land west of the Allegheny Mountains. Native Americans resisted this change from one foreign nation to another, leading to Pontiac's Rebellion during the first half of 1763.

With the settlement of Pontiac's Rebellion, two things happened. For one, settlement was a bit safer. For two, the British decided that settlement was so still so dangerous that they could not assure safety and declared that settlement was prohibited in the 'Indian Land' lying west of the Alleghenies. It was not until 1769 that this land was officially opened for settlement.

Many of the Scots-Irish in the Upper Chesapeake Bay area were of a somewhat different mind. They had supported the British in the French and Indian War, they had received little — if-any — compensation for this support, and they had (in their mind) 'won' the western areas as the spoils of war. Net sum: they felt they had the right to settle this area. As a result, Ewings settled the (then) Redstone, (now) Uniontown, area in (now) Fayette County, southeast of Pittsburgh, in the mid-1760s. A bit later, several descendants of James Ewing of Inch settled the (now) Robinson and Collier Township areas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, starting around 1770.

Many cousins, nephews, etc., followed their relatives to the Pittsburgh area. Some settled and stayed. Some moved on further west, accompanied by cousins who found the opportunities in the Pittsburgh area to be limited and 'went west' to find better opportunities. These 'followers' left genealogical records which have survived in the Pittsburgh area's Census Records and its records of Wills, Land Transfers, etc.

Please *PLAN AHEAD* and look to the 2010 Gathering in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area as a way to discover new information, and confirm your suppositions, about your late-1770 and early-1800 ancestors.

# **James M. Ewing, An Indiana Pioneer (1799-1881)**

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The autumn of 1837 brought James M. Ewing — along with his wife Mary, the first seven of their eleven children and most their family possessions — to their new pioneer home in northwest Rush County, Indiana. They made the one hundred forty-mile trip by horse and wagon from their farm near Morgan in Pendleton County, Kentucky, down the Licking River on flat boats to the mouth at Newport, crossing the Ohio River by ferry, and then by primitive roads through Brookville and Rushville to their Indiana destination. Roads in early Indiana were often roads in name only, sometimes little more than crude paths following old animal and Indian trails filled with sinkholes, stumps and deep ruts.



**Mouth of the Licking River at the Ohio**



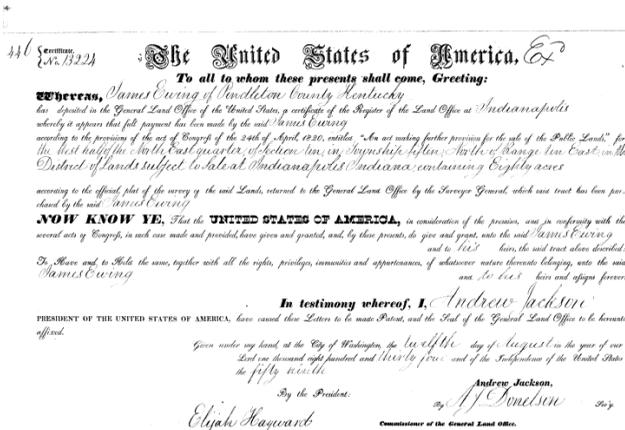
**The Licking River in NE Kentucky**



**The Route Today**

James M. Ewing, the fifth child of John and Alice (Caswell) Ewing was born in Pendleton County, Kentucky, on April 12, 1799. James married Mary R. 'Polly' McKenny, daughter of Francis and Nancy (Champ) McKenny, on December 24, 1824, in Pendleton County; Rev. Alexander Monroe officiated.

After the death of John Ewing on April 25, 1832, James was named the administrator of his estate. Once settling the estate, James ventured into the new frontier of Indiana as a would-be purchaser of land. After examining a tract in Rush County, Indiana, about eighty miles northwest of Cincinnati, James entered his name with the Register of the Indianapolis Land Office and on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1834 purchased a tract of three hundred twenty acres of land; he received certificates for four eighty-acre parcels in Center Township.



**One of the Four Land Patent Certificates**

The first seven of James and Mary's eleven children made the journey to Indiana:

- Thomas: born November 2, 1823; married Sarah Hunt on May 12, 1844; died November 2, 1878 in Delaware County, Indiana
- Frances: born in 1826; married Elizabeth about 1851; died after 1889 in Oregon
- Nancy: born in 1829; married Joseph Draper on March 1, 1855, in Rush County, Indiana; died September 19, 1855
- Loretta: born in 1831; died October 5, 1854 in Rush County, Indiana
- John Milton: born in 1833; married Sarah J. Downey on October 14, 1858, in Rush County, Indiana; died December 29, 1918, in Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana
- Elizabeth: born in 1836; married William M. Downey on March 18, 1856, in Rush County, Indiana; died August 29, 1858, in Rush County, Indiana
- James Milton: born in 1837; died after 1881

After acquiring the Indiana land, one of James' first concerns was to build a cabin and begin to clear the land of trees, a huge obstacle as there was dense forest for miles in every direction. Settlers cleared

fields to provide farmland for crops and pasture and harvested timber to use as building material and fuel.

The task of clearing the land of trees was difficult and many pioneers worked at it for years, using only an ax they sharpened often. According to one early settler, the "first clearing was done in a hurry-up-and-get-in-a-crop style." Underbrush and trees under eighteen or twenty inches were cut and piled around larger trees for burning. Sometimes larger trees were girdled. Girdling consisted of cutting a ring through the bark of the tree. It cut the lifeline of the tree and led to its death. Some farmers set fire to the dead trees the following winter, otherwise the trees were simply left standing until they fell on their own.

Plowing was done around the stumps, which remained firmly in place despite the trees having been cut down. Once they were old and dry, these stumps could be burned out. Also, once a section was cleared, corn would be planted. Then it was necessary to start all over again. From the beginning of settlement in Indiana, corn was a primary crop. Today Rush County remains as one of the top counties in the state for corn production.

The last four of James and Mary's eleven children, all born in Rush County, were:

- Mary: born in 1840; married Francis M. Obanion on June 8, 1862, in Rush County, Indiana; died December 20, 1863, in Rush County, Indiana
- William T. (my great-grandfather): born March 8, 1842; married Minerva E. Kirkpatrick on December 20, 1862, in Rush County, Indiana; died February 26, 1879 in Rush County, Indiana; buried in Little Blue River Cemetery in Rush County
- Margaret: born in 1844; never married; died February 5, 1871
- Martha: born in 1847; never married; died April 18, 1872

James continued to farm this rich Indiana land until his death in 1881. His obituary stated:

What a volume of progress from pioneer toils and privations to success and improvement is contained in those 43 years of residence in Rush County. We loved to listen to the recital of early times as given by our deceased neighbor, when their stock was driven through to Cincinnati to market, and their grain hauled in wagons. What economy to make the ends meet! One trip with loaded wagons to the city and return made at a total expense of twelve cents, and that was paid for in tar!

James lost eight of his eleven children prior to his own death, and his obituary reflects this as follows:

The six daughters were all cut down by that fell destroyer - Consumption. Two of the sons have also passed away to the 'bourne of whence no traveler returns.



**James Ewing Headstone  
Ewing Family Plot Barrett Cemetery  
Two Miles South of Knightstown  
Rush County, Indiana**

William T. Ewing, my great-grandfather, was one of the two sons who predeceased James. William T. died prior to his thirty-seventh birthday on February 26, 1879, leaving his widow, Minerva (Kirkpatrick) Ewing, and six children. William farmed and raised stock in Ripley Township of Rush County near his father's Center Township farm.



**James Ewing's Land in 1996**

*George William Ewing — Past Chair and Chancellor of Clan Ewing in America and sixth great-grandson of John of Carnashannagh — is a native of Muncie, Indiana, and has been a resident of Battle Creek, Michigan, since 1963. Now retired, he and his wife Marilyn spend the winter months in Boca Raton, Florida.*

## **Rednecks**

The origins of the term 'Redneck' are Scottish and refer to supporters of the National Covenant and The Solemn League and Covenant, or 'Covenanters,' largely Lowland Presbyterians, many of whom would flee Scotland for Ulster (Northern Ireland) during persecutions by the British Crown. The Covenanters of 1638 and 1641 signed the documents that stated that Scotland desired the Presbyterian form of church government and would not accept the Church of England as its official state church.

Many Covenanters signed in their own blood and wore red pieces of cloth around their necks as distinctive insignia; hence the term 'red neck,' which became slang for a Scottish dissenter. Since many Ulster-Scottish settlers in America (especially the South) were Presbyterian, the term was applied to them, and then, later, their Southern descendants. One of the earliest examples of its use comes from 1830, when an author noted that 'red-neck' was a 'name bestowed upon the Presbyterians.' It makes you wonder if the originators of the ever-present 'redneck' jokes are aware of the term's origins?

Contributed by George W. Ewing

## ***Birthplaces of Pocahontas James Ewing's Children***

Jean McClure

Pocahontas James Ewing owned numerous of tracts of land, but only the tracts where his children were born are discussed in this article. Information about these tracts provides definitive information about the birthplaces of Pocahontas James' children. This proof comes from his testimony and depositions relating to the size and location of these tracts and to the years James Ewing lived on these tracts.

The birth dates for each child of James Ewing are taken from Enoch Ewing's records of his Ewing family. Enoch Ewing was a grandson of Pocahontas James Ewing. Enoch was born July 31, 1799, at the family cabin at the mouth of Savage Creek on Swago Creek in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. He was the eighth of the twelve children of William 'Swago Bill' Ewing and Mary McNeill (McNeill) Ewing who were married November 16, 1785, in Lewisburg, West Virginia.<sup>1</sup> The family moved to Gallia County, Ohio, in 1810 when Enoch was eleven years old. Enoch then moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan, in 1753 and continued recording his family's history.

### **Children of James Ewing**

1741 — Ann Ewing was born about 1742, probably at James Ewing's family cabin on the 44 acres he sold to Moses Moore Sr. for two steel traps and two pounds English Sterling. James Ewing have had to have settlement rights to be able to sell the 44 acres. Settlement rights required the building of a cabin and the planting of a crop so this means that James Ewing and his wife, Sarah Mayse, would have settled on the land by 1741 or before. James Ewing was born in 1721 and would have been twenty years old in 1741. Surveying of the 44 acres did not occur at the time of sale, so Moses Moore Sr. had a survey made on April 19, 1769.<sup>2</sup> Moses Moore Sr.'s neighbors' surveys show that this land was on Ewing's Creek (sometime after 1753 called Knapp Creek) located in Pocahontas County and a major contributory to the Greenbrier River.

1746 — James Ewing made a survey for 256 acres "on the upper reaches of Jackson River where it joins Muddy Creek." This means that the family was there by at least 1745 to establish settlement rights for a survey to be made. Possibly he came to this location when the 44 acres on Ewings Creek were sold to Moses Moore Sr.

1747 — Indian John Ewing was born December 27, 1747. Indian John Ewing must have been born in James Ewing's family cabin at the mouth of Muddy Run on the Jackson River.<sup>3</sup> James Ewing sold his 254 acres at Muddy Run on the Jackson River to Archibald Armstrong in 1752 and moved to The Richlands on the Greenbrier River.

The Jackson River runs parallel to the Cowpasture River until the Jackson River bends to flow toward the James River. The Jackson River then flows a short distance until it comes to the mouth of the Cowpasture River. This area is known as the 'Jackson River Settlements.' Ann Ewing Clendenning went

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<sup>1</sup> Greenbrier County, West Virginia, records.

<sup>2</sup> Greenbrier Land Surveys and the McAllister Lists.

<sup>3</sup> Augusta County: DB2 15 October 1765, p. 286, John Jameson & Mary late of the county of Augusta, to Archibald Armstrong 280 acres on Jackson River, corner land in possession of James Ewing patented to John Jamison 20 Sept 1769.

to her Mayse grandparents in the Jackson River Settlements after her captivity in Ohio and lived there until after her second marriage, to John Rodgers.<sup>4</sup>

The Jackson River was named for William Jackson who owned a thousand acres on that river. James Ewing lived close to him because the Augusta County, Virginia, records include a note<sup>5</sup> by James Ewing and a payment made to Naphthalum Gregory who had land close to the 44 acres James Ewing's sold to Moses Moore Sr.

Augusta County, Virginia, was the large area west of the Blue Ridge which was British land without limit. It was bounded on the north by Lord Fairfax's Northern Neck Grant and the Maryland and Pennsylvania lines, and bounded on the south by the Carolina line. Augusta County was formed as a county between 1738 and 1745 from Orange County, Virginia. For about twelve years, Augusta County Court was the only court for that area until other counties were formed. Indian John Ewing was born in the Orange County, Virginia, area, not the Orange County, North Carolina, area as some have mis-stated. A few of the Orange County, Virginia, records were left in the Augusta County records.

The Augusta County Fee Books prove that there were two men named Moses Moore living in different areas in Augusta County: Moses Moore in Borden's Land and Moses Moore in Greenbrier.<sup>6</sup>

Elizabeth Ewing, daughter of James and Sarah (Mayse) Ewing, was born about 1750, so must have been born in the cabin at the mouth of Muddy Run on Jackson River. Elizabeth married George Dougherty and the couple moved to Kentucky.<sup>7</sup> Land records show that a William Dougherty was a neighbor to both James Mayse and Archibald Clendenning Sr. on the Cowpasture River at the time of Archibald Clendenning Sr.'s death. A lawsuit<sup>8</sup> involved the settlement of Archibald Clendenning Sr.'s estate after his death and involved one-half of his land. Jane, called 'Jennie' and the daughter of Archibald Clendenning Jr., was awarded title of the land. She was the widow of John Davis and living in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, west of Lewisburg. James Mayse died at Ft. Dinwiddie on December 11 or 13, 1756, when many were killed and others taken prisoners during the Indian incursions.<sup>9</sup>

May 1752 — James Ewing moved to land in The Richlands between Clover Creek and Thorny Creek on the Greenbrier River.

A lawsuit<sup>10</sup> indicates that James Ewing had retained Joseph Mayse to bring suit against William Sharp who had paid James Ewing a dollar, "considered earnest of the bargarin," and had paid no more. James Ewing stated in his deposition that he came in May 1752, built a cabin, planted a corn crop, and stayed for four years. A Matthew Bracken came and built a large cabin in another place on the land.

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<sup>4</sup> According to testimony by her daughter to Mrs. Royale and, also, *The Draper Manuscripts*, collected by Lyman C. Draper ([www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml)).

<sup>5</sup> Augusta County WB 1, p.341, appraisement for William Jackson

<sup>6</sup> Augusta County Fee books: 1771, p. 44, Moses Moore in Borden's Land; in 1774, p. 13, Moses Moore, Greenbrier

<sup>7</sup> Enoch Ewing's records

<sup>8</sup> Augusta County; O.S. 232; N.S. 82, William Douglas vs. Davis

<sup>9</sup> *The Draper Manuscripts*, collected by Lyman C. Draper

([www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml)).

<sup>10</sup> Bath County Chancery Court, James Ewing's October 11, 1794, deposition

When Bracken left, he sold the land to William Sharp. After testimony by others, the ruling was that James Ewing had a right to that land.

Jean Ewing, daughter of James and Sarah (Mayse) Ewing, was born about 1753.<sup>11</sup> So she must have been born in the cabin on the land in The Richlands.

Jean Ewing married Moses Moore Jr.<sup>12</sup> The records of marriages in Augusta County for three ministers 1786 includes:

11 April 1786, by Rev. Samuel Shannon: Moses Moore and Jean Ewing.

In the August County Fee Books for 1790, Moses Moore Jr. was listed with 'insolventms and delinquents' and 'gone to Kentucky.' Nancy Hanks Ewing erred when she stated that Moses Moore Jr. was taken captive by the Indians.<sup>13</sup> Moses Moore Sr. was the captive.<sup>14</sup>

May 1756 — This was possibly the date James Ewing moved from The Richlands (since he had stated in his deposition that he lived there for four years) to 190 acres on Stony Creek, across the Greenbrier River, 'on the headlands of Elk Creek.' James Ewing was asked, in his testimony on October 11, 1794, whether he then had other land on Elk River; he answered that he did.

William 'Swago Bill' Ewing was born on Stony Creek on December 24, 1756. William Ewing married Mary McNeill (McNeall) on November 11, 1785; the marriage was recorded in Lewisburg, West Virginia. William Ewing built their family cabin not far from the mouth of Swago Creek on the Greenbrier River. Enoch Ewing, their eighth child, was born there on July 31, 1799.

The land on Stony Creek was the only land owned by James Ewing that remained in the family through the years.<sup>15</sup> Indian John Ewing moved to Gallis County, Ohio, in 1804, after James Ewing's death. Indian John wrote a June 15, 1808, letter from Gallia County to his son William in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, assigning power to William to pursue the ownership of this land, based on the settlement right of James Ewing.<sup>16</sup> The case was not settled until June 24, 1823, when John Ewing was granted title to the land. Indian John transferred title of the 190 acres to his son William on October 9, 1823. William was the only one of John and Ann (Smith) Ewing's children who remained in Pocahontas County.

1781 — James Ewing owned 400 acres by virtue of a certificate on a fork of Elk River opposite the head of Stony Creek, including Red Lick.<sup>17</sup> He also warranted a preemption of a thousand acres.<sup>18</sup> 500 acres were above the 400 acres, and 500 acres were below the 400 acres.

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<sup>11</sup> Enoch Ewing's records

<sup>12</sup> Marriage Bonds of Augusta County: 22 March 1786, Moses Moore and Jane Ewing, daughter of James Ewing, witnesses: Wm Rankin, Alex Gibson. There was possibly a recorder error when he heard and wrote Jean's name.

<sup>13</sup> Ewing, Nancy Hanks. *James Ewing – Pioneer*. Privately printed and posted on the *Ewing Family Association's* web site at [www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/books/Document\\_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html](http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html).

<sup>14</sup> Price, William Thomas. *Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County, West Virginia*. Marlinton, West Virginia, Price Brothers, 1901. Also, *The Draper Manuscripts*, collected by Lyman C. Draper ([www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/en-US/catalogs/collections/detail/Draper-Manuscripts-199.shtml)).

<sup>15</sup> Bath County, Virginia, Court case: John Ewing vs. Isaac Jones.

<sup>16</sup> The original letter is in the court records and I secured a copy. It was published in the *Journal of Clan Ewing*.

<sup>17</sup> Greenbrier County, West Virginia, Land Surveys

1798 — A Bath County Chancery Court filing<sup>19</sup> concerned the 500 acres at the lower end of James Ewing's thousand acre survey on Old Field Fork of Elk. Testimony was given by William Ewing Long.<sup>20</sup> Testimony was also given by Joshua Ewing, a nephew of James Ewing and about twelve years younger than James. John Ewing Jr. was also cited as John Smith Ewing. The case dragged on. Others gave testimony and James Ewing was deposed at the courthouse in August 1800, one year before his death.<sup>21</sup> So James Ewing was still living then on the 400-acre homestead. Land records show that he had already sold off the 500 acres on the upper end of the thousand acre warrant. James Ewing is possibly buried on the 400-acre homestead.

Indian John Ewing must have had close contact with his parents. He did not move to Ohio until 1804, after James Ewing's death in 1801. On September 1, 1801, John Ewing Sr. (Indian John) was appointed administrator of his father's estate and Moses Moore and John Cochran gave bond of \$1,000. James Ewing's wife, Sarah Mayse, may have gone to Ohio with Indian John and Ann (Smith) Ewing in 1804.<sup>22</sup>

Public land records show that Pocahontas James Ewing was the only James Ewing living in the Jackson River / Greenbrier River area during his lifetime.

*Jean McClure, a long-time member of Ewing Family Association, is descended from Joshua Ewing, son of John Ewing, son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh. She attended the second Clan Gathering, planned by Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, has attended all the gatherings except two since then, and organized the 2002 Gathering held in Columbia, Missouri.*

<b>Child</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Location</b>
Ann Ewing	circa 1742	James Ewing's family cabin on 44 acres on Ewing's Creek (sometime after 1753 called Knapp Creek) located in Pocahontas County and a major contributory to the Greenbrier River; later sold to Moses Moore Sr.,
'Indian John' Ewing	27 Dec 1747	James Ewing's family cabin on 254 acres at the mouth of Muddy Run on the Jackson River; sold to Archibald Armstrong in 1752; in the Orange County, Virginia, area
Elizabeth Ewing	circa 1750	ditto
Jean Ewing	circa 1753	James Ewing's family cabin on the land in the Richlands between Clover Creek and Thorny Creek on the Greenbrier River on the Greenbrier River; land later homesteaded by Matthew Bracken and sold to William Sharp
William 'Swago Bill' Ewing	24 Dec 1756	James Ewing's family cabin on 190 acres on Stony Creek, across the Greenbrier River, on the headlands of Elk Creek; James Ewing moved to Stony Creek in May 1756

<sup>18</sup> Warrant @2203

<sup>19</sup> Bath County, Virginia, Chancery Court, filed August 1798, John Ewens Jr. and John Ewens Sr. vs. James Ewens

<sup>20</sup> This is William Ewing's, of Frederick County, son who married Mrs. Mary Taylor; he is buried in the Joshua Ewing Cemetery at the mouth of Locust Creek on the Greenbrier River. This is the only time I have ever seen the word 'Long' written after his name in large letters to differentiate him from the other William Ewings on the Greenbrier; William Ewing, himself, wrote 'long' in small letters after his signature in a different document, at the top right after writing Ewing.

<sup>21</sup> I have a copy of his deposition with his signature — he was literate.

<sup>22</sup> Implied by Indian John Ewing's letter to his son William in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, giving William the right to sue Isaac Jones for the land on Stony Creek.

## **James Ewing's Ancestry**

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We — Harold 'Hal' and William 'Bill' Ewing — have been tracking our James Ewing ancestry from Scotland and Ireland to New England (Massachusetts and Vermont), then to Ontario, Canada, and then to Michigan.

We have developed a fairly solid genealogy based on:

- information in Margaret Ewing Fife's *Ewing in Early America*;<sup>1</sup>
- Historical Sketch of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, *Vermont Historical Magazine*;
- *Memories of Haldimand Township* (Ontario, Canada);<sup>2</sup>
- research by Elizabeth (Ewing) Fox;
- *Legislators of the Massachusetts General Court*;<sup>3</sup>
- research via the Internet regarding Eldon Township, Ontario, Canada;
- *Eldon Connections* by R. B. 'Rae' Flemming found in the library at Lindsay, Ontario, Canada;<sup>4</sup>
- *History of Grafton, Ontario, Canada*;
- records from the Fairview Cemetery in Grafton, Ontario, Canada;
- information from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (Ontario, Canada) Clerk's Office;<sup>5</sup>
- *County of Victoria Centennial* by Watson Kirkconnell;<sup>6</sup> and
- many years of research by William L. 'Bill' Ewing including *The Church – Toronto* newspaper and census records.

### **First Generation**

James Ewing: born 1689, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland; died May 3, 1761, weaver, Crookedholm, Scotland; married 1715/16 Helen Gebbie who was born March 19, 1693. James and Helen had nine children.

Birth/baptismal records from Kilmarnock Parish Registers and Kilmarnock Mortality Schedule, given in Chapter IX of Fife's *Ewing in Early America*, Chapter IX, indicate the parents of James to be Robert (born 1665 in Scotland and married November 24, 1681, in Kilwinning, Scotland) and Barbara Smith.

James and Helen's son William is our ancestor; his siblings are listed on page 45 of Fife's *Ewing in Early America*.

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<sup>1</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

<sup>2</sup> [www.ourroots.ca/e/toc.aspx?id=6034](http://www.ourroots.ca/e/toc.aspx?id=6034)

<sup>3</sup> [www.newenglandancestors.org/database\\_search/leg.asp](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/database_search/leg.asp)

<sup>4</sup> [www.rbflaming.net/eldon.htm](http://www.rbflaming.net/eldon.htm)

<sup>5</sup> [www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/en](http://www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/en)

<sup>6</sup> Copies are available from alibris ([www.alibris.com/search/books/author/Kirkconnell,%20Watson](http://www.alibris.com/search/books/author/Kirkconnell,%20Watson))

## Second Generation

William Ewing: born May 5, 1727, in the Kilmarnock area; died in 1790 (possibly), in Halifax, Vermont (possibly); married 1749 in Ireland to an Eleanor.

His possible siblings are Hugh, John and Alexander. He was known as the 'Soldier-Preacher' serving as an officer under General William Braddock in the French and Indian War, including the battle called Braddock's Fight at Fort Duquesne. After leaving the Army, he remained in the New England area as a Baptist minister serving a number of churches in: Schenectady, New York; Greenwich (now Greenfield), Massachusetts; Wales, Massachusetts; Shutesbury, Massachusetts; Weston, Massachusetts; Rowley, Massachusetts; and Halifax, Vermont. He was sent to the Constitutional Convention for Massachusetts. William is believed to be the first minister of the Halifax Baptist Church in Halifax, Vermont. We have documented three children: James (born 1754 in Cork, Ireland); John (born April 5, 1769); and Alexander, a doctor.

James is our ancestor.

## Third Generation

James Ewing: born 1754 in Cork, Ireland; died September 4, 1828; buried in Fairview Cemetery, Grafton, Ontario, Canada; married October 3, 1775, in Greenwich (now Greenfield), Massachusetts, to Naomi Cooley. Naomi died May 22, 1841, and was buried<sup>7</sup> in Fairview Cemetery, Grafton, Ontario, Canada.

James and Naomi settled in Pittsfield, Vermont, in 1777 with two children, Benjamin and Polly. His brother, Dr. Alexander Ewing, also settled there with a family of seven children. According to *History of Town of Pittsford, Vermont*,<sup>8</sup> James' brother-in-laws, Gideon and Benjamin Cooley, settled in Pittsford in 1769. James and the Cooley's fought in the Revolutionary War, and there is a monument in Pittsford honoring the Green Mountain Boys and Captain James Ewing.

Naomi applied for a Revolutionary War Pension in 1837. James owned a tavern in Pittsford; it has been restored and remains today. He was a constable from 1784 to 1785 and Justice of Peace in 1791. James and his family moved to Ontario, Canada, in the early 1800s. His brother Alexander and family left Vermont in May 1805 and also relocated to Canada. James and Naomi had nine children: Benjamin, Polly, Naomi, Daniel Sullivan, Hannah, Clarissa, Belinda and Maria Margaret.

Benjamin is our ancestor.

## Fourth Generation

Benjamin James Ewing: born May 1776 in Greenwich (probably now Greenfield), Massachusetts; died October 31, 1852; buried<sup>9</sup> Fairview Cemetery, Grafton, Ontario, Canada; married 1797-99 to Eunice Doolittle. Eunice was born February 12, 1775.

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<sup>7</sup> Verified by cemetery records.

<sup>8</sup> Caverly, A.M. History of the Town of Pittsford, Vt., with Biographical Sketches and Family Records (Bicentennial Edition). Rutland, VT: Tuttle & Co., 1872.

<sup>9</sup> Verified by cemetery records and headstone observation.

Benjamin and his family were, in 1803, one of the earliest settlers of Haldimand Township just east of Grafton, Ontario. Eunice was the daughter of Moses Doolittle who also settled in the area, coming from Vermont. Benjamin was a farmer and very active in local government; he was the first Postmaster of Grafton from 1832 to 1833. They had several children. Their known children are Henry ('Harry'), Celina, Milton and others.

Henry is our ancestor.

## **Fifth Generation**

Henry 'Harry' Ewing: born (possibly) in 1798 in Pittsford, Vermont; died July 14, 1841, when he, according to the Church Newsletter, drowned in Lake Scugog; married Hannah Irish in Ontario, Canada.

Henry was one of the first surveyors in Ontario. The following appeared in a letter of recommendation from a Major Rogers to Thomas Ridout, Surveyor General, dated October 17, 1829:

[He] is just out of the woods [of Cobourgh area] like other children here.<sup>10</sup>

Henry Ewing acted as an early Justice of the Peace for he possessed a talent that was rather unusual in the early days of Eldon, namely the ability to read and write. He had several children before his death: Robert Edwin, Benjamin, Henry, Charles Eldon and others.

We have viewed Charles Eldon's headstone at the Fairview Cemetery in Grafton, Ontario, Canada. It says that he was born April 13, 1830, and died December 11, 1896. Charles Eldon served thirty-three years in H. M. Customs Service and was the inventor of *Ewing's Improved Combined Lubricator and Axel Box Fastener* which was patented in 1872.

Robert Edwin is our great-grandfather.

## **Sixth Generation**

Robert Edwin Ewing: born February 17, 1820, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada; died June 24, 1900, in Montcalm County, Michigan; married January 24, 1848, in Mariposa, Ontario, Canada, to Ann Shewfelt. Ann was born October 31, 1830, in Ontario and died December 13, 1905, in Montcalm County, Michigan.

Robert and his family lived in Kincardine and Brant County, Ontario, Canada, for a number of years and he is believed to have been a farmer/carpenter. Thirteen children were born to Robert and Ann. They moved to Mecosta County, Michigan — north of Grand Rapids — where several of their children had moved to. A family farm owned by Ewing descendants still exists outside of Morley, Michigan.

Our grandfather William Francis was one of the thirteen children.

## **Seventh Generation**

William Francis Ewing: Born September 8, 1861, in Kincardine, Ontario, Canada; died August 16, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan; married Elizabeth Carter. Elizabeth was born March 7, 1878, in New Baltimore, Michigan, and died June 15, 1953, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

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<sup>10</sup> From the book *Eldon Connections* by Rae Flemming.

William Francis moved from Kincardine first to Brant County, Ontario, Canada, then to Mecosta County, Michigan, and then to Detroit, Michigan. He was a builder — with his brother Benjamin — in the Detroit area.

William and Elizabeth had one child, Harold Francis Ewing Sr., our father.

## **Eighth Generation**

Harold Francis Ewing Sr. : born February 25, 1917, in Detroit, Michigan; died December 20, 1973, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan; married Juanita Klingensmith on March 24, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan. Juanita was born December 10, 1924, in Greenville, Pennsylvania.

He served in the Detroit Police Department for twenty-five years and at his death was a court officer in Romeo, Michigan.

Harold and Juanita had four sons: Harold Jr., Michael, William and Patrick.

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### **Your Proud Family Name — Guard It Wisely**

You got it from your father; it was all he had to give.  
So it's yours to use and cherish, for as long as you may live.  
If you lose the watch he gave you, it can always be replaced.  
But a black mark on your name, son, can never be erased.  
It was clean the day you took it, and a worthy name to bear.  
When he got it from his father, there was no dishonor there.  
So make sure you guard it wisely, after all is said and done.  
You'll be glad the name is spotless when you give it to your son.

Contributed by David A. 'Mountain Dave' Purtill

## **Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project – Article 17**

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This is the seventeenth in a series of articles about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. The previous sixteen articles have appeared in the last sixteen issues of this journal, which until this issue was called the *Journal of Clan Ewing*. They are also available online through links at the project's web site. Discussing the Y-DNA Project requires using some words and abbreviations that will be unfamiliar to beginners. Definitions and explanations of these can be found in the early Y-DNA Articles and elsewhere on the project's web site. Extensively cross-linked results tables, project participant lineages, group relationship diagrams and network diagrams are also available on the project's web site at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html).

### **Project Co-administrators**

We announced in the last article that Karen Avery had agreed to serve as co-Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Her experience and expertise in the conventional genealogy of many Ewing lines are welcome and will really help the project realize its full potential.

Now, we are pleased to announce that Larry Bryant has also agreed to become a co-Administrator and will be attending the FTDNA conference with me next month. Larry's wife, 'Lynn' (Linda Ewing, *Ewing Family Association* Member #1070), is the Ewing connection. She is a relative of project participant TD, who until lately I had been sometimes referring to as 'lonesome old TD,' because he was off on a branch by himself in M222+, unlikely to be related in a genealogic timeframe to any of the other Ewings in the project. Larry and Lynn recruited her uncle, HM, to join the project, and now TD has some company. TD and HM are second cousins once removed, both descended from Jacob Ewing, born 1783, and together constitute Group 3a in the new project group scheme.

### **The New Project Group Scheme**

We have been working for three months on a new way to classify project participants, because the method we began with had become unwieldy and counter-intuitive. We think the new way of doing this is much easier to understand and much more flexible with regard to adding future results, but it has required us to re-write virtually every page on the Y-DNA Project's web site and it has been quite a job. Loosely, the new scheme has five groups, based strictly on the Y-DNA results, which are designated by the numerals 1 through 5. Each of the five groups is subdivided on the basis of conventional genealogy into subgroups of participants who we believe to be closely related to one another. This is not the place to go into any detail; you can read about it on the web site at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)

or can get a PDF of the same document at:

[http://dl.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Results\\_Intro.pdf](http://dl.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Results_Intro.pdf).

Obviously, doing such an extensive revision is bound to have introduced mistakes. Please let us know about any you spot so that we can correct them.

## Interesting Findings

**Relatives of Margaret Ewing Fife.** As anyone who has ever taken a serious look at Ewing genealogy has discovered, Margaret Ewing Fife's book, *Ewing in Early America*,<sup>1</sup> is the most comprehensive work on Ewing genealogy available. Her book includes several chapters on her Ewing line, but also chapters on the majority of other known Ewing lines. She wrote the book before there was any Ewing Y-DNA data, and all of her conclusions are based on conventional genealogy. Margaret did not just publish genealogies, she also gave her reasoning and sources, which has been a great boon to subsequent researchers. As with any work in genealogy, her book included a number of mistakes, but the fact that she cited sources and gave her reasoning has allowed others to check and correct her work.

Margaret was the second Chancellor of *Clan Ewing in America* (now *Ewing Family Association*), succeeding Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, the founder of the organization. Interestingly, neither Margaret nor Ellsworth thought that their Ewing lines were related to one another. Margaret traced her line through William Ewing of Georgia (born 1768) to the man she thought was his great-grandfather, James Ewing of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, born in 1675-80. Ellsworth is a descendant of James Ewing of Inch, a number of whose descendants were among what Ellsworth and others called 'the Cecil County Ewings.' There is no known conventional genealogic connection between these lines.

Until recently, we did not have enough men from Margaret's Ewing line participating in the project to say very much about where her line fit in with the other Ewing lines. With the recent substantial increase in the number of project participants, we now have six participants who thought themselves to be descended from James Ewing of Hunterdon County, through three of his grandsons. Three of these participants thought themselves to be descended from his grandson, John (born ca1739), one of them through John's son Thomas (born 1782), and two of them through William (born 1768). Have a look at the diagram on the next page.

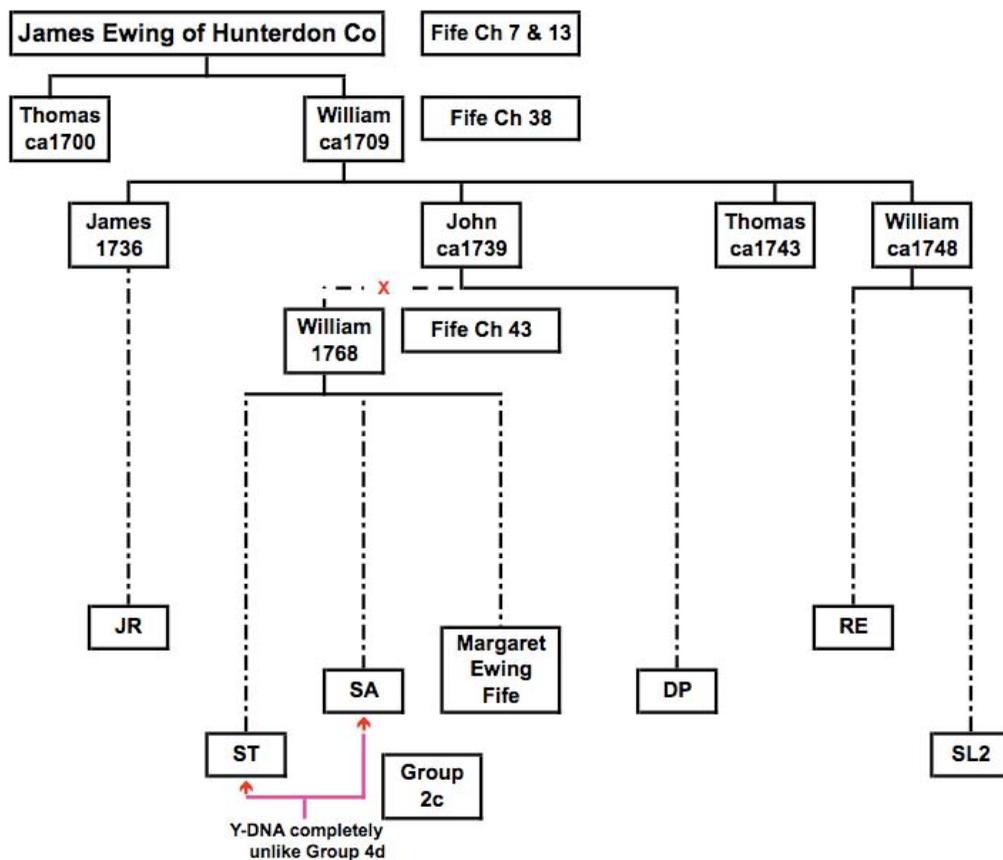
JR, DP, RE and SL2 all have very similar Y-DNA Results; indeed, they are identical except that DP has a one-step difference at CDYa. They have independently concluded that they are descended from James Ewing of Hunterdon County, and the Y-DNA testing results are entirely consistent with this possibility. These four men are not in the 'large group of closely related Ewings' in the new Groups 1 and 2. We have put them in Group 4, which is a heterogeneous group of men only very distantly related to the men in Groups 1 and 2 (with a most recent common ancestor several thousand years ago). And because they are known to be related to one another, we have put them in their own subgroup, Group 4d. ST and SA have practically identical results with one another, but they are very different from the four men in Group 4d (at genetic distance 20 or so). SA exactly matches the Group 2 modal and ST differs from him by only one step at one marker. Both of them are in the closely related group and both have DYS 391 = 10, so we have put them in Group 2. And because they are known to be related to one another, we have put them in their own subgroup, Group 2c.

This is a very interesting finding. There is some pretty formidable conventional Ewing genealogy connecting William (born 1768) with James Ewing of Hunterdon, but this finding casts considerable doubt on it. This does not 'prove' that there is no relationship, but if there is, then the four men in Group 4d must be mistaken about their conventional genealogy. The only thing that we can say about the Y-

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<sup>1</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.ClanEwing.org](http://www.ClanEwing.org).

## Group 4d



DNA results with complete confidence is that SA and ST are not related to JR, DP, RE and SL2 within a genealogic time frame, so they cannot all be descendants of James Ewing of Hunterdon or any other historical figure. So who else could William (born 1768) be descended from?

Many folks may find this next bit confusing, but it is important to understand because it illustrates that Y-DNA similarities and differences cannot be translated into exact dates or relationships. SA exactly matches RC in Group 2b and JM2 in Group 2\*. At first, it is tempting to say that this 'proves' SA is most closely related to these men. It does prove that they are related, but the definition of 'closely' bears some discussion. Mutations are infrequent and they happen at random. This means that some tenth great-grandsons are going to have exactly the same Y-DNA as their tenth great-grandfathers and some of them are going to differ from their tenth great-grandfathers at a few markers. Indeed, although father and son almost always have identical Y-DNA, sometimes they differ at a marker or two — after all, mutations do happen. Exactly matching a modal is rather like exactly matching one's tenth great-

grandfather, and it does not prove much. Better evidence of a close relationship is finding a subgroup of men who match closely and share an 'off-modal' marker — particularly one with an unusual value. We do not have this situation with SA and ST. They are probably not especially closely related to the men in Group 2a, who all have CDYa = 35, but otherwise they are as likely to be closely related to any of the men in Group 2. Determining which of them is the closest remains a matter for conventional genealogy.

**DYS 390 = 26.** We have found a subgroup of men who share **DYS 390 = 26**, which is exactly the sort of 'off-modal' marker I was just speaking about. Most of the men in haplogroup R1b1b2c have **DYS 390 = 24**, and most men in the M222+ (Ui Neil) subclade have **DYS 390 = 25**. All but seven of the M222+ Ewing men (Groups 1, 2 and 3) also have **DYS 390 = 25**. Three of them have a back mutation to **DYS 390 = 24**, and that may bear some further investigation, but I have not been able to make anything of it, yet. Here, I am speaking about the fact that four men in Group 1 have **DYS 390 = 26**.<sup>2</sup> Now, it is possible that some or all of these men may have ended up with this value because of coincidental, 'parallel' mutations, but we must consider that some or all of them may have inherited this mutation from a common ancestor more recent than the common ancestor of all the Ewings in Group 1.

Three of these men, MS, TF and DL, are in Group 1\*. Subgroups designated with the asterisk consist of men who are reasonably close matches to the Group 1 modal, but do not know their conventional genealogic connection with any of the other men in the project. The fourth man with **DYS 390 = 26** is HB in Group 1b, which consists of the descendants of James Ewing of Inch. Now, we know that James Ewing of Inch did not have this mutation, because none of his six other descendants on whom we have Y-DNA results have it. But HB is the only project participant descended from James Ewing of Inch's son John (born 1698/99), so we do not know where the mutation took place in the six generations between him and HB.

HB is genetic distance four from the overall Ewing modal, which is the same as the Group 1b modal, so he is somewhat of a genetic outlier and we could raise questions about whether there might be a mistake in his conventional genealogy. But it has been arrived at by some pretty salty genealogists who have stayed put in Cecil County, and the Y-DNA results are not frankly inconsistent with the conventional genealogy, so we are assuming that it is correct. Our next thought is to consider whether the other **DYS 390 = 26** men could be descended from John (born 1698/99).

MS is genetic distance five from the Ewing modal, and the only off-modal marker he shares with HB is **DYS 390 = 26**. This means that MS and HB are genetic distance seven from one another — quite a stretch to adduce John (born 1698/99) as a common ancestor, which would make them fifth cousins, more or less. The chance that fifth cousins will be at genetic distance seven or more is only about 2.5% — not impossible, but not likely. Most often (about 73% of the time), they would be at genetic distance two or less. Still, his most remote Ewing ancestor that MS knows for sure is his third great-grandfather, Nobel Ewing born ca1786 in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and it is certainly not impossible that a descendant of John (born 1698/99) could not have made it up there from Cecil County in a couple of generations.

DF and TL also share the off-modal marker **DYS 570 = 18** with HB, and neither of them has HB's **DYS 607 = 15**. TF is the only one of these men who has **DYS 439 = 14**, so that is not too informative. Finally,

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<sup>2</sup> The two men in Group 5b also have **DYS 390 = 26**, but they differ at so many other markers from the four men we are speaking about that we can conclude with full confidence that this is the result of parallel mutations.

HB has the off-modal CDY<sub>a</sub> = 36; here, TF matches the Ewing modal at 37 and DL has 38 — but remember that CDY markers are relatively rapidly mutating so we have to be a little leery of them. So HB is genetic distance three from each of these two men, which proves nothing, but is comfortably consistent with them having a relationship with HB on the order of fifth cousins, especially in view of the fact that they share two off-modal markers with him. TF's earliest known Ewing ancestor is James Ewing, who was born in 1793 in Maryland and died in 1881 in Cecil County; DF's earliest known Ewing ancestor is Thomas Ewing of Maine (1811-1883). To me, with the geographic proximity and the matching unusual off-modal Y-DNA marker, it is hard to imagine that TF is not related to HB, and this is certainly a good place for him to focus his research. Maine is quite a way from Cecil County, but DF's ancestor had to come from somewhere and it is not impossible that he came from there. The Y-DNA results are not conclusive, but are highly suggestive, and they should guide a program for further conventional research.

**Group 3b.** Elsewhere in this issue of the *Journal* (page 19), Eddie Lee Ewing (EL) tells his story of finding a match for his unusual haplotype among Ewings, and the two of them now constitute Group 3b.

## R1b Ancestors

Emerging evidence suggests that our R1b ancestors were not in the Iberian Refugium during the last Glacial Maximum. Though the full explanation of the evidence and logic is 'off-topic' enough that I do not want to go into it in any detail here, I feel obligated to mention that a good bit the information in Y-DNA Article 12<sup>3</sup> on the antiquity of haplogroup R1b in Europe and who it was that survived the last Glacial Maximum in the Iberian Refugium turns out probably to be false. What I said then was pretty much the consensus thinking of the time, but things have moved rapidly in DNA studies since then and the wind has shifted. It is now thought that haplogroup I was present in Europe before the last Glacial Maximum, but that haplogroup R was not, and that haplogroup R probably came into Europe from Asia Minor during the Neolithic spread of farming into Europe.

What is more, a new SNP marker has been discovered that is widespread in Britain and northern Europe, but is not much found in Spain, and this calls into question some of the thinking that Britain was settled by Mesolithic migrants along the coastal route from Spain, and suggests rather that Britain was settled mostly by people moving westward from continental Europe. These debates are far from settled, and new discoveries are being made every day.<sup>4</sup>

As more and more DNA testing is done, more SNPs are being discovered, and Y-DNA phylogeny is being worked out in finer detail. In general, it appears that the branch points of haplogroup R subclades are much more recent than had been previously thought. Meanwhile, every time a new SNP upstream of M222+ is discovered, the official name of this subclade changes, to the point that I have ceased

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<sup>3</sup> Ewing, David Neal. Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project: Article 12. *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 32-54. And online at

[www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_Articles/Document\\_YDNA\\_12.html](http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_Articles/Document_YDNA_12.html).

<sup>4</sup> An interesting explanation of Spencer Wells' discoveries up to 2002 is provided by his book *The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey*. The book led to a National Geographic documentary, described at :

[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2002/12/1212\\_021213\\_journeyofman.html](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2002/12/1212_021213_journeyofman.html)

which is periodically re-broadcast on the National Geographic Channel. Of additional interest in the documentary is a segment that details the Y-DNA testing process. The documentary is also available via Netflix.

trying to keep up with it. I could handle R1b1c7, but as of November 7, 2008, the name for the very same group had become R1b1b2a1b6b, but I had given up trying to stay up with the changes about four iterations ago. To read what David Wilson has recently said about this, go to:

<http://dl.getdropbox.com/u/431003/WilsonNomenclature.pdf>.

## **To Join or Get More Information**

If you are ready to join the project, go to [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/surname\\_join.aspx?code=M44915](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/surname_join.aspx?code=M44915). Participation by Ewing women is welcome; they can get valuable genealogic information by persuading a male relative to submit a specimen. For more information, visit the project's web site<sup>5</sup> and the FTDNA web site.<sup>6</sup> If you have questions, call me at +1 505.764.8704, in the evening, or EMail me at [davidewing93@gmail.com](mailto:davidewing93@gmail.com).

*David Neal Ewing has been a member of the Ewing Family Association since 1996 and has served as its Chancellor since 2006. He previously served as Chair of its Board of Directors from 2004-2006. He is also Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, which he founded in 2004, and he is a regular contributor to the Ewing Family Journal. Dr. Ewing has a private practice in clinical geriatric neuropsychiatry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his M.D. degree from the University of New Mexico and did his residency training at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

### **Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Participants Sought**

Tammy Mitchell (*info at DowntownInteractive dot com*) is seeking help in supporting the Y-DNA testing of a male in her Canadian Ewing family that she feels is possibly related to participant JM2 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Jane Gilbert (*hokiejane at yahoo dot com*) has a standing offer to pay for Y-DNA testing of men who can satisfy her that they are descended from James Ewing of Inch through his son John born 1698/99. William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*) is similarly willing to support the Y-DNA testing of descendants of James Ewing of Inch's grandson Squire James (a son of Alexander) who married Mary McKown.

### **Wisdom From Daniel Webster**

He who careth not from whence he came, careth little wether he goeth.

Contributed by David A. 'Mountain Dave' Purtill

<sup>5</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)

<sup>6</sup> [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/Ewing](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/Ewing)

## ***Using Y-DNA Testing to Prove A Relationship***

**Eddie Lee Ewing (*GoodwaterGirl at aol dot com*)**

With the help of David Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, I have been able to use the results of Y-DNA testing of myself and Ronald Arthur Ewing to prove that we are cousins. I am participant EL in the project, and Ronald is participant RA2.

For the past fifty years, researchers of my Ewing line have tended to focus on immigration to Charleston, South Carolina, from Ireland, with the immigrants then migrating quickly to Ohio through Kentucky. Lately, I have begun to think that perhaps the more probable migration route was through Pennsylvania and down the Ohio River.

I, and others, believe that our immigrant ancestor was Robert Ewing, who was born about 1740 in Ireland and died in Mason County, Kentucky; but documented proof of my line ends in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky around 1800. Without collaboration, reliably ferreting out the several Ewings on both sides of the Ohio River and their origins has been next to impossible.

In the course of researching my Ewing family line, I met and began an online collaboration with Karen Stopp, a possibly-related Ewing descendant. Our ancestors were living as neighbors in Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois from the 1790s until at least 1857. Both families sometimes used the spousal surnames of for the first or middle names of children. The names Milton and Armstrong occur several times in the same generations of each of these families. Ewing men and women from each family married spouses from the same neighboring families. We found one case where a woman married into my family and her son, by a previous marriage, married into the other Ewing family.

Plainly, there was a relationship between the two Ewing families, but we had not been able to establish a blood relationship. Their proximity over a few generations and their use of the same given names seemed to us more than a coincidence, and we began to wonder whether we might be related. But neither of us had been able to get past the Ohio/Kentucky brick wall.

I joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project in May 2008 and found that I was in my own branch of the Ewing family. I realized that this meant that if I found another Ewing who matched my Y-DNA profile closely, this would be very strong evidence of a family connection. I asked Karen Stopp to find someone among her relatives to join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, but to no avail.

In September 2008, Ronald Arthur Ewing of Riverview, Florida, joined the project. You can imagine my excitement at learning that our Y-DNA profiles matched very closely (genetic distance 2) and that Ronald was a relative of Karen's, the very person I had been working with online. Ronald and I became Ewing Group 3b, clear that we are related to one another, and confident that any future Ewing who matches our profile is very likely also to be a close relative.

Now, Ronald, Karen, and other related descendants will be working to come up with a strategy to discover our blood connection using conventional genealogy. For example, I believe a good starting point might be later in the 1840s and 1850s in Illinois where more data may be available. Interviews of other cousins have suggested the Ewings from both families, together with related families, held reunions together in Illinois well into the 1920s.

Two (or more!) heads are better than one, and now that Ronald and I have established through the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project that we are related, we are working together to ferret out our common ancestor and perhaps discover our roots back to Ireland.

*Eddie Lee Ewing, a native of California, is a full-time RVer, living and moving around the country in his motor home with his wife Toni. His travels allow him to meet cousins and visit ancestral areas along the way. He began his genealogical research in the 1970s but had to stop to raise a family. He restarted his research effort five years ago when he began his RVing lifestyle. In the past five years, he has found an uncle by a grandfather's third marriage, two aunts (his father's step-sisters), previously unknown step-brothers/sisters, a lost aunt and several first cousins, and met numerous other cousins with common links as far back as 1800. His major accomplishments include 8,000 names in his database as far back as the year 10 AD and photographs of his Ewing line back to his great-great-grandfather. His goal is to present his six children and 19 grandchildren a book of his research and to find his surname line in Ireland.*

### **Genealogy Can Be Habit Forming**

GENEALOGY POX (very contagious to adults)

**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to the need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and court houses. Has compulsion to write letters and send E-mails; swears mail carrier doesn't leave mail and Internet Servers drop messages. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries as well as ruins and desolate areas. Makes secret night calls. Hides phone bill from spouse and mumbles to self. Has a strange, far away look in eyes.

**TREATMENT:** Medication useless. Disease is not fatal, but can get progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogical workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines, and be given a quiet corner in her/his house where she or he can be alone.

**REMARKS:** The usual nature of the disease is: The sicker the patient gets, the more she or he enjoys it. For this disease there is no known cure.

Contributed by David A. 'Mountain Dave' Purtil

## ***Ewing Digital Library***

This section of the *Journal* provides various genealogical data 'tidbits' — will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. They have been analyzed to varying degrees by their contributors. Some are presented with no analytic commentary. Others are annotated with various comments and data. Still others have been rather extensively analyzed. All are intended to help readers in their genealogical research.

### **An Interesting Factoid**

**Contributed by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

The World Migration Matrix, available at:

[www.econ.brown.edu/fac/Louis\\_Putterman/world%20migration%20matrix.htm](http://www.econ.brown.edu/fac/Louis_Putterman/world%20migration%20matrix.htm),

shows human population migrations from 1500-2000.

The web page says: "Only the Main Appendix is currently available for open use, with the remainder to be made available when the results of initial research using the data are ready for publication," but the initial study has been published, and all of the documents are now available.

There is a large amount of information. Part of it is a partial list of where the ancestors of the current population of the U.S.A. came from in 1500. (I have excluded the large number of countries that contributed less than 1%.)

Angola	1.73371%	Norway	1.84000%
France	4.30000%	Poland	3.52000%
Germany	17.23000%	Russia	1.04000%
Ghana	1.39975%	Senegal	1.09573%
Ireland	8.47000%	Spain	5.25500%
Italy	6.33000%	Sweden	1.63000%
Mexico	5.54000%	United Kingdom	18.28000%
Netherlands	1.76000%	U.S.A.	3.10000%
Nigeria	1.01440%		

### **Follow-up: Maurice 'Doc' Ewing**

**Contributed by James R. McMichael (*JimMcMcl at gmail dot com*)**

Glancing through the November 2008 issue of the *Journal*, I saw the article regarding Maurice 'Doc' Ewing. When I first starting doing my genealogical research, I noticed a very nice article in the *Houston*

*Chronicle* about him in about 1970. I bet at the time that he was related to my Ewing line since I also had relatives living in Lockney, Texas, a small town. I was fortunate to be able correspond with Doc Ewing over the next two to three years and learned enough about his family to prove that his family was not part of mine.

## **Joseph M. Ewing Biographical Sketch**

**Contributed by Tim Campbell (*tim at TopNotchPersonnel dot com*)**

I am working on a biographical sketch of Joseph M. Ewing to submit to the *Journal*. It appears Reuben Ewing was the oldest son of Green Berry Ewing, and that he followed the family from Georgia to Alabama. One of the census years, 1860 I think but can't remember for sure, has Reuben working as a shoemaker. I want to say that was in Coosa County, Alabama, but I did not save the file for some reason and will have to look it up again.

In the Civil War, Reuben served the Confederacy in the 48<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry, known as the Cherokee Grays, along with Joseph M. Ewing and James Ewing (James was killed in action).

The last I found on Reuben, he was living in Cherokee County, Alabama. I have not done any extensive research in Cherokee County to look for wills, deeds, cemetery records, etc. I suspect there might be a good deal of information that could be found there if one were to take the time to look.

Once Joseph Ewing and his new wife arrived in Texas circa 1870, it does not appear that they had much contact with the Ewings back in Alabama. Joseph actually thought he was born in Alabama and stated such on the census, until his last census, when he correctly named his birthplace as Georgia. This would seem to indicate that perhaps later in life he was in contact with Ewings from 'back home' who may have filled him in on some of the family history.

My branch of Ewings did not seem to be very interested in vital statistics. My grandfather, Ed Ewing, had no idea what year he was born until late in life when he discovered his mother's family Bible and found his birthdate recorded in it.

## **What is and is not Known About Jacob Ewen/Ewing (1783-1851)?**

**Compiled by Georgia Morgan (*geoiamorgan at att dot net*)**

- Jacob was born in 1783. (Calculated from tombstone and census.)
- His birth place is unknown, but it is believed to be in America, probably Maryland, as supported by statements of children on various census records: Maryland in three, Pennsylvania once, Unknown once and Germany once.
- The first civil record known regarding this Jacob Ewen/Ewing was the record of his marriage license mentioning Susanna Ebaugh in 1812 in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- His surname is ordinarily shown as Ewen, but his sons gradually changed it to Ewing.
- Jacob and Susanna raised eight children in Maryland, sometimes very near to the Pennsylvania state line. The children were Margaret Armacost, Henry E. Ewing, George E. Ewing, John E. Ewing, Zachariah E. Ewing, Jeremiah E. Ewing, Mary Eva Debaugh and William Jacob Ewing, with birth dates ranging from circa 1813 to 1831, and with residences mainly in Maryland, Ohio, and Kansas.

- Jacob and his family appeared in Baltimore County census records from 1820 to 1850. In 1850 he was 67 years of age, his birthplace was unknown, and his occupation was listed as 'Farmer.'
- According to his tombstone, he died March 26, 1851, in his 68<sup>th</sup> year. He is buried at the Sater's Baptist Church near Lutherville, Maryland.
- No probate records have been located for Jacob or Susanna.
- No land records have been located for them.
- Jacob (also once referred to as William J. by a granddaughter) was believed, by his sons, to have served in the War of 1812, but no proof of this has been located.
- His parents are unproven, although family tradition states that his father was James Ewing, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.
- No Revolutionary War records for service or pension have been located for a man identified as this James. His death, therefore, may have occurred prior to the passing of pension acts.
- Family tradition states that the father died when Jacob was a small boy.
- No records have been found for guardianship matters for Jacob.
- The family has no information at all regarding Jacob's mother.

## **Joseph Ewing (born 1716)**

**Contributed by Darrell Ewing (*PADSAttic at aol dot com*)**

This is a story of Joseph Ewing, his place in the history of Harpswell, Maine, and his grandson's connection with Bowdoin College and Henry Wordsworth Longfellow.

Joseph Ewing was born in 1716 and settled in Harpswell in the provenance of Maine circa 1730 with his brother Alexander Ewing. The following is from the book, *Historic Harpswell, Harpswell, Maine, Its Historic Congregational Church and Famous Ministers*.<sup>1</sup>

Just across the bay from the Alexanders, on Great Island, was the home of the Ewings, a family of marked intellect and piety, linked with these others by old country ties, later marriages and friendships. Joseph Ewing was the man selected by the town Sept 1774 to: "Meet a committee of the House of Representatives;" and "To consult together upon the Present State of the Colonies and Deliberate & Determine upon wise and Proper Measures to be by them Recommended to All the colonies for the Recovery & establishment of their Just Rights." Other important offices were given to him and his brother Alexander Ewing.

In church matters this family was also prominent. At a meeting of the First Parish, May 29, 1777, Joseph was chosen Deacon. He held this office until the day of his death, Oct 4, 1790.

The 1774 meeting laid the ground work for the establishment of the Minute Men for the villages of Cumberland County.

Joseph and Elizabeth had a daughter Elizabeth who married Benjamin Dunning. Benjamin and Elizabeth had a son Benjamin Dunning Jr., born June 3, 1766. Benjamin and his son became

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<sup>1</sup> Sinnett, Rev. Charles Nelson. *Historic Harpswell, Harpswell, Maine, Its Historic Congregational Church and Famous Ministers*. C. C. Morse & Son, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1903. Available online courtesy of Google Books. To access the online version, go to <http://Books.Google.com> and search for 'Historic Harpswell Sinnett.'

associates of Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, his father Stephen Longfellow, and his grandfather Stephen Longfellow Sr.

In 1794, through the workings of Stephen Longfellow Sr., his son and others received a Charter from Governor Samuel Adams for the creation of Bowdoin College, named for former Governor James Bowdoin. In 1796, the younger Benjamin Dunning was instrumental in selecting the site for Bowdoin Collage and, with the influence of his father, secured the donation of the property for Bowdoin. Stephen Longfellow became a Professor at Bowdoin; his father became an overseer for the College along with Benjamin Sr. and, later, Benjamin Jr. ; and Henry Longfellow received his first degree from Bowdoin Class of 1825 with another writer of note, Nathaniel Hawthorne. Four years earlier, in 1820, a future U.S. President, Franklin Pierce, received his first degree.

Some have said the Civil War started and ended at Bowdoin Collage in Brunswick, Maine. Harriet Beecher Stowe, whose husband taught at Bowdoin, began writing her anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in Bowdoin's Appleton Hall. That was the beginning. Then alumnus General Joshua Chamberlain was responsible for receiving the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House in 1865. That was the end. Chamberlain received the Medal of Honor for Gettysburg where he led the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine in its valiant defense of Little Round Top.

I have been amazed by reading all the stories that I have found about all the Ewings in all the past issues of this *Journal*. How very much one Ewing or another did or affected to help form the greatest country in history. It may not be perfect; but it is a work in progress.

This is a small story from my branch of the family, but when you put all our small stories together it becomes a very big one.

## **Spinning a Family's Black Sheep**

**Contributed by David Neal Ewing's Brother-in-law**

**Editor's Note:** *This item has nothing to do with Ewings, but it has a lot to do with how researchers should not report out information about their families (unless, of course, they are members of Congress, and therefore experts at 'spin,' and/or have 'tongue firmly implanted in cheek').*

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Remus Reid — a great-great-uncle of Democratic Senator from Nevada, Harry Reid — was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Judy and Senator Reid shared this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana Territory. On the back of this picture, which Judy obtained during her research, is this inscription:

Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.

So Judy contacted Senator Reid for information about their mutual great-great-uncle. Senator Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch:

Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana



railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.

### **Kilt and Plaid**

A Kilt is a knee-length, skirt-like garment worn by men as the major element of the traditional national garb of Scotland known as Highland Dress. The Kilt is a length of woven wool, usually a tartan representing the individual's family or clan, that is permanently pleated except for sections at each end and wrapped around the wearer's waist in such a way that the pleats are massed at the wearer's back and the flat, unpleated ends overlap to form a double layer at his front.

The Kilt is usually worn with a Plaid. A Plaid is the other main component of Highland Dress. It is a rectangular length of cloth that is worn over the left shoulder.

The Kilt and Plaid ensemble were developed in 17<sup>th</sup> century Scotland from the 'great kilt.' It was a long piece of woolen cloth, the pleated first half of which was wrapped around the wearer's waist while the unpleated second half was then wrapped around the upper body, with a loose end thrown over the left shoulder. This one piece of cloth was very practical when out in the glen as it could be unwrapped and utilized as a blanket on a cold night. Eventually, the one-piece 'great kilt' gave way to the two lengths of cloth, Kilt and Plaid.

The Plaid and Kilt form the only national costume in the British Isles that is worn for ordinary purposes rather than for special occasions. Highland Dress can be, and often is, working garb. With the addition of a tweed jacket it can be sporting. With the addition of a black jacket and silver trimming, it is formal wear. As a uniform, it has fought in war for over 500 years and has been worn into battle as recently as World War II. It is still worn by military and police organizations worldwide.

## **Chancellor's Message**

David Neal Ewing, Chancellor (+1 505.764.8704, *DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)

### **We Have Lost Bob Johnson**

We were so sad to hear from Doralyn that Robert Hunter Johnson died on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are all affected by this loss of a senior and quite important member of the *Association*. His obituary and some reminiscences appear on page 31. All of us who knew him depended on his support and guidance. He dedicated a major part of his life to the *Association*, and we have all benefited from this.

### **Ewing Family Association Incorporated in New Mexico**

The name change from *Clan Ewing in America* to *Ewing Family Association* turned out to be more complicated than we thought it would be, and this resulted in the delay in changing the masthead on the *Journal* and the web site. It seems that there was already a limited-liability company registered in Pennsylvania that had 'Ewing Family' as part of its name, and the Pennsylvania officials thought they should therefore not let us use the name. What we finally did was register the organization as a non-profit corporation in New Mexico, which was much easier and less expensive than trying to hassle it out with Pennsylvania. Bill Riddle lives in Santa Fe (New Mexico's Capitol, where the Corporation Commission is located) and I live only fifty miles away in Albuquerque, which makes it easy for us to deal with them. This should have no effect on the business of the *Association*, but we will need to revise the Bylaws a little to accommodate the change. Once that is done, we plan to apply for a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS as an educational (rather than fraternal) non-profit organization so that any gifts made to the *Association* can be treated as tax-deductible contributions. We will let you know when and if that goes through.

### **New Ewing Family Association Forum**

Martin Sipple Ewing joined the *Association* and the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project just prior to the gathering in Virginia, and he very much enjoyed meeting and discussing genealogy issues with other Ewings at the gathering. Shortly afterward, he approached Bill Riddle with the idea to develop and promote an online discussion forum so that these discussions could continue to take place between gatherings. As it happens, we had already been considering this for at least the few years since the EGD project began. We already have two Ewing forums that are accessible from the web site. These forums have not been promoted well, and they have been little used, perhaps partly because the links to them have not been easy to find on the web site. Martin is a retired physicist, who has considerable experience with computers and solving problems of just this kind. He also has urged us to develop an up-to-date EMail list that is as complete as possible, so that we can stay more closely in touch with members of the *Ewing Family Association* between issues of the *Journal*.

Any of you who have dealt with me on such matters will not be surprised to learn what I did about this. I asked Martin to pile in and get busy. And boy, did he ever! By the time you are reading this, the new forum should be up and running. Have a look at the Web Master News in this issue of the *Journal* (page 34) for more information.

Meanwhile, we have given Martin all the EMail addresses we have, and he has prepared an updated list and sent invitations to sign up for inclusion in a mailing list and the new *Ewing Family Association*

forum. Please cooperate with him. It would also be a good idea for you to send the *Association's* Treasurer Jane Weippert an EMail to insure that she has your correct, current EMail address. Her address is *EwingFamily at windstream dot net*.

## **Volunteers Needed**

We can always use new ideas, new energy and more help. The effectiveness of the *Ewing Family Association* depends on the efforts of its members. I am very gratified with the progress being made by a gradually increasing number of energetic volunteers, but there are many more things we could be doing, including many we have not even thought of yet.

- We are still looking for someone who may be interested in working with *Clan Ewen USA* to help us coordinate our respective efforts, and perhaps to work toward creating liaisons with other similar organizations.
- We also need that special someone who will take the lead in offering a location for and organizing the 2012 Gathering.
- There are near endless opportunities to transcribe important Ewing resources for posting on the web site.
- There are some really cool new web-based resources on the world-wide distribution of the Ewing name,<sup>1</sup> and someone willing to do some research and fool around with this material, including many images, could write a terrific article for the *Journal*, which could also be added as a resource on the web site.
- I personally would really like to see an African-American Ewing working group within our organization and would welcome help in promoting and organizing it.
- Your new idea may be the best ever — tell us how we can support you.

*David Neal Ewing*

## **Chair's Message**

**James Earl 'Jim' Ewing Jr., Chair of *The Ewing Family Association's* Board of Directors  
(+1 434.634.9227, *jeej at telpage dot net*)**

Evelyn and I send greetings from a cold Virginia. With many other states, Virginia has experienced a most unusually cool January with temperatures down to single digits! We look forward to Spring!

We hope all the Ewing cousins who attended the Winchester Gathering in September have seen the outstanding pictures arranged by Mary Gosline and her family. Alisa Gosline Mitchell and Rob Gosline took the family group pictures and combined those pictures with personal photos shared by Beverly Ewing Dugger, David Ewing, Wally Ewing, Alisa Mitchell, Bill Riddle and others. Using the Shutterfly program, Mary, Alisa and Rob compiled a beautiful pictorial of the Shenandoah Gathering. Seeing the smiling faces again, we are reminded of the enthusiastic participation in the cemetery dedication, the

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<sup>1</sup> One example is [www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames](http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames), but there are many others.

tours and other activities. It is a perfect keepsake! We thank Mary, Alisa and Rob for sharing it with all of the Ewings.

Mary Gosline also deserves our appreciation for her work as 2006-2008 Board Chairman. She capably led the committee hosting the Winchester Gathering, traveled to the area for numerous meetings and maintained close supervision of expenses and all details. Many, many thanks, Mary.

Thanks are sent to all members contributing to the recent name change. *Ewing Family Association* is now the official name of this Ewing organization. The time and work involved are appreciated.

*Jim Ewing*

## ***Summary of Our Finances***

**Jane Ewing Weippert, Treasurer (+1 419.399.2073, *EwingFamily at windstream dot net*)**

Income for 2008 came from Membership Dues, Library Sponsorships, Special Operations Fund Contributions and Merchandise Sales through June 30, 2008. \$1,484.93 for merchandise was transferred off the books to John C. Ewin who took over the merchandise inventory in July 2008. Total income was \$15,196.24. Our Expenses were for: the 2008 Gathering, Dues and Subscriptions, *Journal* Printing, Office Supplies, Postage and Delivery, and the Web Site. Total expenses were \$10,070.54. Total Liabilities and Equity stood at \$24,483.53 as of December 31, 2008.

For a detailed report on our 2008 profit/loss and our 2008 end-of-year balance, please contact me.

*Jane Weippert*

## ***Membership News***

**Jill Ewing Spitler, Membership - Current Coordinator (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*) and Karen Avery, Membership - New Coordinator (+1 703.743.1293, *BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

**REMINDER:** Membership renewals for 2009 were due by the end of 2008. As a courtesy, we mail the first issue of the 2009 Volume of the *Journal* to those who have missed this deadline, hoping that they will send their renewals in by the end of April 2009 and therefore receive the *Journal* for the remainder of 2009. If you haven't yet renewed for 2009, please do so as soon as possible. Many Thanks!

Winter seems to have stalled here in Ohio. Between sub-zero temperatures and all the snow, we are hibernating inside where it is warm. Wish I could say I am accomplishing a lot of genealogy, but I can't seem to get motivated.

Our membership continues to grow. Many thanks to Karen Avery for her help with new member applications; five new members are introduced below. If anyone has any ideas for ways to reach folks, please let Karen or me know. If you know someone we could invite to try us, just give us their name. Alternatively, give them a trial membership; you can do that for \$10.00.

Don't forget to check out our newly updated web site, [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org). Many thanks to Bill Riddle for completing this update and making it so that visitors to the old, *Clan Ewing*, web site will be automatically redirected to the new site. Send him a note and let him know what you think or notice any problems.

As a member, you can receive a membership list once a year, and they are now available in Excel and can be Emailed. Please get in touch with me if you would like a membership list.

I'm looking forward to Spring!

*Jill Ewing Spitzer*

## Keeping Up With the Ewings

**James R. McMichael**, the *Association's* Genealogist, has shared the following about his status: The past week or so is the best week that I have had in five months. My cancer is still present and always will be since it is incurable. My energy level is pretty low; I do not look at EMail all that often. I just have to take this a day at a time.

**Wally Ewing** (*WKEwing at charter dot net*) has donated his collection of his ancestor's 294 Civil War letters to the State of Michigan Archives. An article concerning this donation is:

### Civil War letters provide rare look at 'crewel war'

by Terry Judd | The Muskegon Chronicle

Friday January 02, 2009, 10:42 PM



Chronicle/Terry Judd/These envelopes, or covers as they are known, are part of a collection of Civil War-era letters owned by Wally Ewing of Grand Haven. The letters are from Ewing's great-grandfather, Henry McKendree Ewing, who fought with the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Wally Ewing is donating his 294-letter collection to the Archives of Michigan, and is considered one of the largest collectors of his kind in the country.

Henry McKendree "Mack" Ewing lay in a Civil War military hospital near Petersburg, Va., 144 years ago when he was injured through his left eye and penned a letter to his beloved wife, Nancy "Nan" Ewing in Hillsdale.

Days earlier, Mack Ewing, a soldier with the Union's Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, lost his right eye when a Confederate bullet ripped through his lens and struck him on the right side of the head. Doctors were unable to save the eye, but Mack Ewing was alive, on the mend and looking forward to returning to Michigan.

"My right eye I supposed I will never have the use of it anymore," he wrote. "The DR. Says he thinks my face wont be disfigured any. Well if it should be I will never disown the Cause in which I met the blow. I Shall not be Shamed of it, yet life wood Seem Sweeter if I could See out of two eyes."

That letter, misspellings and all, was written Dec. 18, 1864, and is among 294 Civil War-era letters recently given to the Archives of Michigan by Grand Haven historian Wallace "Wally" K. Ewing. Ewing's donated collection, which also includes scrapbooks, diaries, military papers and photographs, is considered one of the largest and best preserved Civil War collections in the nation.

The bulk of the letters were written between Mack and Nan Ewing, Wally Ewing's great-grandparents, as Mack Ewing was serving in the Second Michigan Infantry for the Union Army. Other preserved letters from the same time were from parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors and friends.



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"If this isn't one of the largest Civil War correspondences in the nation, it's among the top three or five," said State Archivist Mark Harvey. "The fact this veteran served in a very active unit, the Second Michigan Infantry, makes the letters even more valuable."

Wally Ewing said Mack and Nan lived on a farm in Hillsdale that still is standing and were strong supporters of Abraham Lincoln and the preservation of the union. Mack Ewing, along with his brother, Andy Ewing, and brother-in-law, Al Hank, enlisted in spring 1864 with the renowned Second Regiment Michigan Infantry, which fought major Civil War battles in Virginia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Of the 1,879 who enlisted, 118 were killed, 100 died from wounds, 15 died in Confederate prisons, 100 died from diseases and 208, including Mack Ewing, were discharged because of wounds. In all, the infantry had a more than 30 percent casualty rate. One of the Ewing collection photographs shows Mack Ewing with his brother and brother-in-law.

#### CIVIL WAR ENVELOPES

[Indiana State Library: Civil War Envelopes](#)

- [Civil War Covers: A Digital Collection](#)
- [American Antiquarian Society](#)



Chronicle/Terry Jusik Four Civil War soldiers pose for their pictures: Top left, T.C. Radebaugh; To right, Andy Ewing; bottom left, Al Hank; and bottom right, D.C. Christinger. [Enlarge photo](#)

Wally Ewing said the letters were preserved by his family and originally were organized by his grandfather, Alvin Ewing. Wally Ewing said he had been considering donating the collection to the state for several years and was moved to do so last fall as the sesquicentennial of the Civil War approaches.

He said the letters recently were appraised at about \$30,000 and he was concerned some future relative "might see the monetary value and start selling these." He decided the Archives of Michigan would be the best place, "so they can be available to everyone."

Because the letters span from 1876 through 1865, Ewing said they not only describe the horrors of the battlefield but also the years leading up to the war, including letters Mack Ewing wrote when he was wooing Nan.

"It really provides a wonderful context," he said. "You get this sense of the build up to war. Everyone in the family were supporters of Abraham Lincoln so you have political overtones, a sense of what was going on in their lives, the price of wheat, what they did for entertainment and how girl-and-boy relationships for teenagers weren't that much different than they are today."

Wally Ewing said the letters also show some of the doubt his family felt as the war dragged on with a terrible human cost.

"It started out with saving the union," he said. "But with the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, that kind of changed what they were fighting for and created second thoughts."

The letters largely are free of the death and gore soldiers observed on the battlefield, although one letter describes the execution of a Union deserter who had been captured.

CIVIL WAR WEB SITES



The Battle of Franklin, Tenn.

For more on the American Civil War, these Web sites are excellent resources.

- [The United States Civil War Center](#)
- [The Civil War Home Page](#)
- [The National Civil War Museum](#)
- [The American Civil War Homepage](#)
- [The Library of Congress Civil War Resources](#)
- [The National Archives Research in Military Records](#)
- [The National Archives Matthew Brady photographs](#)

"That was a very disturbing experience for him," Ewing said of his great-grandfather.

Another letter written on Oct. 26, 1864, describes the despair Mack Ewing felt when he feared Hank, his brother-in-law, had been killed or captured by the Confederates in Petersburg, Va.

"this fight was a perfect failure to our army," he wrote. "you will learn all the particulars of the movement by the papers better than I can write. O I do wish this cruel war was over. I do not think we will ever whip the Rebs by fighting until they are entirely extinguislyed and there will many union older fall before that is don for there is lots of Johnneys left yet and they can and do fight as Savage as the yanbleys does."

Harvey said his eyes almost bulged out of his head when Ewing first showed him the letters last spring. All had been lovingly preserved in their original envelopes, cataloged and transcribed by Ewing.

"I probably turned white," Harvey said. "I just never had seen such a collection. It was overwhelming not only to see so much material, but also to see it all in chronological order, all in original envelopes and from someone who had been in an Army unit that had seen significant battles, like Petersburg, Va."

Until the Ewing donation, the largest Civil War letter collection in the state archives was about 40 letters. Harvey said the Ewing collection is remarkable because it is so complete and well preserved. He said it also was amazing that Mack Ewing was able to preserve the letters he received under the harsh conditions Civil War soldiers faced.



Chronicle/Terry Jusik A letter by Henry Hokeness Ewing, part of the 231-item collection Wally Ewing donated to the state archives. [Enlarge photo](#)

One reason the collection is in such good condition is because the paper back then was made with cotton fibers, not strictly wood pulp.

Harvey praised Ewing for choosing to donate the collection, rather than sell it.

"It is a real honor to be entrusted with such a collection," he said. "It is a credit to him that in an era of Antiques Road Show and eBay, his concern was not monetary; he got nothing from us. He basically bypassed financial gain."

The Archives of Michigan intends to preserve the letters by removing them from envelopes and storing them flat and unfolded. Each letter will be scanned and available on the Internet by this spring.

"We're trying to give them the widest audience as possible at no expense to the public," he said.

## Deaths

With sincere, heartfelt condolences to his wife Doralyn and the rest of his family, we note the passing of **Robert Hunter Johnson**.

The following is an extract from his obituary, published in the *Erie Times-News*, Erie, Pennsylvania, on December 18, 2008:

Robert Hunter Johnson, age 79, of Erie, died Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at Select Specialty Hospital. He was born in Erie on January 23, 1929, a son of the late Raymond A. and Evelyn Hunter Johnson. Robert attended the Erie Day School, Gridley Junior High, and graduated from Millcreek High School in 1947. He attended Waynesburg College and Penn State Behrend in Erie. He worked at Perry Plastics and Lord Corporation for over thirty years, retiring in 1991. Robert was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant where he served as a deacon (president), elder and trustee. He sang in the church choir from the time he was eight years old until 2005. He also played the bells in the adult bell choir. He was a member of the Erie Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution where he served as Treasurer, and *Clan Ewing in America*, serving as its Treasurer. He worked many years on his family's genealogy (Johnson, Hunter, Ewing, Griswold). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Elaine Card Johnson in 1966. Survivors include: his wife Doralyn (Bloomster) Johnson, who he married August 20, 1967; two sisters, Ruth Johnson Rusch of Trenton Falls, New Jersey, and Katharine Johnson Kumar and her husband Dr. Krishna Kumar of Cookeville, Tennessee; many nieces, nephews and cousins; his brother-in-law Donald Bloomster and his wife Shirley of Marienville, Pennsylvania; and his sister-in-law Dorothy Bloomster Lawson of Sullivan, Illinois. Burial will ... [be] in North East Cemetery, [Erie, Pennsylvania].



From George William Ewing, Chancellor of *Clan Ewing in America* from 2004 to 2006:

I had the greatest respect for Bob. It was an honor and pleasure to have known and served with him in the activities of *Clan Ewing in America*. Bob and his wife, Doralyn, always went way beyond the call of duty to make everyone feel welcome at the *Clan Ewing* bi-annual gatherings. This will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doralyn and the rest of Bob's family. Marilyn, my wife, and I know that Bob is now home with the Lord.

From David Neal Ewing, Chancellor of *Ewing Family Association*:

Bob Johnson was one of the founding members of *Clan Ewing in America* and served as its Treasurer until the latest gathering in Winchester, Virginia, this past September. Bob and his wife, Doralyn, also took care of the *Clan Ewing* merchandise through the years and lugged it to every gathering. Together, they were a cornerstone for the organization for over twenty years, and we will always remain in their debt. Bob was a wise counselor and a good friend. We will miss him terribly.

From Jill Ewing Spittler, the *Association's* Activity Coordinator for Membership - Current:

I first met Bob and Doralyn at the third *Clan Ewing* Gathering in San Antonio, Texas, in 1993. Bob was part of my group who didn't know where we belonged in the Ewing 'world.' Bob became Secretary of the council that was set up at that gathering.

He was always available to help with the little things, whether it be stationary with my name engraved on it when I became Chair of the group, to providing t-shirts with our emblem, to finding folks at the airport. He was a tremendous help in setting up the Lancaster, Ohio, Gathering.

Bob became the group's Treasurer. He also set up the merchandise table at the gatherings as we know it today. He was great at knowing what we should have for sale and the gifts we gave to registered gathering attendees.

I could always send E-mails to him which I couldn't open, and he would send them back in some form that I could open. He helped me a lot when I became *Journal* Editor and didn't know the first thing about what I was doing. He always praised my attempts and that made me work all the harder.

I am sure we would not be where we are today without the 'Big Three' as I like to think of them. Joe Neff Ewing, James R. McMichael and Bob were our first officers who filled the gap resulting from losing our founding leader, Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing. We owe them a heap of thanks, and Bob will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. My sympathy goes out to Doralyn, and I hope she will continue to be in our organization activities.

From William E Riddle, *Journal* Editor and the Association's web site's Web Master:

When I became Editor of the *Journal* and the web site's Web Master, I knew next to nothing about the organization's workings. Who maintained the mailing list I had to use? Who would reimburse me for my expenses?

Bob gently helped me understand the organization's workings and successfully do what I had to do. Further, he was very flexible in changing his 'habits' to match mine to make it all the easier for me to do my work. There are not all that many people who reached his level of being a generous and gentle counselor and mentor.

I will greatly miss his guidance and mentoring.

## **New Members ... Welcome Aboard!**

**Ward Benschhoff** lives in the Los Angeles, California, area. He may be reached at *wben1 at att dot net*.

My mother is Helen Ewing Thompson, daughter of Nell Ewing (born 1869, Edgar County, Illinois, and died 1958, Rockford, Minnesota). I am a descendant of Samuel and Margaret Ewing of Prince Edward County, Virginia, through their son Alexander (born 1733 in Maryland and died 1828/29 in Tennessee), his son James (born 1766 and died 1856 in Tennessee), his son Alexander (born 1799, died 1851), his son Nathaniel (born 1832, died 1917), and his daughter Nell.

**Charles Albert 'Chuck' Ewing** and his wife, **Irene**, live in Whitehouse, Ohio. Their mailing address is 11359 Birch Point Dr., Whitehouse, Ohio 43571-9108. Chuck is participant CA2 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. He was recruited by Karen Avery in hopes that he closely matched her lineage.

Unfortunately, that was not to be. Chuck's ancestor is thought to have lived 1,500 to 2,000 years ago. He is not part of the 'closely related group' in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

Chuck's family tradition says that three brothers came to America from Scotland. One settled in New York, one in Pennsylvania, and one in Indiana. His earliest known ancestor, who came from Pennsylvania, was William Ewing (1815-1905). William's wife was Margaret Brubaker and they settled in Defiance County, Ohio, about 1850. Their children were:

Daniel Albert Ewing (1869-1940) and wife Esther Hinkle lived in Toledo, Ohio, most of their lives.

Paul Edward Ewing, Sr. (1898-1972) and wife, Viola 'Nellie' Clark, also lived in the Toledo, Ohio area.

Charles Albert Ewing and five siblings were born in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio

Some members of this line journeyed back to Pennsylvania in the 1920s, and several generations continue to make their home in Titusville in Crawford County.

**Eric Frost Ewing** and his wife, **Donna**, reside in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, just outside Pittsburgh. Eric is participant EF in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project and is in Group 1b (the descendants of James Ewing of Inch). Eric may be reached at *EFEwing at zoominternet dot net*. He writes:

It is family tradition that we are from Scotland, particularly Stirlingshire. I believe I have correctly portrayed my ancestry at *Ancestry.com* (Ewing Family Tree).

I live in the north hills of Pittsburgh, about fifteen minutes from Squire James Ewing's property and I am looking forward to the next gathering here in the Pittsburgh area.

**Linda 'Lynn' Ewing Bryant** and her husband, **Larry**, live in Littleton, Colorado. Lynn may be reached at *brylynn1 at comcast dot net*, and Larry may be reached at *bryantlar2 at hotmail dot com*. She writes:



I am part of the Jacob Ewing (1783-1851) lineage through James Gilmore Ewing. I participate in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project via HM — my uncle Harry Marshall Ewing. My spouse, Larry, will assist David Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, as co-Administrator.

My heritage is indicated in my uncle's lineage posted on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web site. A short synopsis is:

parents	James Gilmore Ewing m. LaVada Fae Rogers
uncle	Harry Marshall Ewing m. Doris Eileen Yoder
grandparents	Harry Meredith Ewing m. Hazel Elizabeth Goodwin
great-grandparents	William Jacob Ewing m. Sarah Jane McVey
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	Jacob Ewing m. Susanna Ebaugh

**Robert Anthony Ewing**, and his wife **Stephanie M. (Sellers) Ewing**, live in Glen Arbor, Michigan. He can be reached at *bdocks at charter dot net*. His membership is a gift from his Father, Robert Alan Ewing, of Traverse City, Michigan. Robert Alan's EMail address is *Ewing66 at att dot net*. A synopsis of Robert Anthony's lineage is:

parents	Robert Alan Ewing m. Jean Marie Boule
grandparents	Robert Archie Ewing (1911-1936) m. Beatrice R. Huellmantel
great-grandparents	Joseph Henry Ewing (1880-1945) m. Anna May Cribbs
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing (1844-1887) m. Mary C. Bower
great <sup>3</sup> -grandparents	Robert Ewing (1799-?) m. Mary Dawson

## **Web Site News**

William Ewing Riddle, Web Master (+1 505.988.1092, *Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

### **Name Change Reflected in the Web Site**

If you have recently visited the web site, you have noticed that it has been changed to reflect our new name, *Ewing Family Association*. This change was much more complicated than I expected. Turns out that it required some actual thought rather than just blind conversion of *Clan Ewing in America* and *Clan Ewing* to *Ewing Family Association* and *Association*, as well as *Journal of Clan Ewing* to *Ewing Family Journal*. I guess I should have anticipated this, but, ever optimistic, I did not. I think I have made the conversion without any bloopers, or at least not too many. Please take a look at our new web site — [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) — and let me know if you find any text that is confusing and should be changed.

By the way: Pages at our old web site — [www.ClanEwing.org](http://www.ClanEwing.org) — have been changed so that they let a viewer know about the name change and, after a short delay, re-direct the viewer to the corresponding page in the new, [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org), web site. This 'automagic' re-direction will be preserved for about six months for several reasons. For one, others may have included, in their web sites, links to our web site. The re-direction preserves the validity of these links. For two, Internet indexing services — primarily Google and Yahoo — do not 'spider' the Internet for new content all that often and even less frequently cleanse their indices of 'old,' broken links. Six months should be adequate for them to update their indices.

### **Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Web Site Updated**

As reported in his latest project article (page 17), David Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, has extensively reorganized the grouping of project participants. And he has added information about the many participants who have joined the project in the past three months. As a result, major changes have been made to the project's web site:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html).

Check it out. And remember that the best way to view this web site is to first go to its home page (using the link cited above), then select the *Results Directory* link at the top of the home page (and, for that matter, at the top of every page in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web site) to display a 'navigation window,' and then use the *Results Directory* navigation window to view the many, many pages providing information about Y-DNA testing, the organization of the project's results and the various ways that relationships among the project's participants support or contradict genealogical relationships among the participants gained by traditional approaches to genealogical research.

### **Ewing Family Association Forum Established**

With the very much appreciated help of Martin Ewing, we have launched a forum supporting collaborations among Ewing cousins and researchers:

<http://groups.google.com/group/ewingfamilyassociation>.

This forum is intended to support the work of the *Ewing Family Association*. It is open to all who are interested in genealogy and family history of Ewing and related surnames (e.g. Ewin). It is intended to

support the *Association's* work including genealogical research, its *Ewing Family Journal*, the *Association's* bi-annual gatherings, and its special projects.

This forum joins two others already listed the web site's page:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/Project\\_RRRoom\\_WebSites\\_Forums.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/Project_RRRoom_WebSites_Forums.html)

- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum  
(<http://genforum.genealogy.com/ewing>)
- RootsWeb's Ewing Surname Mailing List  
(<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/surname/e/ewing.html>)

All of these forums provide the ability to have 'threaded discussions' which organize EMail messages into conversation streams that reflect comment/response dialogs among contributors.

Why launch a new forum?

- In addition to support for threaded discussion, the new forum also supports three additional, valuable capabilities:
  - The ability to see profiles about other forum participants. This additional information may identify genealogical heritage and research interests. It may also provide EMail addresses, allowing potential cousins and researchers focused on various regions of the Ewing genealogical 'forest' to connect with each other.
  - The ability to collaboratively evolve a document. This document may list resources that participants have found valuable. Alternatively, it could pertain to the genealogy of some Ewing descendency line. The possibilities and opportunities are unlimited.
  - The ability to post documents others may find interesting. This could be a picture of a gravestone found in some cemetery. Alternatively, it could be Ewing heritage-relevant pages found in some book or article. Further, it could provide a copy of a research report for review and commentary by others.

These additional capabilities provide significant, important new ways for the community of Ewing-surnamed people and Ewing-interested researchers to collaboratively better understand the 'world of Ewing' and evolve it collective information about this world.

- Membership in the forum may be restricted and monitored. To request membership, persons should visit the Forum's home page: (<http://groups.google.com/group/ewingfamilyassociation>) and click on the Join button. Their request will be reviewed by one of the forum's Managers — Martin Ewing, David Ewing and myself.
- This forum allows visibility by the world-at-large of the information posted in the forum but permits us to carefully manage the ability to add new information and view sensitive, private information. Non-members may contribute to threaded discussion, but their contributions are reviewed by one of the forum's Managers to make sure a non-member contribution is appropriate before it is added to a discussion. Only members, however, may 1) view information about other members, 2) collaboratively evolve a document, and 3) post documents other members may find interesting.

*Wm E. Riddle*

## **Information Available and Sought**

### **Thomas Ewing, born circa 1739**

**From Cheryl Ewing Bird (*cbinred at gmail dot com*)**

I have been researching our Ewing heritage and have reached the proverbial brick wall. John Ewing, born 1824/5, is my triple-great-grandfather. He appears with his wife, Margaret in the 1850 census in Oxford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. We have no idea who his parents were. I have a hunch that he is related to a James F. Ewing who suddenly appears on the 1840 census in Oxford Township, aged 50 and with a family. In 1850 James F. 's wife Isabella and family move to Coleraine Township in Lancaster County. John and Margaret seem to be following them and show up in Coleraine in the 1860 census. Who are these people and where did they come from?

John and Margaret eventually end up in Fawn Township, York County, with a farm and a family of ten children. They are buried at Gatcheville alongside: James, Alexander and Henry; sons of John; and a son of Alexander. We think there must be a link, but what is it?

I have finally traced John's wife, Margaret. She's a Maloney from Oxford Township in Chester County. That pretty much means John grew up in Oxford Township. I am now considering that James F. and John may be descendants of Thomas Ewing who was born in 1739 and a son of Alexander and Anne in Oxford, Chester County, Pennsylvania. According to Fife,<sup>1</sup> Thomas was married to a Hester and had five children, including sons James and William, to carry the line. Thomas and his family are sort of a black hole where Fife is concerned, she did note the land: Endeavour in Oxford Township.

Thomas did have a will and I will be ordering it from Chester County. If anyone having further ideas where to continue to dig for more info on Thomas and his heirs, I would appreciate them contacting me using the EMail address *cbinred at gmail dot com*. Many thanks in advance.

### **World Celtic Connection – A New Internet Community**

**From Jean Mallory (*WorldCeltic at googlemail dot com*)**

World Celtic Connection (*www.WorldCeltic.com*) is a labor of love run by me, Jean Mallory, and my son, Michael. Our goal is to create an online community for all things of Celtic interest. Go to our site and look around. You can post on the forums. YouTube and Google video can be embedded in posts, as well as photos and other digitized artwork. If you are a musician who owns his/her copyright, you can submit music for our online mp3 player. There is a links directory to help find Celtic resources, so links are always welcome. You can create your own blog in the forum part of the site, and you can create friends directories, like a social media site. Please let your members know about us. We'd love a link from your site to ours, if you could.

We'd also love for you to submit an article for our news site. Articles on World Celtic Connection will cover a wide variety of topics, including, but not limited to: Celtic History, including histories of Celtic lands and groups; Current events and news in traditionally Celtic lands; Information about Celtic and related festivals, both upcoming and reviews of recent festivals; Music news and reviews; Travel stories

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<sup>1</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from *www.HigginsonBooks.com* and online at *www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org*.

and reviews from areas of Celtic interest or relating to festivals and performances; Celtic languages, either stories about them or lessons (please include English-language translations); Clan groups and activities. I'll be happy to provide credit and a link back to you or your organization's web site.

Our goal is to create a unique online community for those interested in furthering Celtic heritage where communication and learning can occur worldwide. The features on the site will expand and evolve based on the needs and desires of the members.

If you have something to contribute or a suggestion, please contact me at *WorldCeltic at aol dot com*.

### **Infoplease Chronologies and Timelines** **From David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

Infoplease ([www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com)) offers chronologies of the events during years from 1900 to 2008. Most chronologies include world, United States, economic, sports, entertainment and science events. Also included are timelines for topics such as World War I, the Civil Rights Movement, and Major U.S. Epidemics.

### **Jane M. Ewing (1797-1884)** **Posted to RootsWeb.com by Marianne Manley Granoff (*Granoff at zianet dot com*)**

I have Jane M. Ewing born March 28, 1797, in Georgia; died December 20, 1884, in Leake County, Mississippi. She married John Jefferson Miles born January 12, 1793, in Georgia; died March 25, 1855, in Leake County, Mississippi. They had several children, supposedly in Dooly County, Georgia, including Sarah Louise Miles born April 6, 1844, who married Marcus de Lafayette Allen in Leake County, Mississippi. Does anyone have any information on Jane M. Ewing's parents? Thank you in advance for any help.

### **1659 Census of Ireland** **From David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

John Lochlan has abstracted the 1659 Census of Ireland and has kindly told us that he has found only a single Ewing in all of Ireland mentioned in that census, which is not a true census, but rather a list of 'gentlemen and Esquires.' The only Ewing who appears is Alexdr. Ewing of Letterkenny Town (tituladoc), Conwal Parish, Kilmacrenan Barony. John Lochlan's abstraction is posted on the Internet at <http://clanmaclochlainn.com/1659cen.htm>. A variety of other interesting, related documents, including transcriptions of some really old material, may be accessed via John's main page, <http://clanmaclochlainn.com>. A hardcopy version of the 1659 Census of Ireland may be purchased, for \$25.00, from the Irish Roots Café, [www.IrishRoots.com](http://www.IrishRoots.com), or from Amazon.com, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### **Scots Irish-related Services and Stories** **From Rickey E. Pittman (*RickeyP at bayou dot com*)**

I am a Scottish storyteller, a Scots-Irish musician, and I present Scottish programs in schools and libraries and festivals. I am also an author, most recently of a children's picture book, *The Scottish Alphabet* ([www.RickeyPittman/books.html](http://www.RickeyPittman/books.html)) published by Pelican Publishing Company and spectacularly illustrated by Connie McLennan. (See a sample on the next page.) A short synopsis of my career is:

Rickey E. Pittman, Grand Prize Winner of the 1998 Ernest Hemingway Short Story Competition, is originally from Dallas, Texas. He is a certified Secondary Gifted English teacher and currently teaches freshman composition at Louisiana Delta Community College and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He earned a BA in New Testament Greek and an MA in English from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. After moving to Monroe, Louisiana, Pittman was added to the Louisiana Roster of Artists in 1998. Working closely with regional art councils, he was commissioned to write historical plays for Franklin (1997), Madison (1998) and Webster (2007) parishes. He has also taught high school theatre, directed small productions, and was a member of a dinner theatre troupe.

In addition to his freelance journalism, editing, and nonfiction writing, he has published short stories, poetry, a novel (*Red River Fever*), and a collection of historical short fiction (*Stories of the Confederate South*). Pittman loves the South and sees himself as a Southern writer. His children's picture books include, *Jim Limber Davis: A Black Orphan in the Confederate White House* and *The Scottish ABC* children's picture book, published by Pelican Publishing. Future children's books include *The Little Confederate's ABC Book*, *The Irish ABC Book*, and *Sunday School with Professor Jackson* (publication scheduled for 2008-2009).

Pittman is a Civil War re-enactor, a motivational speaker, a songwriter, a storyteller, and a guitarist/singer who performs Americana, original and period music relating to the Civil War and to the Scots-Irish. His programs take him to festivals and schools across the South.

I hope you will visit my web site ([www.RickeyPittman.com](http://www.RickeyPittman.com)), take a look at what I do and pass that information on to friends and colleagues who may be interested.

### **Andrew Ewing (1869-1956)**

**From William Scott ([WilliamScott@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamScott@gmail.com))**

I have posted a short biography of Andrew Ewing, who founded the Buttercup Dairy Company and Poultry Farm in Scotland in the first part of the twentieth century, to the Internet at:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dgrx6bk7\\_33c8rrqdhs&hl=en](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dgrx6bk7_33c8rrqdhs&hl=en).

The *Journal of Clan Ewing* ran an article ten years ago<sup>2</sup> on Andrew but my article is quite different and more comprehensive. I was born and brought up on the Buttercup Poultry Farm in the 1950s and knew



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*The Scottish Alphabet*  
by Rickey E. Pittman  
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Pelican Publishing Company)**

<sup>2</sup> Young, Margaret Jackson. Buttercup Girls. *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (August 1998) pp. 27-31. Available online at the *Ewing Family Association's* web site, [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

Andrew. My parents, grandparents and many relatives also worked at the Buttercup. The article has links to my FLICKR site which has various pictures of Andrew and the Buttercup, which you are free to use.

## Upcoming Events

**Editor's Note:** *The Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has monthly meetings that may be of interest to Ewing Family Association members. Upcoming meetings are included in the list of events that follows. The Society also organizes bus tours — for example, to President Lincoln's Cottage and Historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. and the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia — that may also be of interest to the Association's members. Information about the bus tours may be obtained by contacting the Society at +1 717.334.4723 or info at achs-pa dot org.*

**2009:** An exciting project known as *Homecoming Scotland* is underway in Scotland, which promises to be a year-long celebration of all things Scottish. Coincidentally, 2009 also is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Scotland's beloved bard, Robert Burns, so it is a fitting time. Information about this event may be found at [www.HomeComingScotland.com](http://www.HomeComingScotland.com).

**2009 March 3:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, *Adams County Votes for President, 1800-2008*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2009 March 12-29:** From Elaine Magee, *Elaine at GlasgowComedyFestival dot com*:

The Magners Glasgow International Comedy Festival is proud to be one of [the events held as part of Homecoming Scotland]. Our full programme is now online and all of our show tickets are on sale! The programme can be found at [www.GlasgowComedyFestival.com](http://www.GlasgowComedyFestival.com), where you can search the show by date or name, and you can also download your own PDF to keep for future use. Among the headliners are Jimmy Carr, Ardal O'Hanlon, Ed Byrne, Clive James, Rob Brydon, Ross Noble and Mark Watson.

We also have added a Scottish flavour to this year's festival to reflect our Homecoming theme. We have an American Homecoming showcase which takes place at the end of the festival. All of the comedians are from New York and all have Scottish ancestry. Added to that we have a number of artists who are coming home to play at the festival, these include Rhona Cameron, Arnold Brown, Ro Campbell, Jerry Sadowitz and Stewart Francis.

You can access to all of these shows using a Festival Passport, which can be bought through our festival hotline on +44 (0) 870 013 5464. For just £99 you can go to as many of these great shows as you want to.

Don't forget to check out our web site [www.GlasgowComedyFestival.com](http://www.GlasgowComedyFestival.com) for news from the festival; you can also register your details to receive exclusive special offers and ticket alerts.

With over 370 shows taking place over 18 days, there has never been a better time to come home to Glasgow for a laugh!

**2009 April 7:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Brian Kennell, *Beyond the Gatehouse: A Look at Famous People Buried in the Evergreen Cemetery*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge,

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2009 May 5 and 6:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Dr. William Aldrich, *Gettysburg Train Station*. Reserved Seating; the May 5<sup>th</sup> presentation will be filled first. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) to make a reservation and get information about time and location.

**2009 May 13-16:** 31<sup>st</sup> National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference in the States and Family History Fair, Raleigh, North Carolina. The 2009 Conference in the States in Raleigh will take place in the brand new Raleigh Convention Center. Hotel accommodations are in the adjoining new Marriott Hotel, or nearby at the Sheraton hotel. Online registration will open December 1, 2008. From the Society: "The program for the NGS Conference in the States to be held in Raleigh, 13–16 May 2009, has as its theme, Building a Nation: From Roanoke Island to the West. Many of you were in Richmond in 2007 and learned about the movement into Virginia from its beginning at Jamestown to the flood of individuals who moved down the Shenandoah Valley. Others attended Kansas City where many of the speakers provided information on tracking individuals in their move westward. North Carolina is the bridge between the two. You'll learn about the economic forces that drove our ancestors to migrate, sessions will focus specifically on the Germans, Scots, Irish and Scotch-Irish as well as Presbyterians, Moravians and other religious sects. You'll learn about the Carolina and Wagon roads as well as Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road, visit the West Indies and travel with the Cherokees on the Trail of Tears. There will be presentations on the states that people came from and went to, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century immigration and on new ways to collaborate using Wikis and other resources. New online resources, the latest in DNA and the traditional records and methodology will round out the program. Whether your ancestor arrived in 1720 or 1920, lived in on the coast, in the Appalachians or the city, there will be something for everyone." For more information visit: <http://ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2009>.

**2009 June 2:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Benjamin Neely, *Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Battle of Gettysburg*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2009 August 26-30:** 2009 Genealogy Conference and 'Land Cruise,' Orkney Springs, Virginia. Sponsored by Wholly Genes, developer of The Master Genealogist (TMG). "In this, our fifth year of the event, we continue the tradition of a robust genealogy conference marked by first-class speakers and a great educational opportunity. But this year it will not be on a cruise ship but in a 19<sup>th</sup> century hotel in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, about two hours from Washington, D.C. and Dulles International Airport." More Information may be found at the event's main page:

[www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE](http://www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE).

Note that the event is 89% sold out as of February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 September 1:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, Tim Smith and Patrick Sullivan, *An Evening in New Oxford*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2009 September 2-5:** Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. See [www.FGS.org](http://www.FGS.org) for more information.

**2009 September 5-17:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise will leave Barcelona and sail to Rome, Naples/Pompeii/Capri Italy, Dubrovnik Croatia, Venice Italy, Katakolon Greece, Piraeus/Athens Greece, Ephesus Izmir Turkey, and Istanbul Turkey. Join the Legacy Family Tree experts for some of the best classes we have ever had. In addition to classes on using Legacy, learn about other genealogy technology. For detailed information, go to:

*[http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy\\_news/2008/12/legacy-genealogy-cruise-2009-mediterraneangreece-sep-5sep-17.html](http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/2008/12/legacy-genealogy-cruise-2009-mediterraneangreece-sep-5sep-17.html)*

**2009 October 3:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Barbara Sanders, *The David Wills House: The Journey of Bringing Its Stories Back to Life*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2009 December 1:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Glenda Dove, *Bender's Church: Preserving the Past, While Forging the Future*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*) for further information.

**2010 Fall:** Eleventh Gathering of *Ewing Family Association*, Pittsburgh Area, Pennsylvania. See *www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org* for more information.

### **A Genealogist's Lament**

Once I was a normal person, before I climbed my family tree.  
Now my forebears are acquainted. They make a battleground of me.  
My great-Grandpa, Pat from Ireland, makes me dance with happy feet,  
But my English one, Lord Ogle, makes me walk sedately down the street.  
Then my Swedish Grandma, Olga, gives away each cent I make,  
While my Scots Grandma shudders at the things I waste and break.  
My great-Grandma from Plymouth turns my head another way.  
From thence 'til now, I can only wish I could definitively say.  
Thus they differ, thus they argue. How I wish they would agree.  
For I never can determine which of them is really me.

Adapted from a piece written by Miranda Snow Walton and passed on by David A. 'Mountain Dave' Purtill

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Membership is open to all persons with the surname of Ewing or who are descended from anyone with that surname; to anyone who is, or has been, the spouse of such a person; and to anyone who otherwise supports the organization's purposes. To join, send a membership form to *Ewing Family Association*, 17721 Road 123, Cecil, Ohio 45821. Forms are available at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org). Annual dues are \$25.00. Membership includes the quarterly *Ewing Family Journal*.

Publication of the *Ewing Family Journal* began in 1994. Through 2008, the publication was titled *Journal of Clan Ewing*. The first two issues were published in August and November 1994. They were not designated with a Volume and Number. The February 1995 issue was designated as Vol. 1, No. 3, as it was the third issue of the *Journal*. The *Journal* is currently published quarterly in February, May, August and November.

We welcome contributions to the *Journal* from *Ewing Family Association* members and others. Electronic copy is preferred and should be sent to the Editor (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*). Hardcopy submissions should be sent to William E. Riddle, 223 N. Guadalupe #313, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please call William E. Riddle at +1 505.988.1092.



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