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# ***From the Editor***

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## **Contributions and Messages**

This issue has a normal complement of contributed articles and officer/coordinator messages. Many concern an issue that has been extensively debated via a Google Group.<sup>1</sup> The issue concerns the appointment of an official chief of Clan Ewen. The last officially appointed Clan Ewen chief was Swene McEwen who died in 1493. Lord Lyon in Scotland – the final arbiter, the provider of legitimacy – has decided to organize a Family Convention to determine whether the chiefship of Clan Ewen should now be re-established and perhaps to appoint a chief, although it is uncertain whether or when this Family Convention will be held. The debate began in mid-January and has involved about a dozen messages per week, some of them rather lengthy. David Neal Ewing has provided a synopsis of the debate in the form of a sequence of extracted messages from the debate – *A Chief for Clan Ewen?* (page 6). He has also discussed the issue in terms of the results of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project – *Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Status Report* (page 15). And in their messages, Chancellor David Neal Ewing (page 49) and Board Chair Wallace K. Ewing (page 52) directly and indirectly address the issue from their personal points of view. These articles and messages will help interested members get a 'fix' on the issue.

## **Caught Up ... Well ... Almost**

For several reasons, I had to 'leave behind' a large number of *Ewing Digital Library* and *Information Sought and Available* items that should have been included in last year's (Vol. 16's) issues No. 2 and No. 3/4. The current issue includes these items, making it abnormally long. I still have about a dozen left-behind items. They were too lengthy to include in this issue and will be included in the next, May 2011, issue.

## **Use the Index**

In addition to being large, this issue is complex! There are too many person citations for readers to scan/skim through the issue and find people relevant to their lineage and research. The *Index for this Issue* (page 103) helps solve the problem. It takes a lot of time for me to create this Index, but I spend this time precisely so that readers can easily find where 'interested parties' are mentioned in the material. Please note that women are indexed by both their maiden and married names; for example, Margaret (Walker) Ewing is indexed under both Walker (as Margaret) and Ewing (as Margaret (Walker)).

## **Many Thanks to My Proof Readers**

I read each issue seven-to-ten times. Sometimes I'm looking for typos and grammar errors. Sometimes I'm looking for formatting problems. Sometimes I'm looking for material that I have difficulty reading or understanding so I can edit it using the principle: If I have trouble reading or understanding the material, then so will the issue's readers.

I always ask authors and contributors to review the results of my editing to make sure I've made no bloopers and to ask them to provide suggestions for further improvement. But my eyes, and the eyes of the authors and contributors, don't always see problems (and spell/grammar checkers are often easily tripped up). So I've come to rely on two proof readers: Eva Ewing and Karen Avery. They respond quickly and do an incredibly good and valuable job. I'm always slightly amazed to see the problems they notice and I, the authors and the contributors missed. I sincerely thank them for their very valuable help.

*Wm E. Riddle*

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<sup>1</sup> [groups.google.com/group/clanewen?hl=en&pli=1](http://groups.google.com/group/clanewen?hl=en&pli=1)

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# Down the Ohio and Westward

**Twelfth Gathering  
of the *Ewing Family Association***

**Gallipolis, Ohio**

**Fall 2012**

## ***PLAN AHEAD!***

*Pencil It In On Your Schedule*

## **Robert Patterson Correspondence to his Wife Amy Hunter Ewing, Part 1**

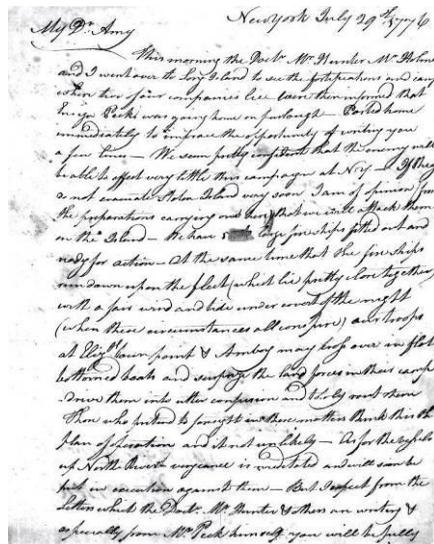
David 'Bruce' Frobes (*Frobes at npgcable dot com*)

Two years ago, while visiting the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, I found thirteen letters that Robert Patterson wrote to his wife, Amy Hunter (Ewing) Patterson, during the Revolutionary War between July 22, 1776, and September 19, 1776.<sup>1</sup> Robert was serving as Surgeon's Mate with his brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas Ewing, in New York City.

The letters are quite descriptive of the arrival of the British fleet, Robert's introduction to His Excellency George Washington, and an invitation to dine with Washington. Patterson also describes the retreat north to Mount Washington. In another letter Robert mentions a terrible storm of rain and lightning that kills many soldiers and citizens.<sup>2</sup> I am sure that Amy shared these letters with many other Ewing relatives in Greenwich, Connecticut.

This article provides a transcription of the letter concerning Robert Patterson and Dr. Thomas Ewing (Amy's brother) dining with His Excellency George Washington. Transcriptions of other letters will be provided in future articles.

With respect to the Revolutionary War activities discussed in this letter: There was a series of battles for control of New York City and the state of New Jersey during the Revolutionary War between British forces under General Sir William Howe and the Continental Army under General George Washington in 1776 and the winter months of 1777. Howe was successful in driving Washington out of New York City, but overextended his reach into New Jersey, and ended the active campaign season in January 1777 with only a few outposts near the city. The British held New York for the rest of the war, using it as a base for expeditions against other targets.<sup>3</sup>



**Letter Concerning Dinner with George Washington, Page 1.**

<sup>1</sup> *Private Correspondence – 13 letters from Robert Patterson to his wife Amy Patterson: from New York July-Sept 1776.* Those who would like copies of the letters can order them from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, +1 215.732.6200, [www.hsp.org](http://www.hsp.org).

<sup>2</sup> David McCullough, in his book *1776*, describes this storm as a turning point in the movement of Washington and his Army. [McCullough, David. *1776*, Simon & Schuster (New York), 2005]

<sup>3</sup> This brief explanation is taken from a Wikipedia article on the Revolutionary War's New York and New Jersey Campaign ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_York\\_Campaign](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Campaign)). See that article for a more extensive discussion.

New York, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1776

My Dear Amy,

*This morning the Doctor [Amy's brother, Thomas Ewing], Mr. Hunter, Mr. Holmes and I went over to Long Island to see the fortifications and camp where two of our companies live. Were then informed that Ensign Peck was going home on furlough. Parted home immediately to improve the opportunity of writing you a few lines – We seem pretty confident that the enemy will be able to effect very little this campaign at NY – If they do not evacuate Staten Island very soon I am of opinion from the preparations carrying on here that we will attack them on the Island – We have 5 large fine ships fitted out and ready for action – at the same time that the fineships run down upon the fleet which lie pretty close together with a fair wind and tide under cover of the night (when these circumstances all conspire) our troops at Elizabethtown point & Amboy may cross over in flat bottom boats and surprise the land forces in their camp, drive them into utter confusion and totally rout them. Those who pretend to foresight in these matters think this is plan of operation and it not unlikely – As for the rebels up North River vengeance is meditated and will soon be put in execution against them – But I expect from the letters which the Doctor, Mr. Hunter and others are writing & especially from Mr. Peck himself, you will be fully informed of all things you may be desirous to know relating to military affairs.*

*A word or two concerning private occurrences. Last Friday had the honour with Mr. Leaman, Mr. Huff & the Doctor to be introduced by Genl Reed to his Exclly Genl. Washington and were invited to dine with him.*

*I have seen Brooks at Meeting twice since I came here – we rubbed clothes together, he looked at me but did not speak to me nor I to him – He has been married 3 weeks – I design to pay him a visit in a few days to settle out – I suspect Nancy know nothing of it. His face carries the mark of serious guilt – I have a good mind to wring his nose – I have made up my [unintelligible] in a very genteel family in this city – two firm fat girls – a walk tomorrow into the country to drink buttermilk – Mr. Peck will wait no longer – Polly and Daddy must excuse me this time – Send me a good packet by the "Beaver" and write by every favourable opportunity as you may be assured I have – I love you –*

*Yours affectionately*

*RPatterson*

*Love to all*

### **Histories/Memories**

If memory is our contribution to history, then history is the sum of our memories. Like all families, mine has a history. I would like to remember it.

*The Emperor of Ocean Park  
Stephen L. Carter*

## ***Orr-Ewing Information in Burke's Landed Gentry***<sup>1</sup>

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A New Edition of  
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by  
Sir Bernard Burke, C.B., LL.D.,  
Ulster King of Arms  
is published annually in December,  
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History  
of the  
Landed Gentry  
of  
Great Britain & Ireland.

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1871

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<sup>1</sup> From Wikipedia: *Burke's Landed Gentry* (original title *Burke's Commoners*) is the result of nearly two centuries of intense work by the Burke family, and others since, in building a collection of books of genealogical and heraldic interest, which has evolved with Burke's *Peerage, Baronetage & Knightage*. The *Burke's Landed Gentry*, as a detailed listing of key families or other influential figures in the United Kingdom, was first published in 1826, as developed by Sir John Bernard Burke. *Burke's Landed Gentry* is widely used by historians and genealogical researchers.

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ORR-EWING OF LEVENFIELD.

Orr-Ewing, John, Esq. of Levenfield, co. Dumbarton, J.P., *b.* 1809; *m.* 1840 William-Jane, only surviving child of William Bennett, Esq. of Yoker Hangh, co. Renfrew.

**Lineage.**—The family of Ewing has been long settled in the west of Scotland, and one of the name (Dovenaldus filius Ewyn) is witness to a charter granted by Walter, Steward of Scotland, 1177. In the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century the Ewings acquired the lands of Balloch, Dumbartonshire, an ancient possession of the Earls of Lennox, and they also possessed the lands of Bernice and Glenlean, and other estates in Corval, Argyleshire. They suffered severely by the ravages inflicted on their lands and property in Argyleshire by the troops of the Duke of Gordon and the Marquesa of Atholl, in consequence of their adherence to the cause of the unfortunate Earl of Argyll in the reign of James VII. Wearing by these ravages and exactions, the family betook themselves to their Dumbartonshire property.

Alexander Ewing, *b.* circa 1692 (son of Alexander Ewing, of Balloch, *b.* circa 1660); *m.* 6 June, 1719, Jean Allan, and had issue, I. Alexander, the younger, of Balloch, *b.* 29 June, 1722, *m.* 20 Jan. 1758, Janet, dau. of John Ewing, of Nobleston, by his wife Janet McKinlay, and had issue; II. Robert, of whom presently. The 2<sup>nd</sup> son,

Robert Ewing, *b.* 20 May, 1724, inherited from his father the lands of Ledvish and Ledvshbeg, parts of the estate of Balloch; he *m.* 1 Feb. 1752. Isobel Buchanan, of the Cameron; and *d.* 6 May, 1794, leaving issue. His 5<sup>th</sup> son was

William Ewing, of Ardvullin, near Dunoon, co. Argyll, *b.* 10 Feb. 1772; *d.* 11 June, 1853. He *m.* Sept. 1805, Susan, dau. of John Orr, Esq., Provost of Paisley, by his wife, Agnes, dau. of John Anderson, Esq. of Douhill, Glasgow, whose great-grandfather was Provost of Glasgow 1658 and 1681; and by her (who *d.* 29 May, 1860) had issue,

Robert.

John-Orr [sic], of Levenfield.

Alexander, *m.* Jane, dau. of the Hon. Adam Ferrie, Hamilton, Canada.

William, *m.* Edith, dau. of Sir William Jackson, of Birkhead, Bart.

Archibald Orr-Ewing, now of Ballikinrain (see Orr-Ewing of *Ballikinrain*).

James, *m.* a dau. of George Robertson, Esq. of London.

Agnes, *m.* to William Johnston, Esq., Banker, Glasgow.

Isabella, *m.* to Allan Gilmour, Esq. of Eaglesham.

Susan-Orr.

*Arms*—Arg., a chevron, gu. ensigned with a banner, of the second, charged with a canton, az., thereon a saltier, of the first, all between two mullets, in chief, and the sun in splendour, in base, of the second; a bordure, indented, also of the second, charged with three crescents, of the first, for difference.

*Crest*—A demi-lion, rampant, gu., armed and langued, az., holding in his dexter paw a mullet, also gu.

*Motto*—Audaciter.

*Seat*—Levenfield House, co. Dumbarton.

#### ORR-EWING OF BALLIKINRAIN.

Orr-Ewing, Archibald, Esq. of Ballikinrain, co. Stirling, and Lennoxbank, co. Dumbarton, M.P. for the co. of Dumbarton, D.L. for co. Stirling, and J.P. for cos. Dumbarton, Stirling, and Lanark; *b.* 4 Jan. 1819; *m.* 27 April, 1847, Elizabeth-Lindsay, only dau. of James Reid, Esq. of Berridale, co. Dumbarton, and Caldercruix, Co. Lanark, and has issue,

- I. William, *b.* 14 Feb 1848.
  - II. Archibald-Ernest, *b.* 22 Feb. 1853.
  - III. James-Alexander, *b.* 22 Feb. 1857.
  - IV. John, *b.* 29 March 1839.
  - V. Charles-Lindsay, *b.* 8 Sept. 1850
- I. Janet-Edith. II. Elizabeth-Constance-Lindsay.

**Lineage**.—See Orr-Ewing of *Levenfield*.

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*Motto*—Audaciter.

*Seat*—Ballikinrain, Stirling; Lennoxbank, Dumbarton.

#### **Making a Difference**

If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito.

Namibian Proverb

## ***A Chief for Clan Ewen?***

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

There has been no official chief of Clan Ewen<sup>1</sup> for many generations. The last formally acknowledged chief of Clan Ewen of Otter, Swene McEwen, died in 1493. Thor Ewing has made a plausible case that the chiefship was reestablished something less than a hundred years later when William Ewing of Ladytoun was granted arms by Mary Queen of Scots, and led his clansmen in her forces at the Battle of Langside in 1568 against the Earl of Lennox, who had been their feudal lord.<sup>2</sup> The details of the genealogy of the descendants of William Ewing of Ladytoun are not known, but at least two American Ewing families have traditions that they were descended from Ewings who had coats of arms very similar to those granted to William Ewing of Ladytoun. Many of you will have received a message that Thor Ewing sent January 17<sup>th</sup> to our Google Group's *EFA* discussion list<sup>3</sup> announcing that the Lord Lyon in Scotland is organizing a Family Convention<sup>4</sup> to determine whether the chiefship of Clan Ewen should now be reestablished and perhaps to appoint a chief. Thor has set up a separate Google Group discussion list to facilitate the discussion of this issue.<sup>5</sup>

Some of you have followed the discussion on the new list, which has become spirited and is beginning to get lengthy. I had thought to publish the whole discussion thread in this issue, but it has become too long for that. Instead, I have selected a few messages that speak about the main points of contention.<sup>6</sup> John McEwen is the current Chairman of the Clan Ewen Society. Thor Ewing is a member of both the *EFA* and the Clan Ewen Society, of which he is webmaster. And of course I am David Neal Ewing, Chancellor of the *EFA*. You may also be interested to read my posting on the implications of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project on these questions, which is reprinted in this issue of the *Journal* as a Y-DNA Article (see page 15).

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<sup>1</sup> 'Ewen' is just one of many ways to write in English the Celtic name that is usually transcribed as *Eoghain*. The prefix Mac- or Mc- signifies 'son of' so, for example, the members of Clan Donald are often named McDonald. When our ancestors began speaking Scots and other dialects of English, many of them dropped the prefix, and the root name came to be spelled in dozens of ways – mainly as Ewin, Ewen, Ewan and Ewing, or any of these with a terminal 's' added, but also many others. For a partial list of these, see [www.clanewen.org/variants](http://www.clanewen.org/variants). The spelling Ewing may have developed because of a regional difference in pronunciation, but I am inclined to think rather that the 'g' was added because Anglo-Saxon patronymics end in –ing. If you want to read more about these matters, have a look in the Reading Room of our web site at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Document\\_BritishSurnames.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Document_BritishSurnames.html).

<sup>2</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing\\_Thor/Ewing\\_Thor\\_WhoWere.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing_Thor/Ewing_Thor_WhoWere.html) and [www.clanewen.org/histories](http://www.clanewen.org/histories).

<sup>3</sup> Anyone may post a message to our *EFA* list by sending EMail to [EwingFamilyAssociation at googlegroups dot com](mailto:EwingFamilyAssociation@googlegroups.com). If you would like to join the EMail list and receive messages of this kind, send a request for an invitation to Martin Ewing at [M.Ewing at snet dot net](mailto:M.Ewing@snet.net).

<sup>4</sup> You can read the Lord Lyon's *Guidance as regards the holding of a Derbhfine or Family Convention* at [www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html](http://www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html).

<sup>5</sup> If you would like to subscribe to this Clan Ewen list, send an email to [clanewen+subscribe at googlegroups dot com](mailto:clanewen+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

<sup>6</sup> You can read all of the messages that have been posted to this list at [groups.google.com/group/clanewen?hl=en&pli=1](http://groups.google.com/group/clanewen?hl=en&pli=1).

Please also refer to my Chancellor's Message in this issue (page 49), where I ask whether the *EFA* should take a position on this and whether we should send a delegation to the Family Convention in Scotland to participate in the proceedings. Time is of the essence, so please post any thoughts you may have about this on the *EFA* discussion list. Please be clear that there are two lists – the *EFA* discussion list ([groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)) is the proper place to discuss whether the *EFA* should take a position and what this should be, and the Clan Ewen discussion list ([groups.google.com/group/ClanEwen](https://groups.google.com/group/ClanEwen)) is the proper place to discuss your ideas about whether a chief should be chosen and how.

### **January 17, 2011 – From Thor Ewing (*Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*)**

Currently, Clan Ewen is classed as an 'armigerous clan' - that is, as a clan without a chief.

The Lord Lyon is now organizing a Family Convention at which prominent clansfolk will have the opportunity to discuss the issue of Chiefship in Clan Ewen. This could lead to the appointment of a new clan chief; if a decision on a new chief is reached, it will stand for all future generations.

Obviously, it's impossible for everyone to meet in the flesh to discuss this question, but nonetheless many clansfolk have their own views, and this forum is the place to make them heard.

So, would our clan be better off with a chief or not?

Modern MacEwens, MacEwans, McEwens, McEwans, McEwings, Ewens, Ewans, Ewings and other variants of the name probably originate in at least three separate historical clans. What is more, there are two separate armigerous traditions within these families, one associated with the surname 'Ewing' and another with surnames beginning with the prefix 'Mac-' or 'Mc-' (and it's possible that one tradition is linked with Clan Ewen of Otter, and the other with a separate MacEwen clan). So, should there be more than one chief? If so, should the new chiefships reflect: - the different clan origins of the modern names? - the different modern surnames? - the different armigerous traditions of the clan?

And of course, if we are to have a chief or chiefs, how do we decide who it's to be?

Don't put your answers on a postcard. Post them at [groups.google.com/group/ClanEwen](https://groups.google.com/group/ClanEwen).

### **January 18, 2011 – From John McEwen (*JRHMcEwen at btinternet dot com*)**

Thank you to Thor for setting up this group.

As Chairman of the Clan Ewen Society I should first of all point out that the Society decided, as long ago as 1995, that the Clan should seek to elect a Chief. That was when the Chiefship fund etc was set up, not to discuss the matter further but to put in motion the mechanism which would lead to our Clan joining those Clans represented at the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

There had indeed been talk of our finding a Chief since at least the 1950s but when it came to our notice, in 1994, that the MacLachlans were advertising for members of their society, and implying that the McEwens could join as we were merely a sept of the MacLachlans, and we were powerless to prevent this untruth being disseminated – because we had no Chief – the then Chairman of the Society, Lt. Col. Alan Ewing, began to make the strenuous efforts required for the election of a new Chief.

Those efforts are now, at last, bearing fruit in the form of this Family Convention which the Lord Lyon is currently working out how to organise. The purpose of this convention is to make the first moves toward electing a Chief. The Lord Lyon is the final arbiter, the provider of legitimacy.

We are indeed a 'scattered Clan'; the Chiefly line is indeed lost; we do perhaps have many and various historical origins. These are all considerations, one might well argue, which stand in support of our quest for a Chief. No one will deny that Clan Ewen is an important Clan and, if the Clan system has meaning (surely it does), then our Clan should have a voice and the best way, the only way, to be a Clan which is able to make a contribution to the general good and to look after all those who feel they belong to it, is to be a clan with a Chief.

The Clans are a vital presence in the life of modern Scotland and the Scottish diaspora; and they are set to be yet more vital in the future. Our Clan must play its part. Despite our possibly various origins, we do seem to have a distinct identity, with far more than our share of, for example, musicians, doctors, historians, politicians. (All four of those professions might be thought to derive from our traditional role as bards.) We are distinct, we cannot help it, and our unique voice should be heard in such an increasingly important forum as The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

Of course, the past is important and the Clan Society will never lose sight of its task to facilitate investigations into Clan Ewen ancestry etc, but it must be remembered that ...

#### THE PRESENT IS THE PAST OF THE FUTURE!

This is our opportunity to provide future McEwens, Ewings, Ewens, Qns etc with a landmark in history. This could be the year when this ancient, diverse, scattered, vast Clan comes together, bonds, puts aside any differences, unites and gives a sense of belonging and legitimate pride to any Clansfolk who want them, whether in Winnipeg, Wyoming or New South Wales, now, in the 22<sup>nd</sup> century or in the centuries to come.

This is a serious matter but it is also, after all, a matter of romance. The pride one feels in one's family, one's name, one's Clan, should be a force for good and a pretext for good fellowship. Nothing bad can come from our finding ourselves a Chief. We will lose nothing and gain much.

The possibility that many of us who belong to the Clan Ewen Society originate from different strands gives extra impetus to the quest: with a Chief, those strands will be entwined, be more than the sum of their parts.

Does anyone really believe that those Clans which already have Chiefs comprise Clansfolk with unvarious historical origins? Of course not! How much did luck, opportunism, bad spelling, muddle, compromise, adultery, dishonesty contribute to that particular MacDonald marching up the Royal Mile so proudly behind his MacDonald banner? No one will ever know – but he has every right to feel his pride as a MacDonald and as a Scotsman. Our fascinating and complicated history will continue to fascinate but should not stand in the way of our giving all our Clansfolk the opportunity to belong to a top-rank, Chiefly, Clan.

My own position in this is slightly awkward in that my branch of the Clan, the McEwens of Marchmont and Bardrochat, has been mentioned as Chiefly in spirit for a number of years, and Lt. Col. Ewing first got me involved with the Society with the Chiefship in mind. Because of this, I tried to avoid too-close involvement with the Society but, when the question of disunity became so apparent that there were two

McEwen tents at the Gathering in 2009, I decided to put myself forward as Chairman in order to try to help to bring peace to the situation.

So, when this Family Convention occurs, it is possible that I shall be a candidate for the Chiefship. However, I do believe that I am being honest when I say that the arguments I have put forward, as Chairman of the Society, in favour of our electing a Chief, would be identical were I not a candidate.

No one, not even the Lord Lyon, knows quite what to expect of this Family Convention and there is as yet no indication of when it might occur. But, please, do lend it your support, even in theory, and accept the fact that a Chief (even a complete nobody!) will confer great benefits on all Clansfolk, now and in years to come, here in Scotland, as elsewhere. The election of a Chief will also be the best illustration yet of the truth of our motto, generally translated as "We Shall Rise Again!"

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### **January 28, 2011 – From Thor Ewing (*Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*)**

In my previous posts on the subject of chiefship, whilst I haven't tried to hide my own beliefs, I have concentrated on setting out what I see as the facts of the case. In brief, I have pointed out that we are descended from several unrelated historical clans, and that the two separate armigerous traditions suggest that there are at least two clans sharing the name of Clan Ewen even today. If you want to learn more about the historical Clans Ewen, I have now posted an article online which is to be published in the much-delayed Clan Ewen Society Bulletin: [thorewing.net/clans/ewen/clan-or-clans](http://thorewing.net/clans/ewen/clan-or-clans).

This post is a more personal statement.

My main concern is not whether there's a new chief or not, but what the new chiefship represents. I'm a fan of the clans not because they give us chiefs and tartans, but because they are a living embodiment of our family roots.

The clan is a part of who we are. It's not something we have much choice about. You never have to join your own clan because you're already a member, even though many people think that joining the clan society is joining the clan. As a descendant of the clan, you're in it whether you know it or not unless you repudiate your links. As we look back into our families' pasts, there it is growing stronger the further back we go. It's written into our very names. Accepting your clan identity is a matter of owning up to who you are.

As a Ewing, I know I'm descended from Clan Ewen of Lennox. There is no room for reasonable doubt on this, but it happens that Ewing is the only surname derived from MacEwen which can confidently be traced to a single clan. Other surnames, including Ewan, Ewen, McEwan, McEwen, MacEwen, MacEwan and so on, might sometimes originate in the same historical clan as my family. Just as often though, these names will have their roots in Clan Ewen of Galloway, or in the Clan Ewen that split from the Camerons, or perhaps in some other yet-unidentified MacEwen clan.

Each of these clans has its own unique and distinctive history. They are not interchangeable. Neither are they 'all one clan really'.

We have recently heard a proposal that all these clans should be united under a single chief with a single motto. This would do away with the real clans that gave us birth, and replace them with a new super-clan.

I'm aware that many MacEwens might not know which clan they come from, and for these people there might be some appeal in lumping us all together as if we were one clan. Over the coming years, as Y-DNA tests yield more data this will steadily become less of a problem, since our clans are written in our Y-DNA just as surely as they are in our names. This is something we can all help with, especially if you know what part of rural Scotland your ancestors originated in (please contact David Neal Ewing to learn more and find out whether you might want to take part).

Some of us have grown up believing that we are all descended from a single clan, and I realise that there's a certain sentimental attachment to the myth that we are all the scattered remnants of Clan Ewen of Otter. Without doubt, some of us are descended from that clan, since at least one of the later MacEwen clans was established by the clansfolk when they left their old lands in Cowal for a new home. But elsewhere there was already a MacEwen clan even before the time of Ewen of Otter, while many MacEwens might be descended from a breakaway branch of Clan Cameron.

I do know my clan, and I'm slowly piecing together the story of my ancestors. Our lot were Covenanters with a history of fighting for what we believed in even when it meant fighting against the king. I'm proud of my heritage. It might be your heritage too, but other MacEwen clans will have had very different histories. Some of you might have had ancestors fighting against us; some of you will have been Jacobites. If that's your story, it's one to be proud of too. But to mix these histories together undermines the very thing that gives them meaning, the very thing that gives meaning to the clan.

I don't want to swap my ancestral clan with its roots in the 1300s, for a manufactured confection founded in 2011. If I have a chief, I want to know he's from my clan – but I'd never expect him to claim rights over anyone else's clan. My clan has its own individual motto, AUDACITER; it's been around for the best part of 500 years and I don't want it changed for a new blended variety. When you discover your own clan, I'm fairly sure you'll feel just the same.

You might be part of a clan society which is open to everyone who shares your surname, no matter what your ancestral origins or affiliations. That's as it should be, but the clan is different. The clan society is not the clan, but a bunch of people who are interested in the clan or clans.

You're also in a clan, and that's a very different animal. Unlike the clan society, you've been a member since the moment you were born. The wonder of the clan itself is that it takes us back through our fathers and our fathers' fathers to a common point in the past which we share with our fellow clansfolk. The clans to which our ancestors belonged give us our surnames to this day. But when two unrelated clans give rise to the same surname it does not follow that their descendants belong to the same clan. To pretend otherwise is disrespectful to the memory of your ancestors and mine.

To redefine the clan along the lines of a clan society would make it no more than a club for people with similar names. We have one of those already in the clan society.

As I have written in the Introduction to *New Notes on Clan Ewen*,<sup>7</sup> "if we feel pride in our past, it is because it is our ancestors who have made us what we are – let it be a pride in our real ancestors! To falsify the story of our ancestry is to be dishonest about who we are ourselves. To acknowledge the true story of our ancestors is perhaps the greatest service we can do them."

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<sup>7</sup> Ewing, Thor. *New Notes on Clan Ewen*, The Clan Ewen Society, 2009. [www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes](http://www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes)

That's why I see any attempt to gain overlordship of the entire name as a hostile takeover bid, and I will oppose it no matter who it comes from.

New clans for old? No thank you!

**January 28, 2011 – From David Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

...The *EFA* is an organization very like the Clan Ewen Association. The first two sentences of the *EFA* web site home page are:

*Ewing Family Association* is dedicated to fostering and facilitating the development and dissemination of accurate, verified and well-documented histories and genealogies of Ewing families around the world.

We welcome the participation of families with variant spellings of the name, including Ewen, Ewan, Ewin, McEwan, McEwen and many others.

The Clan Ewen Society and the *EFA* are basically surname interest groups, and I believe they have a very important role to play, but they are not Clans. I agree with Thor Ewing that it would be a mistake to try [to] turn either of them into a Clan wholesale, because doing this would require ignoring what we know about the history of several distinct family groups that were never members of the same Clan, notwithstanding that they have surnames that are basically orthographic variants of one another.

This does not mean that I accept all of Thor's ideas. I believe that his evidence and arguments are very convincing that William Ewing of Ladytoun, who was awarded arms sometime in the mid 16<sup>th</sup> century by Mary Queen of Scots (let us call these the 'Audaciter' arms), and his close kin are the ancestors of many present-day Ewings in the Scottish Lowlands and especially in Ulster and America. Y-DNA data, recurrence of similar arms in several different family traditions and oral traditions among several emigrant lines strongly support this. We do not presently have documented genealogical proof of this connection earlier than the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, but we are not satisfied that it will be impossible to develop this. I am also persuaded that William Ewing of Ladytoun had at least the status of a Clan Chief, because otherwise it would be hard to explain how he could have led his clansmen in battle against their feudal lord.

Thor is convinced that this family descended from remnants of Clan Ewen of Otter. There is a fair amount of circumstantial evidence that this could be so, and though I once followed E.W.R. Ewing in doubting it, I am now inclined to believe it. But I think even Thor would agree that the evidence for this is not as strong as the evidence of continuity from William Ewing of Ladytoun to a large fraction of modern-day Ewings. (One problem for this theory is explaining why the Y-DNA signature of this family is in the haplogroup characterized by R:M222+, which is strongly associated with NW Ireland and the Scottish Lowlands, and not with Argyll or the rest of the Highlands. Perhaps Thor would suggest that this is because Anradan's descendants are supposed to have come to Argyll from Ireland – but it would take us too far afield from the matter at hand to discuss this in depth here.) Further, even if it is true that some remnants of Clan Ewen of Otter settled in Lennox and became Ewings, this doesn't mean that there could not have been other remnants of Clan Ewen of Otter that ended up elsewhere in Scotland and established branches with surviving modern-day descendants.

Finally, though this is not material to the present discussion, I think Thor believes that Clan Ewen of Otter is in fact a part of the Anradan kindred, and therefore blood kin of their neighbors the Lamonts and the MacLaughlins who all had lands on the Cowal Peninsula along the eastern shore of Loch Fyne in

Argyll. As Thor well knows, I do not believe this. I have never seen credible evidence, but neither do I have anything like proof that it is not so. And I am doubtful that we will ever have a definitive answer to the question. Where the MacEwens were before Castle McEwen on Loch Fyne, I do not know. I have never raised this possibility before and do not know that anyone has, but if the Y-DNA characteristic of a majority of the Ewings in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project really did come from McEwens of Otter, an argument could be made that the folks who built Castle McEwen had gone there from the Lowlands. Goodness knows there was trouble enough in the Lowlands for long enough prior to the time Castle McEwen was built to make any sensible family want to get far away and build a fort. Of course, that is true of practically any place on planet Earth and certainly every place in Britain.

My opinion is that most of the arguments I am hearing to have 'one Clan Ewen' are really arguments for having a surname interest group. I made the very same arguments before we changed the name of *Clan Ewing in America* to the *Ewing Family Association*. Indeed, I would like very much for our two organizations to become more closely allied and integrated. In spite of our best efforts, both of our organizations are a little parochial. We recognize that we have kinsmen all over the world and we would cherish their participation and fellowship, but up to now each of us has only token participation from other countries...

#### **January 30, 2011 – From John McEwen (*JRHMcEwen at btinternet dot com*)**

Greetings everyone...

Here are a few words to stick up for the proposal that we find ourselves a single Chief.

I do not think that this proposal shows disrespect to our ancestors and I am not sure why it might even be thought to do so. No one's history would be rubbed from the record; on the contrary, as this discussion demonstrates, the more we come together to consider these matters, the more information is shared, the more we all learn, the more respect is shown.

At the same time, there are of course McEwens, Ewings etc who will have no chance of discovering who their ancestors were. Must they be excluded from membership of a Clan because their Clan has various origins and they will never know which origin is theirs? Do women get to play a proper part when the emphasis is so much on [Y-DNA]? And what about the adopted and the illegitimate and so on. Can they not participate?

Of course a Clan is, indeed, as Thor Ewing writes, "a living embodiment of our family roots" but The Gathering in 2009 showed that it is a lot more than that as well. The Clan network is proving an ever-increasingly important presence in the life of Scotland and the Scottish diaspora, and folk rightly want to get involved. Our Clansfolk will not be able to play their full part in the contribution that the Clans are set to make unless we provide ourselves with the strong unified identity which would come from appointing a single Chief.

The notion that we should be thought of as several different Clans is disputed by the very language that we are using. Even the title of Thor's booklet, *New Notes on Clan Ewen*,<sup>8</sup> would suggest to the passing reader that a single Clan was the subject under discussion; and so I believe it is. Yes, we are distinct,

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

have various origins etc. So does every other Clan! Differences have been put aside, a new beginning made, history respected, recharged, renewed ...

When Thor and I marched shoulder-to-shoulder up the Royal Mile in 2009 in the Clan Parade, we marched behind a banner proclaiming MACEWAN. Thor is a Ewing, I am a McEwen but we were happy to represent all those whose surnames might roughly resemble ours, to represent, indeed, our Clan.

All those watching (including the millions who might have glimpsed us on Neil Oliver's TV show, *The History of Scotland*) and all those participating (I thought) were happy to consider us, and our fellow marchers, as representatives of a single Clan. Thor and I both carried flags, announcing to the world the existence of separate heraldic traditions within a single Clan, and, with the folk from the other MacEwan tent sulking elsewhere, it was a joyous occasion and an occasion which felt *authentic*.

As far as I was concerned, this was the moment when our Clan took its rightful place at the table, and now we just need to make our status official. The Clan Parade was not called the Clan Society Parade, it was nothing to do with Clan societies. We marched together because we belonged together, Ewings and McEwens and all the other spellings, we marched together because, unlike the MacDuffs and Mackenzies in front and the MacFees behind, we were the MacEwans, the Clan Ewen, a distinct and proud band of brothers and sisters, a Clan.

I honestly cannot see why the appointment of a single Chief would threaten in any way the growing awareness we have of our origins. As was so plain to me that evening in July 2009, we belong together.

And I can only hope that the Family Convention leads to some official recognition of that. Of course, there might be a call for some imaginative solutions to matters of heraldry etc but what we do not want, surely, is for all this trouble to be taken and then nothing happen at all, no change in the *status quo*, no enhanced prestige for Clansfolk everywhere. Surely no one wants that!

Let us, indeed, rise boldly once more!

### **January 30, 2011 – From David Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

I am very concerned that the usefulness of Y-DNA studies in raising and answering questions regarding our family histories not be exaggerated or misunderstood.

John McEwen's articulate message from earlier this morning raises these questions:

"Do women get to play a proper part when the emphasis is so much on Y-DNA? And what about the adopted and the illegitimate and so on. Can they not participate?"

Please recall what I said in my January 19<sup>th</sup> posting:

"Please be clear that I do not mean to suggest that the Chiefship should be decided on the basis of Y-DNA evidence, or even on conventional genealogic evidence ..."

And in my January 25<sup>th</sup> posting:

"Genetic testing certainly must not be used as a litmus test for who is properly qualified to be a member of the Clan or its chief, but it can give us a very much richer understanding of the roots of and relationships among the many families that bear variants of the surname Ewen."

By no means should there be any undue 'emphasis' on Y-DNA studies, or on genealogy, or on family traditions, or on heraldry, or on history, or on any of the numerous threads of evidence that we have

available to us. Nor should there be undue emphasis on the emotional feelings of connection that John speaks about when he says such things as, "... it was a joyous occasion and an occasion which felt *authentic*." Rather, any levelheaded, fair-minded approach to the matter under discussion should consider all of these, evidence and feeling, knowledge and wish, and then make a decision about how to proceed.

My understanding is that Clan membership can come about automatically by heredity or by choice when a person declares allegiance to the Clan, and that once one is a member of a Clan, he or she can cease to be a member only by formally renouncing allegiance to the Clan. All clans include individuals and families who are not genetically related in the paternal line. All clans have as many women as men. This has been so since the first clans were established and no one is arguing that this should be changed.

The present state of Y-DNA studies is that we know there is a large group of Ewings (and Ewins) who have a common ancestor in the paternal line, who lived something like 500 years ago, and we do not have enough evidence to determine whether or how many other groups like this exist among families with orthographically similar surnames or what their relationships might be to the related Ewings or to one another. Plainly, this evidence is inadequate to base any decisions about Clan Ewen upon. What would be interesting is to have enough Scottish McEwen's [Y-DNA] tested to determine whether there are similar groupings among them and whether any of these appear to be genetically related to the large group of related Ewings.

Consider that most (but certainly not all) of the McEwens of Otter were probably genetically related. It is possible that when the Clan was broken they were disbursed and established themselves in several branches in various places in Scotland and lost touch with one another. If so, we would expect in principle to be able to find groups of genetically related individuals with roots in each of these places, and perhaps even be able to calculate a time depth for how long ago the branches separated. The fact that each of the groups would certainly now also have members who are not genetically related in the paternal line would make identifying the 'signal' a little more difficult and would require that we test a larger number of individuals, but would not make it impossible. If the time depth of separation as calculated on the basis of genetic distance happened to agree with the time we know that the Clan was broken, then we would have something approaching 'proof' that each of these groups were descended from Clan Ewen of Otter. Further, if they did not appear to be related to the large group of related Ewings, this would raise serious doubts that the Ewings came from Otter. There are dozens of other possible scenarios, but I just want to make the point that it is possible to learn interesting things about family history from Y-DNA testing that in no [ways] exclude anybody from membership in whatever Clan they choose to identify with.

### **Problems/Solutions**

If a problem has no solution, it may not be a problem, but a fact - not to be solved, but to be coped with over time.

Shimon Peres, Head of the Israeli Labor Party and Nobel Laureate

## ***Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Status Report***

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

*The following is a message I posted to the Clan Ewen Google Group's list on January 25, 2011.*

I believe that evidence from genetic genealogy could be a useful adjunct to considerations about the composition of Clan Ewen and perhaps even about who should become chief. Genetic testing certainly must not be used as a litmus test for who is properly qualified to be a member of the Clan or its chief, but it can give us a very much richer understanding of the roots of and relationships among the many families that bear variants of the surname Ewen.

There are many popular misconceptions about genetic testing, including some ill-founded fears about how the results of such tests might be misused, but adequate consideration of these would require much longer discussion than is possible in a short message. Detailed understanding of the methods and implications of testing in genetic genealogy requires learning a fair amount of technical scientific information, but obviously discussing that cannot take place in a brief forum, and in any case is not necessary to understand what I am suggesting here. Much discussion of these and other matters, as well as the results of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (the Project) are available on our web site, the home page of which can be found at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html).

The Project was begun in October 2004. As of today, we have enrolled a total of 135 participants. Four of these are women, who have been tested for mitochondrial DNA. Women do not have Y-DNA, which is passed strictly from father to son, so our results on them do not give any information about their paternal lines. We also have two men we know not to have Ewings in their paternal lines (my wife's brother and a cousin in my maternal line, who I added to the Project for my own interest and amusement). This leaves 129 participants in the Y-DNA portion of the Project. Four of these have unrelated surnames (Hodges, Young, Scott and Smith) but are known or suspected to have Ewing ancestors in the strict paternal line and received their non-Ewing surnames because of adoptions, etc. This leaves:

- 114 men named Ewing
- 4 men named Ewin
- 2 men named Ewan
- 1 man named Ewen
- 1 man named McEwan
- 1 man named McEwen
- 1 man named McEwin
- 1 man named Eunson

As must be plain to anyone with remotely scientific sensibilities, we have too small a sample for any of the spellings on this list except Ewing to make any generalizations about relatedness. That said, two of the Ewins are second cousins once removed of one another and are plainly related to the large group of related Ewings I will speak about below. The other two Ewins are third cousins of one another and sixth cousins of a man named Ewing, but these three are not genetically related to anyone else in the Project (group 5a). As it happens, the earliest known ancestors of all four of our Ewins were named Ewing, and they know when the spelling of the name was changed from Ewing to Ewin.

One of the Ewan men closely matches one Ewing man (group 5b), but they are not genetically related at all to anyone else in the Project. None of the others is genetically related to anyone else in the Project.

The situation is quite different for the men that spell their names Ewing. The genetic results suggest that two thirds of them have a common ancestor who lived four or five hundred years ago (groups 1 and 2). Another group of seven men (4a) appear to have a different common ancestor at a comparable time depth, and three of them are known to be descended from an ancestor born in 1730. Another group of three men (4b) appear to be related to one another but not to others in the Project, with the possible but doubtful exception of a man named McEwen. A pair of sixth cousins and a known relative for whom I do not have a lineage and a pair of second cousins once removed constitute two more groups (4c and 3a, respectively) genetically unrelated to the others, and four men who are fifth cousins at various removes and a known relative for whom I do not have a lineage constitute another unrelated group (4d). Finally, an uncle/nephew pair and a third man whose conventional genealogic connection to them is not known constitute yet another group (3b) unrelated to the others, but they appear to be closely related to a McLaughlin family with origins in Donegal. If I have counted right and have not left anyone out, this means that we have found eight unrelated Ewing families represented by two or more participants in our Project and nine individual Ewings (in groups 4\* and 5\*) who are not genetically related to one another or to anyone else in the Project.

Let me tell you a little story to help you understand why I think this exercise is interesting and important. The Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing (1908-1995) had the idea that many, if not most, American Ewings were descended from one William Ewing of Stirling, Scotland. In the early 1990s he and others organized *Clan Ewing in America*, which was originally intended to be an organization for just members of that family line. He put together a set of huge paper charts purporting to show the genealogical connection of the Ewing lines represented among members of the organization. At that time perhaps the most preeminent American Ewing genealogist was a woman named Margaret Ewing Fife, whose book *Ewings in Early America*<sup>1</sup> set a high standard in the field. Neither Rev. Ewing nor Mrs. Fife thought that her Ewing line was related to the line Rev. Ewing was interested in, and he initially opposed her membership in the organization. Finally the criteria for membership were relaxed so that she could become a member and she eventually became the second Chancellor of *Clan Ewing in America* in 1995 when Rev. Ewing died. By the time we started the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, conventional genealogists had already called some of Rev. Ewing's assumptions and conclusions into question. As so often happens in genealogy, his wish for a good story had outweighed the evidence.

Once we had analyzed enough Y-DNA samples from our participants to check Rev. Ellsworth's claims about the relationships between family lines, we found that there were quite a number of mistakes and that he had included some Ewing families in his charts that were plainly not genetically related to the others. We also found that though he was mistaken about the particulars, it turns out that a very large fraction of American Ewings are in fact descended from a common ancestor of the approximate vintage of the semi-legendary 'William Ewing of Stirling' that he thought to be the patriarch of the Clan. We also learned that there is quite a lot of genetic diversity among the Ewings we tested. And to our surprise (and I must say, to my delight) we also discovered that Mrs. Fife and Rev. Ewing were mistaken and

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<sup>1</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

that they are in fact genetically related (remember, we cannot get this information from testing a woman because women do not have Y-DNA, so we learned this by testing a couple of Mrs. Fife's male cousins). Have a look at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group4dRelationshipDiagram2.pdf](https://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group4dRelationshipDiagram2.pdf).

In part, these discoveries led us to explicitly change our focus to include all Ewing families regardless of genetic relatedness and all Ewen families in any of its spelling variants and to seek participation from Ewens around the world. As a part of the shift in focus, we also changed the name of *Clan Ewing in America* to the *Ewing Family Association*.

So whatever does this have to do with Clan Ewen in Scotland? The large majority of the participants in our Project are American. Maybe only half of these can trace their conventional genealogy to their immigrant ancestors, and most of these hit the inevitable genealogical brick wall in Ulster. We do have three or four British participants, a couple of Canadians, one New Zealander and some Americans who are relatively recent immigrants from Scotland, and we have a few American lines with well documented lines back to Scotland, but none of these have well documented conventional genealogies back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. If you want to read a little more about some of these, have a look at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_Articles/DNA\\_Articles/101601\\_Ewing\\_David.pdf](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_Articles/DNA_Articles/101601_Ewing_David.pdf). Our data presently have nothing to say about the relationship between any of our Ewings and the MacEwans of Scotland. And I suspect that the MacEwans of Scotland know little about the genetic relationship among their various lines. We could start to say something interesting about this if we had twenty or thirty well-chosen samples from Scots with related surnames.

Of course, nothing important depends on this. Our names are our names and each of us is due equal respect. It is preposterous to speak of 'real' or 'original' or 'genuine' Ewens, whether on the basis of genetic data or otherwise. But wouldn't it be interesting to know the results of this kind of survey in Scotland? Might it be possible to identify genetic signatures specific to the various lines Thor Ewing documents in his *New Notes on Clan Ewen*?<sup>2</sup> Would it not be fascinating to identify actual genetic cousins 'across the pond'?

Perhaps I should say that I had at one time pretty well convinced myself that though there once existed a Clan Ewen of Otter, it had nothing to do with modern-day Ewings. I thought probably that the logic of E. W. R. Ewing in his *Clan Ewing of Scotland* was correct.<sup>3</sup> He thought that Ewing originated among Brythonic Celts in the lowlands and had nothing to do with the highland MacEwans. Indeed, I made a big effort to apply genetic genealogy to answering that question, which you can read about at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing\\_Y-DNA\\_Article11.pdf](https://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing_Y-DNA_Article11.pdf), but the results of that were inconclusive because of a shortage of Y-DNA data on living Scots, and Thor Ewing's recent arguments have persuaded me to think again about this. It would inform my thinking and our discussion if we could gather some of this data.

Please educate yourself about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Our web site is well organized and comprehensive. You can find Results Tables, Relationship Diagrams, Network Diagrams, and a host of background information and explanatory material. My recommendation is to start with the home page, at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html), and after reading that, to open

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<sup>2</sup> Ewing, Thor. *New Notes on Clan Ewen*, The Clan Ewen Society, 2009. [www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes](http://www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes)

<sup>3</sup> Ewing, Elbert William R. *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Corben Publishing Co., Ballston, Virginia, 1922. Available for purchase from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.ClanEwing.org/books/EwingEWR/index\\_ewr.htm](http://www.ClanEwing.org/books/EwingEWR/index_ewr.htm).

the *Results Directory* by clicking the link at the top right of the page. There, you might wish to start with *Results Introduction* at the very top of the list of links. Or you might prefer to begin reading through my series of Y-DNA Articles, for which you can find links under *Resources* toward the bottom of the list. The earlier articles are a kind of primer on the logic and science of Y-DNA testing for genealogical applications. You also might find the articles by John McEwan or John McLaughlin about Clan origins interesting. More materials are available through the web site of the *Ewing Family Association* at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org), including numerous complete books on Ewing genealogy that are electronically searchable and have links to a wealth of information. The *EFA* makes all of this information available for free to the general public. If you would like to help support this effort, we would welcome you to join us. You can learn about that at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index\\_Membership.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index_Membership.html).

And most of all, if you would like to sponsor a male MacEwan relative for Y-DNA testing, please visit [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA\\_ToJoin.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA_ToJoin.html).

### **A Puzzlement**

There are times I almost think  
 I am not sure of what I absolutely know.  
 Very often find confusion  
 In conclusion I concluded long ago  
 In my head are many facts  
 That, as a student, I have studied to procure,  
 In my head are many facts...  
 Of which I wish I was more certain I was sure!

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There are times I almost think  
 Nobody sure of what he absolutely know.  
 Everybody find confusion  
 In conclusion he concluded long ago  
 And it puzzle me to learn  
 That tho' a man may be in doubt of what he know,  
 Very quickly he will fight...  
 He'll fight to prove that what he does not know is so!

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*The King and I*  
 Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

## **2010 Gathering Tidbits**

**William E. Riddle** (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

In mid-August 2010, facing general surgery at my local trauma center to attend to a life-threatening medical problem, I had to relinquish leadership of the 2010 Gathering in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. David Neal Ewing was able to get the commitments needed to 'pull off' the gathering. Barb McGuinness and the organizing committee – J. David Ewing, Virginia Okie and Eric Ewing – stepped up to the challenge, with J. David taking the lead.

By all accounts – several reported in the immediately previous issue of this *Journal* – the gathering was a spectacular success which allowed many people to make new connections, enjoy relaxing times with friends and cousins, and explore the southwestern Pennsylvania area important to their heritage.

This article provides some detailed information about the gathering.

## **A Trip to America**

**Thor Ewing** (*Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*)

Three hundred years ago, having left Scotland only a generation before, the first Ewing emigrants were leaving Ireland for America. Perhaps they were looking for religious freedom, or were disillusioned with the king for who they had once fought. Perhaps some of them were just looking for new opportunities in a New World.

Thanks to the marvels of modern genetic science, I now know that some of these emigrants – most of them indeed – were my relations. Were there tearful scenes I wonder, as my ancestors said farewell to loved ones they would never see again? What were the choices, what were the motives that led some to leave and some to stay behind?

The journey alone would have lasted more than two months. By cart or coach to the docks, and then aboard the ship that would be their home for the length of the voyage. More than their home: Its thin wooden walls were all that stood between them and a watery grave; as it moved in the water it would have seemed almost to be alive. Small wonder that the name of one of those ships, The Eagle Wing, should enter Ewing mythology as the origin of the Ewing name itself (how many of us have been addressed as Mr. or Mrs. E. Wing, I wonder?).

Once in the new land, opportunities did open. Children grew up knowing Scotland and Ireland only through the stories of old men. Generations passed, wars divided our countries. And so for three hundred years we have grown apart. In that time not one of my forebears crossed the Atlantic. And until last year neither had I.

So when the opportunity came to meet up with the descendants of those early American Ewings, I jumped at it. After all, how often do you get the chance to catch up with someone you haven't seen for three centuries?

My own journey begins by car and train to the airport; I have an early flight so I take the night train and sleep (or rather doze) at the airport until checking in for my first flight. By the time I reach my destination I'll have gone through the ritual removal of coats, belts, phones, money, shoes etc. more times than I can comprehend. My journey is to be undertaken in three hops. First stop Dublin (with a quick step outside so I know I've stood on Irish soil again), then to New York and on to Pittsburgh.

The flight across the Atlantic is long and tedious, but touching down in New York is a revelation. I'm delighted with the way of doing things here – such a general air of friendliness that when someone wishes you a nice day, it really seems to mean something. Nonetheless I wasn't intending to stay quite as long as I do, especially not sitting in a plane waiting on the runway hour after weary hour waiting for a storm to pass. When we do take off it's already night time, but flying alongside the thunderstorm is amazing and beautiful. The sky is suddenly illuminated to reveal the clouds stretching like mountain ranges around and beneath us, each flash showing this cloudscape in a completely new perspective.

I'm met in Pittsburgh by Beth Toscos and Jane Weippert, the first of my long-lost American cousins, who ferry me in style to our hotel on the outskirts of Uniontown. In all my journey has lasted 32½ hours, and it's 47½ hours since I last saw a bed! But then that's nothing compared to the eight weeks at sea endured by 18<sup>th</sup> century travelers.

I'd come to Uniontown as a Ewing to talk about Ewings at a gathering of fellow Ewings. I'd been to a few conferences and thought I knew pretty much what to expect. But what I found in Uniontown was unlike any conference I've been to before. Here was a crowd who were united not only by a common interest in all things Ewing, but who shared a family bond. O.K., so some of us might not be proven blood relatives in fact – though it's truly remarkable how many of us are – but it certainly did seem to me that there's a common stream that unites us in our diversity. The upshot was that this gathering felt at least as much like a family reunion as it did like a discussion group.

Indeed there were several people there who I would have been willing to believe were related to me as recently as a couple of generations ago. But, counting in human lifespans, even the three hundred years that divides us is not such a long time. The oldest Ewings gathered in Uniontown last September could have known grandparents or great-grandparents who could themselves have known elderly relatives who were the sons and daughters of those first Ewing settlers in the early eighteenth century.

There's a different perspective on history in America. Our hotel which is as old as 1903, describes itself as 'historic' and presents itself to match the description;. In Britain it would just be old and probably a bit shabby. On my first morning at breakfast I stumble into David and Frankie Ewing, who along with Wally and Jane Ewing take me under their collective wing for the rest of my stay.

Slowly I realise why this remote spot in Pennsylvania has been chosen for the gathering. Down the road is an old inn which was built by one of our family on land bought from George Washington. But that's not all. The road itself was partly built by Ewings, and it's the first American national road (though I'm still not altogether sure what that means).

On Friday we all went to Uniontown to contemplate its Ewing history and rejoice! And here's where that different perspective on history kicks in. We're all gazing at what looks like an unremarkable 18<sup>th</sup> century townhouse built by Nathaniel Ewing, when it suddenly hits me: Out here any 18<sup>th</sup> century house is remarkable in itself. This must have been among the first decent houses in Uniontown. And our boy Nathaniel must have been quite someone to have built it.

Alas, not all the Ewing history of Uniontown has been preserved, and we sometimes found ourselves trying to imagine an old Ewing residence where there was now only a parking lot, but our host J. David Ewing remembered them all from his childhood and was able to help us conjure a vision of what had once been there.

The Courthouse was undeniably impressive. Several Ewings had served as judges here, and their portraits hung on the walls of the old (or should I say 'historic'?) courtroom. But the most impressive artwork here was a huge folk-art carving of the Marquis de Lafayette which used to sit on top of an earlier building. (This is Fayette County, and the Marquis fought here in the Revolutionary War and returned to visit in 1825.)

Next day in the cemetery, J. David introduced us to his relatives from Uniontown of old. In fact, J. David had discovered new relatives among the graves just earlier in the year. There must have been money in Uniontown once, because there were lots of huge urns and obelisks, some of them bearing the Ewing name. I'd never been to an American graveyard before, and was surprised to see it covered with flags, marking every soldier's grave.

As well as our day trips, there were several enjoyable presentations. David Neal Ewing updated us on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, how it has revealed unsuspected family connections going back hundreds of years, and how this research differs from other areas of DNA work by revealing only paternal ancestry and no more. Wally Ewing told us about the life of his relative, Indian John Ewing, who was captured by Indians with his sister Anne in 1795 and lived with them for fifteen years. I was especially pleased because it's very nearly the story of the children's book *Sword of the Wilderness*<sup>1</sup> – my favourite novel when I was ten years old!

For my own talk, I threw away the notes I had prepared on whether the Ewings count as an independent clan and talked instead about what I have discovered about the history of the Ewing family before they left Scotland. It would seem that the Ewing family which now predominates in America once held the chiefship of their clan in Scotland. They were staunch Covenanters, fighting to defend the old Scottish Presbyterian religious settlement against Episcopalianism. Finally in 1685, they joined one rebellion too many and were forced to flee to Ireland. With this sort of background, it's really no surprise to discover that when they arrived in America, they stepped readily into leading positions, just as they had in Uniontown.

On our last day, we went to Washington Rocks where the young George Washington once led an attack on a company of French, which sparked off the French and Indian War. Most people in Britain have never heard of the French and Indian War,<sup>2</sup> but it happens that I had wanted to visit this secluded glen ever since I was thirteen. How strange that my first visit to America should bring me by chance within a couple of miles of the site. While we were in the woods, I idly picked up an acorn and popped it in my pocket. It's in a pot on my windowsill right now. I do hope it will grow.

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<sup>1</sup> Coatsworth, Elizabeth. *Sword of the Wilderness*. Atheneum, 1967.

<sup>2</sup> From Wikipedia: The French and Indian War is the common U.S. name for the war between Great Britain and France in North America from 1754 to 1763. In 1756 the war erupted into the world-wide conflict known as the Seven Years' War and thus came to be regarded as the North American theater of that war.

**Virginia Okie's *Pointerhope******Herald-Standard*, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 26 September 2010****Library Gift****Book looks back at Uniontown family's 1924-to-1939 home**

Frances Borsodi Zajac

*Herald-Standard*

A Florida woman recently presented the Uniontown Public Library with a gift of local history.

Virginia Ewing Hustead Okie of Lake Wales, Fla., on Wednesday gave the library a copy of "Pointerhope," a book she has written about the Uniontown home of her grandparents James Edgar Hustead and Helen Henderson Hustead.

The family lived from 1924 to 1939 in an elegant, three-story home that had been located on Route 40 across the highway from the estate of coal baron J. V. Thompson, which is now the home of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great and known as Mount St. Macrina. Hustead was also in the coal and coke business. Restaurants are now located where the house used to stand.

"The book is more about a way of life in Uniontown. My dad had pictures of the house. He loved the house. His father lost it during the Depression," explained Okie.

Okie's father, James Miller Hustead, grew up in Pointerhope. He married Margaret Loudon Rowe, also from Uniontown, during World War II. Okie's father remained in the military and she spent most of her youth in Oklahoma. She is now retired from working at a power company and her husband, Edward, is a retired newspaper reporter and photographer.

Okie based her book "Pointerhope" on a thesis she wrote as a college student studying interior design at Oklahoma State University. She reprinted the book in 2009 and brought one of the copies to the library where she presented it to Vickie Leonelli, curator of the local history room called the Pennsylvania Room.

Okie decided to make the donation after reading that the Pennsylvania Room was interested in things related to Uniontown on the library's web site. Leonelli gladly accepted the gift, noting it will be available to the public in the Pennsylvania Room.

"It's wonderful when families can return some of Fayette County's rich history to the area and make it come alive again," Leonelli said.

Okie, who has not visited Uniontown in 40 years, came to the library with a cousin from her mother's side of the family, Ellen Kennedy LaBarbera of Mountclair [sic], N.J. Okie and LaBarbera are third cousins through the Ewing family, whose members have been prominent in Fayette County history.

Ed Cope / *Herald-Standard*

**Looking at the book "Pointerhope" are (from left) Virginia Ewing Hustead Okie, author of the book; Vickie Leonelli, curator of the Pennsylvania Room at Uniontown Public Library; and Ellen Kennedy LaBarbera of Mountclair [sic], N.J.**

LaBarbera, who works as an interior decorator, grew up in New Jersey and California and was last in Uniontown in 1960 when her family took a cross-country trip and stopped here to visit Oak Grove Cemetery, where many Ewing ancestors are buried. Her husband, Michael, is a banker.

The two women met while researching family history on ancestry.com and are attending The Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association*, which has been taking place Sept. 23-26 at the Historic Summit Inn, located on Route 40 in Farmington. Okie's brother Charles Edgar Hustead and his son Connor Joseph Hustead are also attending.

According to a history of the association, the Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing and others organized *Clan Ewing in America* in the early 1990s, originally to focus on 33 Ewing individuals who immigrated to America before 1776, mostly from Ireland and Scotland, and settled in the Middle Atlantic states.

The organization changed its name in 2008 to include many other Ewing family groups and encourage participation from Ewing families worldwide. The history explained the Uniontown/Pittsburgh area was a target for migration from the upper Chesapeake Bay area in the 1762-1776 period, not only for the Ewings who settled the area but who used their cousins as bridges to settle further west.

These local Ewings include ancestors of Okie and LaBarbera. Several were judges, including William Porter Ewing, Nathaniel Ewing Sr., John Kennedy Ewing and Samuel Evans Ewing. Their ancestor Nathaniel Ewing, 1794-1874, built Mount Washington Tavern c. 1826, now a part of Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Farmington.

Some of the activities planned for the Ewing reunion included a tour of Uniontown and the Fayette County Courthouse, presentations of local Ewing history that included the building of the Historic National Road and settling of southwestern Pennsylvania, a visit to Fort Necessity National Battlefield as well as [the] Pennsylvania Room in the Uniontown Public Library; and a lecture by storyteller Thor Ewing, who came from [England].

"I'm very excited," said Okie of the gathering. "I've been waiting two years for this."

## **Thor Ewing's Presentation**

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

I made a video recording of Thor Ewing's excellent talk – *Early Scots Ewing History* – at the 2010 Gathering in Uniontown. YouTube will only allow video clips as long as fifteen minutes and the whole talk was nearly an hour, so I have broken it into four segments. Here are the links:

Segment 1: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YxCjzrZSE8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YxCjzrZSE8)

Segment 2: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=15ktmsetVIA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15ktmsetVIA)

Segment 3: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZkNsyPgcns](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZkNsyPgcns)

Segment 4: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cogUflv4QRw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cogUflv4QRw)

## **Ewing Judges**

**Virginia Okie (*VOkie at digital dot net*)**

Four oil paintings hang in the Court Room at the Fayette County Courthouse in Uniontown, Pennsylvania:



Judge John Kennedy (1774-1846): grandfather of John Kennedy Ewing; father of Jane Creigh Kennedy who is the wife of Nathaniel Ewing Sr.



Judge John Kennedy Ewing (1823-1905)



Judge Nathaniel Ewing Jr. (1848-1914): son of Judge John Kennedy Ewing and grandson of Judge Nathaniel Ewing



Judge Stephen Leslie Mestrezat (1848-1918): husband of Eliza Willson Ewing, a daughter of John Kennedy Ewing

Judge John Kennedy Ewing is the great-great-grandfather of several *Ewing Family Association* members; Ellen LaBarbera, Joseph Neff Ewing Jr., Anne Ewing Zettek, and me (Virginia Ewing Okie). The gathering brought us together in Uniontown. There may have been more Ewings at the gathering who are also related to these judges; we were so busy that I did not get around to meet everyone.

Other Judges who are related to the Ewing family members include:

Judge Nathaniel Ewing Sr. (1794-1874): father of John Kennedy Ewing

Judge Samuel Evans Ewing (1852-1939): son of John Kennedy Ewing; grandfather of Joseph Neff Ewing Jr.

Judge Alpheus Evans Wilson (1828-1884): brother of Ellen Louisa Willson, the wife of John Kennedy Ewing.

Judge Remembrance Hughes Lindsey (1845-1914): husband to Eliza Evans Willson, a daughter of Alpheus Evans Willson who was a brother of Ellen Louisa Willson.

Their sketches are also hanging in the hallway and/or chamber rooms in the Courthouse.

## **Gathering Scrapbook**

Many people have provided pictures taken during the gathering:

From David Neal Ewing:

[www.dropbox.com/gallery/431003/1/2010%20Gathering?h=f82abf](http://www.dropbox.com/gallery/431003/1/2010%20Gathering?h=f82abf)

From Martin Ewing:

[www.flickr.com/photos/martin\\_ewing/sets/72157625068340509](http://www.flickr.com/photos/martin_ewing/sets/72157625068340509)

From Virginia Okie:

[picasaweb.google.com/vminiokie/EwingGatheringPhotosToShare?locked=true#](http://picasaweb.google.com/vminiokie/EwingGatheringPhotosToShare?locked=true#)

A selection follows:



**Historic Summit Inn**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**Oak Grove Cemetery**  
Courtesy: Virginia Okie



**Fayette County Courthouse**  
Courtesy: Virginia Okie



**Fayette County Courthouse**  
Courtesy: Martin Ewing



**Chancellor David Neal Ewing**  
Courtesy: Martin Ewing



**'Clan J. David Ewing'<sup>3</sup>**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**Thor Ewing**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**'Ewingling' Lager**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**Mount Washington Tavern**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**Braddock's Trail**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing



**Nemacolin Inn – Banquet Site**  
Courtesy: Virginia Okie



**Summit Inn Sunset**  
Courtesy: David Neal Ewing

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<sup>3</sup> Left-to-Right: Robb Jubin (son-in-law) and daughter Jennifer Ewing Jubin, Frank R. Ewing (son) and wife Shannon, Melanie Ewing (wife) and J. D. Ewing, Jr. (oldest son), Jennifer Ewing (my wife) and J. David Ewing.

## ***Ewing Digital Library***

This section of the *Journal* provides various genealogical tidbits – obituaries, will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. The information has been analyzed to varying degrees by its contributors. Some information is presented with no analytic commentary; some has been rather extensively analyzed. Sometimes, the information is annotated with various comments and data. All of the information is intended to help readers in their genealogical research.

### **Ewings in Ireland**

**Contributed by Coleen Coleman (*wyoeagle at webtv dot net*) via *rootsweb.com***

Taken from 1851 Old Age Pension Records held in Belfast:

EWING:

John; 45m / 183 / 1845

Betty; 29m / 1845

Maryann; 14

Robert; 12

John; 10

Rebecca; 8

Samuel; 5

Census Abstracts 1841/1851 (Republic Of Ireland): Josephine Masterson

Claimant says "nee COOK (Margaret)" and beside Betty's name is "Maryann claimant", claimant meaning they stayed in Ireland and claimed Old Age Pension.

### **Ewings in Elders Ridge (Ridgeview) Cemetery, Young Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania**

**Contributed by Bill Ewing (*waejae1 at yahoo dot com*)**

This appears to be where a lot of my family are buried in Young Township. It can be found online at [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~treasures/pa/indiana/young/eridgeae.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~treasures/pa/indiana/young/eridgeae.htm).

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Name and/or Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>DOD</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
Ewing	Albert	Ross		1883	1933	
Ewing	Amanda			1858	1904	
Ewing	Anna	Baxter	w/o James S	1861	1936	
Ewing	Artie			1862	1939	
Ewing	C	Paul		1882	19--	
Ewing	Charles	M.M.D.		1857	1887	
Ewing	Charles	Raymond	WWI Co C 601 Engr Cpl	1886	2 Nov	

			2/28/18-killed		1918	
Ewing	Edith	A	w/o C Paul	1888	1962	
Ewing	Edna	G		1893	1928	
Ewing	Ella			1887	1985	
Ewing	H	Melinda		1854	1907	
Ewing	Hugh	M	father	1800	1892	
Ewing	James	Smith		1855	1945	
Ewing	John	A		12 Oct.		78y 12m 8d
				1892		
Ewing	John	Edgar		1877	1940	
Ewing	John	W		1888	1974	
Ewing	Letitia	R.		1843	1923	
Ewing	Letitia		w/o Samuel <sup>1</sup>	18 Dec		105y 25d <sup>2</sup>
				1880		
Ewing	Mable	Smith		1900	1978	
Ewing	Mary	E	w/o Wm H	1849	1928	
Ewing	Mary	S	w/o John W	1906	1997	
Ewing	May		w/o Samuel	1849	1925	
Ewing	S	Annabel		1909	1969	
Ewing	Samuel			1846	1911	
Ewing	Sarah		mother	1812	1891	
Ewing	Walter	Wray		1886	1939	
Ewing	William	H		1848	1921	

<sup>1</sup> From William E. Riddle: Letitia's husband, Samuel J. Ewing, died on 29 August 1822 and is buried in the Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Robinson Township, Allegheny Co, Pennsylvania. Letitia and her family moved to Elders Ridge, Armstrong Co, sometime between the 1830 Census and the 1840 Census.

<sup>2</sup> "She left five children, the oldest being eighty-two years of age; thirty-two grandchildren; over fifty great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren." [Glass, Emma Leila. *History of the Glass Family, 1744-1924*, Privately Printed, circa 1925] "Mrs. Letitia Ewing was born about six miles from Gettysburg, Adams County, on the 23rd of Nov 1774, and was a daughter of Hugh and Greselia [sic] McCurdy nee Walker.... Our subject in her prime was about five and a half feet in height, and weighed from one hundred and forty to one hundred and sixty pounds. At this time [Feb 1880] her head is covered with a luxuriant growth of not very gray hair, and though confined to her bed, has the characteristics of a woman of seventy-five. Until one hundred and three years of age, she was able to walk about, but at that time met with a fall by means of which a leg was broken, and dislocated, which has since confined her to her bed. Her appetite at this time [Feb 1880] is in a normal condition, and she eats occasionally four or five times per day. Her residence is now with her son, John A. Ewing, South Bend Township, Armstrong County, though she resided for many years with her son Hugh M., on the Indiana and Armstrong county line. She is now and has been for many years, a constant and inveterate smoker of tobacco." [*History of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1745-1880*, James A. Caldwell Publishing (Newark, Ohio), 1880] "Her memory was so retentive that she was able to keep a correct chronological record of her numerous progeny without the aid of memoranda, and her chief pleasure was to name them in chronological order, giving date of birth, marriage et cetera. The writer of this history visited her about six months before her death, and although her eyesight was almost gone and her hearing such as to make it very difficult to talk with her, her memory was remarkably good. She could remember anything that she had ever heard and asked me many questions that I should have been able to answer, but could not." [Glass, Emma Leila. *History of the Glass Family, 1744-1924*, Privately Printed, circa 1925]

**Chatham T. Ewing****Contributed by maryachtrh via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1986/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1986/mb.ashx))***Langston City Herald*

Oklahoma, 30 July 1892

**Capt. Ewing Dead**

Thayer, Kansas, July 24; Capt. Chatham T. Ewing died at this place yesterday from nerve exhaustion. He has been a resident of Thayer for eleven years. He served with distinction during the late war.

**Elmer E. and Mary B. Ewing****Contributed by Susan (Ewing) Wolfe ([buster123 at hughes dot net](mailto:buster123@hughes.net))**

I was searching through some old files of mine and came upon this tombstone. It is in a very obscure cemetery outside of Bloomington, Illinois. It is not my family that I know of. Since it is a Ewing though, I took a picture of it. The cemetery is very difficult to find, so I thought perhaps someone might like to have it if they are descended or are related in any way to this family.



**Inscriptions – Left: Mary B. 1861-1955;  
Right: Elmer E. 1864-1938**

**George Samuel Ewing, War of 1812 Cabin Boy****Conversation between Steve Allen ([SteveKAllen56 at msn dot com](mailto:SteveKAllen56@msn.com)) and David Purtill via ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/829.1.1.1/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/829.1.1.1/mb.ashx))****From Steve Allen**

My mother is a Ewing and our family lore has it that our George Samuel Ewing – born April 26, 1805 Cunningham Island, Ohio, and died April 3, 1883, Davis City, Iowa – was on Perry's ship. His parents were John Ewing and Lucy Williams. These are notes from his great-granddaughter:

George Samuel Sr. was on Commodore Perry's Flagship at the battle of Lake Erie in 1813. He was 8 years old and was a messenger or cabin boy. According to Dorothy Fulhage, George said he was with Perry when he changed to the Niagara (ship), and could remember the shots going over the little boat as they changed ships.

**From David Purtill**

Could you give us your mother's name and which branch she comes from in the Ewing Family? Also, on what family lore do you base your claim that George was with Perry at the 1812 battle?

**From Steve Allen**

We are members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)*. Until recently our line went to John Ewing who's wife was Lucy Williams. Through some research and Y-DNA testing, we discovered that this John's father was John Ewing, born December 20, 1739, in Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut. His mother was Rhoda Badger, born November 4, 1741, at Union, Tolland County, Connecticut. His father was Alexander Ewing, born c. 1710 in either Ireland or the U.S. His mother was Jean. There is a group of Ewings headed by an Alexander Ewing, born 1768 in Pennsylvania, who settled the Ft. Wayne area and were very influential fur traders in the early 1800s. That Alexander would be a cousin to my John.

The way the story goes for my John and Lucy is that he built a boat in New York and traveled down Lake Erie to the Maumee at what is now Toledo. They traveled to Ft. Wayne where they settled. When the war of 1812 broke out they escaped back up the Maumee and made it to the Ashtabula/Vermillion, Ohio, area where John died. His son George Samuel Ewing – my great-great-grandfather – somehow ended up with Perry on his ship. It should be noted that George named one of his sons Perry Commodore Ewing, obviously after Perry. We have no hard evidence that I know of other than George Samuels relating stories to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren about his exploits with Commodore Perry in Lake Erie. From John and Lucy my lineage goes to George Samuel, my great-great-grandfather, then great-grandfather Lyman Otis Ewing, then to my grandfather Earl Howard Ewing.

George Samuel Ewing was supposed to have been born on Cunningham Island in 1805. This means John and Lucy were in the area as early as 1805. This Island is also near where Perry had his battle.

**From David Purtill**

A long version of my reply to Ewing as a Cabin boy for Perry at the Erie battle was lost by an incorrect click and is now in outer space.

A short version: In all my years of trying to prove that George Ewing was a cabin boy, I have found NOTHING and have not run across anyone else who has.

I would really like to tell my granddaughters that they have a famous relative who fought with Perry, but I can't.

I will answer specific questions.

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**Harry Marshall Ewing (1926-2009)**

**Conversation via EMail between Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*) and Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

**From Georgia (Ewing) Morgan**

I've read the new *Ewing Family Journal* [Vol. 16, No. 3/4 (August/November 2010)], and maybe you've already heard from Larry Bryant, but I thought one of us should alert you to the fact that Harry Marshall Ewing is a part of our Jacob Ewing (b.1783, d. 1851 in Maryland) tree. Harry was born in Denver. You mentioned (on page 35) about his being buried in Chappell, Nebraska. I believe the reason for that may have been that his wife's family was from Nebraska, and Harry's family lived there some, helping with the father-in-law's farm, and also working elsewhere thereabouts. They later went to California. He was

Linda Bryant's uncle and a great-grandson of Jacob Ewing, b. 1783. I think the HM Y-DNA lineage on the web site shows this. Knowing this might save Vicki Profitt from wasting any time trying to find him for her tree.

### **From Karen Avery**

My database does have Harry Marshall Ewing in the correct place. Thanks for thinking to have me double check that fact. Vicki Profitt is interested in Civil War Soldiers of Monroe County, New York. It was great that she could share her information and pictures of Matthew and George Ewing. She is not related.

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## **J. N. Ewing**

**Appeared in the November 16, 1906, Lafayette, Colorado, Newspaper**

### **Pioneer Dead**

J. N. Ewing, for many years one of the most highly respected citizens of this vicinity, died of pulmonary conjection [sic] at his home three miles north-west of Lafayette Thursday morning about eight o'clock. His illness came on suddenly last Saturday but was not considered very serious until Tuesday when a change for the worse came which resulted in his death. Dr. Burns, of Louisville was the attending physician and everything was done that could be done to bring about his recovery.

He was seventy-three years old and is survived by a wife, a son, Delton, and three daughters; Annie, a teacher in the Boulder schools, Flora, teacher at Erie, and Mrs. Bert Carnahan. Mr. Ewing was a veteran of the Civil War, having served three and a half years, and a member of the G.A.R. at Boulder. He was born in Ohio, removing to Kansas in 1857. He was married in 1864 and in 1880 came to Colorado. He and his family have lived on their home place continuously since 1881.

The funeral will be conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Dametz. Interment in Lafayette cemetery. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community, which has lost one of its best citizens.

*Editor's Note: Gravestone may be viewed at [coloradogravestones.org](http://coloradogravestones.org).*

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## **J. W. Ewing's Daughter Sadie H. (Ewing) Webster**

**Contributed by [annageis76 via rootsweb.com](mailto:annageis76@rootsweb.com)**

**([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2008/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2008/mb.ashx))**

*The Greeley Tribune Republic, Greeley, Colorado, December 31, 1920*

### **DEATHS AND FUNERALS**

Mrs. Sadie H. Webster, age 36, wife of T. V. Webster living three miles west of Greeley died Wednesday afternoon following pneumonia. Funeral services will be conducted Friday forenoon at 11 o'clock from the Macy chapel. Mrs. Webster before her marriage was a daughter of J. W. Ewing of Greeley. A husband and children survive.

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## **John C. Ewing**

**Contributed by MaribethQ (*maribethq45 at msn dot com*) via Google's Ewing Family Association Group ([groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation))**

I just was verified for U.S. Daughters of 1812, a lineage organization, for John C. Ewing, a soldier in the War of 1812. John C. Ewing was born 8 May 1784 in Eastern Tennessee, married Elizabeth Dillard 29 July 1804 in Eastern Tennessee, and died 3 Mar 1847 in Logan County, Illinois.

I descend from his son Christopher Columbus Ewing, who was born 25 November 1818 in White County, Illinois, died 9 February 1887 in Logan County, Illinois, and married Adaline Metcalf. I am the great-granddaughter of Christopher Columbus Ewing and the granddaughter of Dr. Francis Marion Ewing, who was born 11 March 1857 in Logan County, Illinois, died 5 Jun 1919 in Logan County, Illinois, and married Mabel Stokes in Logan County, Illinois.

Any woman who is from this line and can prove their descendancy from him is also eligible for U.S. Daughters of 1812.

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## **John E. Ewing Descendants**

**Contributed by Peggy Price (*PAPrice3993 at aol dot com*) via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1123.1.1.1.1.2.1.2.1.1/mb.ashx](https://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1123.1.1.1.1.2.1.2.1.1/mb.ashx))**

### **Generation No. 1**

1. JOHN E. EWING (JOHN, JAMES) was born in Dauphin Co, PA, and died 12 April 1862 in Pleasant View, Jeromesville, Ohio. He married (1) ELIZABETH \_?\_ 1806. She died Bef. 1826 in Wayne Co, Ohio. He married (2) CATHERINE LONG 5 February 1829, daughter of JACOB LONG and CATHERINE LONG. She was born Abt. 1800 in York Co, PA, and died 8 September 1862 in Pleasant View, Jeromesville, Ohio; off Ct RD16.

Children of JOHN E. EWING and ELIZABETH \_?\_ are:

1. i. ANNA EWING, b. 1809; m. EMANUEL BIGGLER, 8 July 1830.
2. ii. MARY 'POLLY' EWING, b. 1811.
3. iii. SIMON EWING, b. 1816; d. 1888.
4. iv. ELIZA EWING, b. 1818; m. ELI CHANDLER.
5. v. JOHN EWING, b. 14 August 1820, PA; d. 1 October 1901, Jeromesville Cem, Ohio.
6. vi. WILLIAM EWING, b. 16 September 1828; d. 21 April 1871; m. CATHERINE ECKLEY; d. 10 January 1871, Ashland Co Cemetery, Ashland, Ohio.

Children of JOHN E. EWING and CATHERINE LONG are:

7. vii. CORNELIUS EWING, b. November 1829.
8. viii. SAMUEL EWING, b. 1831.
9. ix. LEWIS EWING, b. 1833; m. REBECCA KAHL, 20 October 1855; b. 1825; d. 1880.
10. x. STEPHEN EWING, b. 1837; d. 1917.
11. xi. ISSAC EWING, b. 19 July 1839; d. 22 March 1862; m. ANNA AUSTIN, 1 January 1860.
12. xii. CATHERINE EWING.

**Generation No. 2**

2. MARY 'POLLY' EWING (JOHN E., JOHN, JAMES) was born 1811. She married JACOB LEATHERS 14 March 1835.

Child of MARY EWING and JACOB LEATHERS is:

- i. WILLIAM LEATHERS.

3. SIMON EWING (JOHN E., JOHN, JAMES) was born 1816, and died 1888. He married HANNAH MCCARTY 10 June 1847 in Ashland, Ohio. She was born 1825.

Children of SIMON EWING and HANNAH MCCARTY are:

- i. ARMIRDA EWING, b. 1848.
- ii. JOHN EWING, b. 1849, Mohican Twp., Ohio.

4. JOHN EWING (JOHN E. , JOHN, JAMES) was born 14 August 1820 in PA, and died 1 October 1901 in Jeromesville Cem, Ohio. He married ELEANOR 'ELLEN' MOWRER 14 July 1839 in Mohican Twp., Ashland Co, Ohio, daughter of HENRY MOWRER and SARAH MYERS/MYER. She was born 30 January 1822 in PA., and died 1 May 1900 in Jeromesville Cem, Ohio.

Children of JOHN EWING and ELEANOR MOWRER are:

- i. GEORGE W. EWING, b. 13 February 1841, Wood Co, Ohio; d. 3 February 1924, Reedsburg Cem, Ohio; m. (1) BARBARA JACKSON; m. (2) BARBARA JACKSON, 14 November 1861, Perry Twp., Ashland Co, Ohio; b. 14 October 1837, Mohican Twp., Ohio; d. 17 February 1923, Reedsburg Cem, Ohio.
- ii. AARON EWING, b. 7 December 1842, Ohio; d. 6 October 1929, Lamar, MO; m. ELIZABETH KINNEY, 20 July 1866.
- iii. SARAH EWING, b. 5 November 1844, Ohio; d. 26 May 1921, Reedsburg Cemetery, Ashland Co, Ohio; m. HENRY GARN.
- iv. VALENTINE EWING, b. 25 September 1846, Ohio; d. 3 December 1916, Twin Mound Cemetery, Stockton MO; m. NANNIE M. CECIL.
- v. JOHN R. EWING, JR., b. 7 March 1848, Ohio; d. 25 December 1861, Meng Cem, Jeromesville, Ohio.
- vi. ISAIAH EWING, b. 9 April 1850, Ohio; d. 5 November 1890, Johnsville, TN.
- vii. MILTON EWING, b. 17 April 1853, Jeromesville, Perry Twp., Ashland Co, Ohio; d. 28 May 1933, Perry Twp., Ashland Co, Ohio; m. (1) ELIZA JANE CAMERON, 25 December 1873, Ashland County, Ohio; b. 8 April 1855, Mohican Twp., Ashland, OH; d. 15 June 1909, Perry Twp., Ashland Co, Ohio; m. (2) ROSETTA HEICHLER HOOTMAN, 3 May 1917; b. 27 January 1853; d. 31 December 1924; m. (3) MARY ISABELL CAMERON, Aft. 1924; b. 8 March 1857, Mohican Twp., Ashland, OH; d. 2 September 1932, Jeromesville, Ohio.
- viii. HENRY EWING, b. 13 January 1855, Ohio; d. 26 January 1862, Meng Cem, Jeromesville, Oh.
- ix. ELI EWING, b. 8 November 1856, Ohio; m. MINNIE ROOKWOOD, 14 August 1890, Lamar, MO.
- x. IRVIN EWING, b. 21 April 1858, Ohio; d. 14 March 1862, Meng Cem, Jeromesville, Oh.
- xi. MARY ELLEN EWING, b. 2 July 1862, Ohio; d. 10 March 1939, Jeromesville Cemetery & Ohio; m. CHARLES EAGLE, 22 February 1877.
- xii. INFANT MALE EWING, b. 6 November 1862; d. 11 December 1862, Meng Cemetery, Ohio.

5. CORNELIUS EWING (JOHN E. , JOHN, JAMES) was born November 1829. He married (1) ELIZABETH INSLEY. He married (2) SARAH MCCARTER 10 June 1852.

Child of CORNELIUS EWING and ELIZABETH INSLEY is:

i. CLARA ALICE EWING, b. 1862.

6. SAMUEL EWING (JOHN E. , JOHN, JAMES) was born 1831. He married ELIZABETH DOBBS 19 September 1865, daughter of THOMAS DOBBS and MARGARET \_?\_. She was born 6 February 1844, and died 4 February 1913.

Children of SAMUEL EWING and ELIZABETH DOBBS are:

i. NETTIE E. EWING, m. MR. GREGG

ii. HELEN EWING, m. CRONE

iii. EMMA EWING, m. CARMONEY

iv. MABEL EWING, m. SURPLUS

v. THOMAS E. EWING

vi. GEORGE E. EWING

vii. A. R. EWING

viii. REV. W. L. EWING

ix. DWIGHT M. EWING

x. CLARENCE EWING

7. STEPHEN EWING (JOHN E. , JOHN, JAMES) was born 1837, and died 1917. He married (1) BARBARA HOSSER/HUSSER 1858. She was born 7 May 1838, and died 28 October 1871. He married (2) MELISSA MOWREY 16 January 1873.

Children of STEPHEN EWING and BARBARA HOSSER/HUSSER are:

i. ISAAC EWING

ii. THOMAS EWING

iii. CLARA EWING

iv. HARVEY EWING

v. ASA EWING

vi. INFANT EWING

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## **Mathew Ewing of County Tyrone, Ireland – Descendants**

**Contributed by Tammy Mitchell (*ancestry at ripandrevmedia dot ca*) via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/233.1.1.1.1/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/233.1.1.1.1/mb.ashx))**

Here's a list of Ewings in my database, as of February 2010, who were born or died in Canada, Ireland, Scotland or Iowa. My earliest ancestor on this list is Mathew Ewing, born c. 1760 in County Tyrone. This list identifies his descendants.

I haven't done a lot more work on my Ewing side in the last year, but have made some connections and know a little about some participants in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project who have the same

ancestors. If anyone would like to contact me to ask questions, I can be reached at *ancestry at ripandrevmedia dot ca*.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date and Location</b>	<b>Death Date and Location</b>
Ada Ileen	28 Dec 1898; St. Jean, Iberville, Quebec	
Agnes	abt 1888; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Agnes Lang	1850; Bothwell Parish, Lanark	
Alexander	abt 1877; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Alice E	30 Aug 1874; Sperry, Volga, Clayton, Iowa	Iowa
Alice May	20 Jul 1914	5 Aug 1967; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Allen	Jan 1863; Pennsylvania	
Altie Ermine	28 Mar 1873; Sperry, Clayton, Iowa	
Amelia	abt 1883; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Andrew	abt 1869; Kilwinning, Ayrshire	
Ann	1838; Daily, Ayr	
Ann	17 July 1819; Megslee, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	16 January 1910; Pike River Cemetery, Saint-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike-River, Missisquoi
Ann	24 Mar 1822; Megslee, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	
Ann	abt 1886; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Anna	October 1909; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec	abt 1995; Whitehorse, Yukon
Anna	abt 1868; Clayton County, Iowa	07 Nov 1900; Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa
Anna	abt 1864; Illinois	
Annie	13 Dec 1864; McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania	14 Aug 1906; Taylorsville Cemetery, lot 190, Marcus, Iowa
Annie L	7 Oct 1861; Saint-Sebastien, Saint-Jean and Iberville, Quebec	2 Oct 1913; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Archie Walter	1 Aug 1891; Iowa	18 Dec 1927; World War vet., Riverview Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa
Arthur Hall	26 Sept 1889; Durham, Muskoka County, Quebec	10 Oct 1918; Wentworth, Ontario
baby	abt 1904;	abt 1905;
Bessie	abt 1878; Taylorsville, Fairfield Township, Fayette County, Iowa	San Antonio, Texas
Betsie H	1856; Pennsylvania	
Bettie	Sept 1918; Spencer Ward 1, Clay, Iowa	
Betty		
Cecil Ruth	1906; Iowa	
Cecilia Willney	9 Dec 1886; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	2 Jan 1970; Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa

Charles	1859; Ste-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec	1934; Winnipeg, Manitoba
Christopher	abt 1982; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
Clarence	3 Aug 1894; Sperry, Clayton County, Iowa	4 Jul 1979; Savanna, Big Meadows Nursing Home, Illinois
Claude	17 Mar 1898; Sperry, Clayton County, Iowa	
Clifford L	24 Jul 1893; Racine Idaho	
Clifton	1892	
Cora M	abt 1879; Clayton County, Iowa	
Danial	abt 1984; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
Dorothy	1925; Iowa	
Dorothy Jane	1906; Missisquoi, Quebec	
Earl	abt 1920; Saskatchewan	
Earnest L	Nov 1909; Town of Spencer, Spencer Ward 1, Clay, Iowa	
Edna Anna	25 Apr 1890; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	10 Jan 1951; Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa
Edna L	Nov 1892; Iowa	
Eleanor Leona	24 Sep 1889; Missisquoi, Quebec	27 Apr 1962; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Elizabeth	25 January 1831; Noyan, Quebec	1866; Pike River Cemetery, Saint-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike-River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Elizabeth	abt 1866; Kilwinning, Ayrshire	
Elizabeth	abt 1890; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Elizabeth Anna	21 Aug 1868; Ste-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec	14 Dec 1953; Los Angeles, California
Elizabeth Ellen 'Lizza'	March 1866; La Salle, Illinois	
Elizabeth Jane	27 Jan 1872; Saint-Sebastien, Saint-Jean and Iberville, Quebec	30 May 1936; Pike River Cemetery, Quebec
Ellen Nellie	19 Mar 1863; Pike Riviere-Du-Loup, Missisquoi, Quebec	8 Sep 1881; Pike River Cemetery, Saint-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike-River, Missisquoi
Enola	November 1902; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec	Quebec
Eric Holmes	9 Jan 1897; Iberville, Missisquoi, Quebec	18 Oct 1912; Stanbridge Station, Missisquoi, Quebec
Esther Beatrice	02 JAN 1887; Missisquoi, Quebec	04 Mar 1968; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Frances G	1912; Polk, Iowa	4 Nov 1966; La Jolla, San Diego, California

Francis	10 Mar 1856; Quebec	21 Mar 1904; Pike River, Quebec
Francis	08 February 1825; Noyan, Quebec	23 Jul 1879; Saint-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec
Francis Fredrick	17 Jul 1865; Missisquoi, Quebec	
Frank Leopold	24 Dec 1883; Pike River, Missisquoi County, Quebec	24 Sep 1970; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
George Gladys	abt 1867; Crossgates, Lanarkshire	
Grace	abt 1877; Quebec	
Grace	21 Jan 1898; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec	
Grace	abt 1910; Barrett Creek, Beaverhead, Montana	
Grace Irene	27 Sep 1890; Missisquoi, Quebec	
Harold Earl	2 Jan 1897; Iberville, Missisquoi, Quebec	29 Sep 1915; Stanbridge Station, Missisquoi, Quebec
Harold William	March 1886; Saskatchewan	1979; Maple Creek, Saskatchewan
Hazel Eileen	13 Feb 1907; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec	10 Feb 1956; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Helen	abt 1880; Newarthill, Lanarks	
Helen Maria	June 1904; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec	1980; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec
Henry	abt 1875; Ste-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec	
Henry R	abt 1902; Sperry, Clayton County, Iowa	
Hugh D	abt 1873; Clayton County, Iowa	1924; Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa
Hugh Percy	June 1907; Saint-Sebastien, St Jean and Iberville, Quebec	15 November 1977; Port Alberni, British Columbia
Isabell	abt 1870; Clayton County, Iowa	
Jack	1912; Iowa	
James	23 Oct 1949; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
James	abt 1840; Dailly, Ayrshire	
James	1785; Tyrone	13 Oct 1876; Saint-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec
James Edward	20 Oct 1873; Arlington, Fayette County, Iowa	27 Mar 1897; Dubuque, Iowa
James Richard Percy	15 Feb 1871; Saint-Sebastien, Saint-Jean and Iberville, Quebec	23 January 1943; North Vancouver
Jane	11 Jan 1858; La Salle, Illinois	19 Apr 1934; Harlowton, Wheatland, Montana
Jeanette	abt 1856; Pennsylvania	
Jeannette	abt 1860; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania	

Jeannette	15 Jan 1886; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	28 Feb 1951; Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa
Jessie	abt 1912; Spencer Ward 1, Iowa	
Joan		
Joey	22 March 1983; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
John	Aug 1904; Manitoba	
John	abt 1875; Clayton County, Iowa	
John	15 September 1821; Megslee, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	21 Jan 1914; Pike River, Quebec
John	January 1858; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec	
John	24 Mar 1835; Dailly, Ayrshire	4 May 1902; Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa
John	28 Feb 1870; Iberville, Quebec	
John	abt 1879; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
John Clare	17 Jul 1885; Missisquoi, Quebec	5 May 1915; Missisquoi, Quebec
John Henry	21 May 1923; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	4 Apr 1998; North Buena Vista, Clayton, Iowa
John	abt 1935; Iowa	
Matthew		
John W	abt June 1870; Clayton County, Iowa	
Joseph McCarty	15 Dec 1843; Dailly, Ayrshire	26 Oct 1905; Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa
Josephine	12 Apr 1883; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	13 Nov 1902; Volga, Clayton, Iowa
Julia Evelyn	Dec 1879; Fairfield, Fayette, Iowa	24 Jan 1925;
Lorna Janet	April 1905; Missisquoi, Quebec	12 Oct 1981; North Vancouver, British Columbia
Lulu B	17 Mar 1893; Woodbury Iowa	28 Mar 1984; Los Angeles, California
Lulu Jean	abt 1927; Iowa	
Lura N	5 Sep 1895; Iowa	Jul 1965; Iowa
Lynne	1947; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
Mable	30 Jul 1881; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	20 May 1882; Volga, Clayton, Iowa
Marg	abt 1918; Saskatchewan	
Margaret	10 Mar 1816; Kirkgreen, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	22 Feb 1917; Pike River Cemetery, Saint-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike-River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Margaret	abt 1900; Bothwell, Lanarkshire	
Margaret	28 Jul 1892; Quebec	12 March 1982;
Isabelle		

Margaret Newberry	15 Feb 1844; Dailly, Ayr	
Martha	10 March 1834; Pike River, Quebec	21 Oct 1936; Dunham, Missisquoi, Quebec
Mary	abt 1873; Ste-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebec	
Mary	abt 1858; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania	
Mary	abt 1899; Montana	
Mary	abt 1856; Pennsylvania	
Mary	abt 1863; Clayton County, Iowa	
Mary	abt 1894; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Mary	abt 1875; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Mary D	abt 1869; Kilwinning, Ayrshire	
Mary E	abt 1876; Clayton County, Iowa	
Mary Jane	10 Oct 1827; Noyan, Quebec	10 Oct 1845; Pike River Cemetery, Saint-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike-River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Mary Lucy	18 Mar 1887; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	Jul 1979; Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa
Mathew	abt 1760; Tyrone	
Mathew	1806; Tyrone	5 April 1870; Kilwinning, Ayrshire
Mathew	23 April 1826; Muirkirk, Ayrshire	14 Apr 1904; Volga, Clayton, Iowa
Mathew	26 Dec 1841; Auchenback, Ayr	
Mathew	abt 1864; Kilwinning, Ayrshire	
Mathew Henry	May 1903; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec	
Mathew Henry	9 Jul 1854; Missisquoi, Quebec	19 Mar 1931; Missisquoi, Quebec
Mathew Samuel	5 Jun 1872; Arlington, Fayette, Iowa	5 Mar 1933; Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa
Matthew	abt 1861; Kilwinning, Ayrshire	
Nancy Anne	abt 1790; Tyrone	abt 1865; Holiday Creek, Iowa
Nattie A	June 1895; Iowa	
Paul K	21 Jan 1904; West Side, Carroll, Iowa	1 Jan 1969; Des Moines, Iowa
Richard	abt 1948; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
Richard D	1914; Iowa	
Richard P	Jan 1865; Clayton County, Iowa	1929; Riverview Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa
Richard T	abt 1917; Iowa	
Robert	Dec 1859; Carroll, Washington, Pennsylvania	

Robert	abt 1858; La Salle, Lasalle, Illinois	
Robert	20 Jan 1855; McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania	27 Feb 1923; San Antonia, Texas
Robert	1797; Tyrone	4 Feb 1869; Volga, Clayton County, Iowa
Robert	9 Sep 1828; Burnside, Muirkirk, Ayr	9 Feb 1911; Taylorsville Cemetery, lot 190, Fairfield, Iowa
Robert	1924; Iowa	
Robert B	abt 1886; Putnam, Fayette, Iowa,	
Robert M	1910; Iowa	
Roseltha	12 Jan 1877; Sperry, Volga, Clayton, Iowa	1946;
Ruth	abt 1928; Iowa	
Ruth P	abt 1907; Spencer Ward 1, Clay, Iowa	
Samuel	abt 1870; Newarthill, Lanarkshire	
Samuel	abt 1780; Tyrone	abt 1812;
Samuel	10 Sep 1830; Dailly, Ayr	5 Dec 1903; Bradgate, Humboldt County, Iowa
Samuel	abt 1842; (Aucken Cete, Ayr) Dailly, Ayr	
Samuel B	4 Feb 1868; Saint-Sebastien, Saint-Jean and Iberville, Quebec	9 July 1936; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
Samuel Gordon	18 Dec 1896; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec	
Stephen	21 July 1979; Port Alberni, British Columbia	
Susan	abt 1869; Clayton County, Iowa	
Susan	abt 1834; Ayr	
Susan E	26 Dec 1866; Arlington, Fayette, Iowa	19 Aug 1945; Los Angeles, California
Vera Hazel	7 Aug 1896; Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa	14 Sep 1972; Fairfax, Linn, Iowa
Vere R	11 Mar 1896; West Side, Carroll County, Iowa	19 Jan 1965; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota
Vern Irwin	29 Dec 1899; Gilmore City, Humboldt, Iowa	
Vern R	abt 1902; Spencer Ward 1, Clay, Iowa	
Walter Guy	29 Dec 1899; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec	1 Jan 1900; Pike River, Missisquoi, Quebec
William	abt 1838; Daily, Ayrshire	
William	3 Apr 1824; Kirkgreen, Muirkirk, Ayrshire	
William	May 1860; La Salle, Lasalle, Illinois	
William Charles	14 Jan 1895; Iberville, Quebec	1983; Stanbridge Station, Missisquoi, Quebec
William Elmer	20 Mar 1871; Volga, Clayton, Iowa	16 Feb 1943; Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa

William George	Oct 1852; Missisquoi, Quebec	
William John	Oct 1910; Bedford, Missisquoi, Quebec	abt 1968;
William M	15 Sep 1867; Highland, Clayton, Iowa	12 Jan 1956; Volga, Clayton, Iowa
Winnifred	3 Aug 1916; Saskatchewan	

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## **Robert Simmons Ewing**

**From *The Pilot Newspaper*, Hartsville, South Carolina, 27 October 2006**

Robert Simmons Ewing, 86, a longtime resident of Moore County, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital of complications following heart surgery.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, with Dr. Grady Perryman officiating. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Mr. Ewing was born in 1919 in Wilmington, Dela., and was educated in England, Switzerland and the United States. He graduated from Princeton University in 1941 and received training as a naval intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy, serving in a PT boat squadron in the South Pacific until 1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Mr. Ewing went to work for the DuPont Company in New York in the textile fiber division, resulting in a new job with Robbins Mills, American Woolen, and Textron, and a move to North Carolina in 1955.

Following the end of his employment with Amerotron Corporation, Mr. Ewing, always a Republican, headed up the "Citizens for Ike" committee in 1956, and subsequently took over operations of the weekly Moore County News as publisher, providing a forum for social and political discussion in a column headed "As One Editor Sees It." In that same year, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Southern Pines City Council and was appointed mayor in 1957.

"This initial experience in local government introduced the concept to Mr. Ewing that becoming involved allowed him to affect positive changes, and to say the least, he became involved," said a family member.

In 1966, Mr. Ewing served on the Board of Commissioners for Moore County. In 1973, he was offered a position in the administration of Gov. Jim Holshouser as the director of the Division of Community Assistance. He was in charge of planning, recreation, law and order, and economic development for the state.

Mr. Ewing also worked under Governors Terry Sanford and James Martin, serving on the Advisory Budget Committee for the latter. In 1977, he returned to Moore County as economic development director and then as Moore County manager from 1980-1983.

From 1984 to 2004, Mr. Ewing served as a Moore County commissioner.

"During his career on the Board, Mr. Ewing was proud of his work in uniting the county's three school systems, and later securing the money to build the county's three high schools," said a family spokesman.

Mr. Ewing was instrumental in getting the land donated and laying the groundwork for Sandhills Community College, becoming one of its charter trustees.

Mr. Ewing became director of Moore Memorial Hospital in 1958. When expansion plans began in the 1970s, he served as vice president from 1970-1972, and board president from 1972-1974. He served on the hospital board for 30 years, earning the title of "Mr. Hospital Trustee."

Long involved with healthcare leadership, Mr. Ewing served at the state and national level as a director of the Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, which awarded him a special plaque for his leadership. A trustee delegate of the American Hospital Association and one of nine trustees in the American Hospital Association House of Delegates, in 1982, he received the N.C. Hospital Association's distinguished service award.

For several years, he was president of the National Association of Hospital Trustees. He was the first hospital trustee given an honorary fellowship in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Mr. Ewing was a longtime member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. He served as an elder, a member of the Chancel Choir since 1973 and was a member of the Moore County Historical Society.

Mr. Ewing was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Lauritsen Mason in 1971. The couple were parents of six daughters.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Katherine Royster Ewing; children, Susan Shabica and her husband, Charles, of Winnetka, Ill.; Faye Ewing of Highlands; Roberta Listerman and her husband, Edwin, of Richfield; Katherine "Kit" Mayor and her husband, Edward, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Marguerite "Feeka" Ewing of Hartsville, S.C.; Robert Dellert and his wife, Patti, of Greer, SC.; Katherine "Katchy" Whitlow and her husband, Stratton, of Oxford,; and Jennifer Cameron and her husband, Stuart of Apex; grandchildren, Jonathan Shabica and his wife, Pamela, of Northfield, Ill.; Andrew Shabica and his wife, Julie, of Cedarburg, Wis.; Dana Shabica of Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth Dellert of London, England; Jesse Sandler of Las Vegas, Nev.; Brian Listerman and his wife, Jennifer of Nashville, Tenn.; Adam Listerman of Albemarle; Benjamin Listerman of Huntsville, Ala.; Amy Yirka and her husband, Mike, of Baltimore, Md.; Dallas Rose Sandler of Baltimore, Md.; Kelly Tighe of New York City; Patrick Tighe of Greer, S.C.; Thomas Whitlow of Oxford; Taylor Whitlow of Oxford; Duncan Cameron and McKenzie Cameron, both of Apex; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the music program at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, attn: Michael Howe, 330 S. May St., Southern Pines, NC 28387 or to the Sandhills Community College Foundation for the Nursing Program, 3395 Airport Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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## **Robert William Ewing**

**Contributed by wenbar99 via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1997.1/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1997.1/mb.ashx))**

Name: Robert William Ewing

Death Date: 20 September 1941

Death Place: Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married  
Race or Color: White  
Age: 52  
Estimated Birth Year:  
Birth Date: 29 May 1889  
Birth Place: Arkansas  
Spouse: Maggie Mae Martin Ewing  
Father: Robert Ewing  
Father's Birth Place: Missouri  
Mother: Eula Derryberry Ewing  
Mother's Birth Place: Tennessee  
Occupation: Farmer  
Street Address: Route 2  
Residence: Leachville, Mississippi County, Arkansas  
Cemetery:  
Burial Place: Manila, Arkansas  
Burial Date: 21 September 1941  
Informant:  
Additional Relatives:  
Digital Folder Number: 4184468  
Image Number: 1290  
Film Number: 1876903  
Volume/Page/Certificate Number: cn 21140  
Collection: Tennessee, Death Records, 1914-1955

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## **Samuel Ewings in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania** **Conversation on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1105/mb.ashx](https://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1105/mb.ashx))**

### **From Leslie Hood ([lesliehood47](#))**

Allegheny Co, PA Will Bk 1, p. 298:

Will of Samuel Ewing, Fayette twp., dated 12 Aug. 1822, pro. 4 Nov. 1822:

Wife: Lettia

Children: Mary, Elizabeth Ann, James, Hugh, William, John, Samuel, Andrew

Ex: Brother William Ewing, Isaac Walker

Wit: James McCreary, Robert McCracken

**Follow-up by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing at gmail dot com*)**

This is a very interesting post. I have been stumped trying to find the family (parents and siblings) of William Ewing, and I think this may be it. Here's my logic:

1. William and wife Sarah Mathews appear to have had children in both Pennsylvania and Ohio, moving back frequently between births (period 1818-1829).
2. The last child of seven, my great-great-great-grandfather was named David Walker Ewing.
3. The 1830 Census shows William Ewing in Hanover Township, Washington County, with household members the right ages. There is a David Walker listed two lines above.
4. Your posting on the will mentions an Isaac Walker as executor.
5. Allegheny County borders Washington County.

It seems like an awful lot of coincidences. I would be very happy indeed to see a copy of this will.

**Follow-up by William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

I'd also like to get a copy of this will. In addition, I'd like to participate in any EMail exchanges resulting from these posts regarding Samuel and Lettia Ewing.

I suspect that Lettia is a Walker. The information I have about her can be found at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD\\_Project/James\\_of\\_Inch/p68.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/James_of_Inch/p68.htm), where she's identified as Lettice Walker. Notice that she had an Isaac Walker brother and that she married Samuel Ewing. Notice also that she was in the Walker family that settled just north of Walker's Mill (which they established) along Robinson's Run in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. [This Walker information comes from Leona Scott, a good friend and highly trusted genealogy researcher who, quite unfortunately, recently passed away.]

My major interest is in Samuel Ewing. I am descended from Ewings who settled to the east and west of the Walker's Mill settlers. I have not been able to fit this Samuel into the Ewings that I have researched (see [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD\\_Project/James\\_of\\_Inch/ui05.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/James_of_Inch/ui05.htm)).

Learning that he may have had a brother William is going to help. In addition, I am currently trying to fit a Margaret (who did marry into my Ewings and who I strongly suspect was a Walker) into the Walkers of Walker's Mill. The more I know about the Walkers, the better can I figure out whether and where she fits in the Walker's Mill 'crowd'.

**Follow-up by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing at gmail dot com*)**

I think I am definitely on the right track now. The name 'Walker' was used as a middle name in many of my family members, on down to my (living) uncle. I suspect they were very close friends or family members of the Ewings. It would be great to get details here too!

Samuel being the brother of William would be quite a breakthrough indeed.

Do you know the ancestry of your Samuel Ewing? Father, grandfather, etcetera?

And do you have any known Ewing relatives who have participated in the *EFA's* Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project?

**Additional Follow-up by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing at gmail dot com*)**

Although I do not know whether it is the same will, I have found a short extract with commentary in the following work:

Chalfant, Ella. *A Goodly Heritage: Earliest Wills on an American Frontier*. University of Pittsburgh Press, 1955.

SAMUEL EWING: At her marriage or at her death...

Dated October 16, 1804; Recorded December 24, 1805

Samuel Ewing of Moon Township prevents a chance of his wife's leaving anything to her second husband or out of the family. At her marriage or at her death, the estate is to be put up at public auction and proceeds divided among the children.

Unfortunately it is impossible to determine from this extract who the children or wife were. It would be great to get a look at the text of the actual will in the will book mentioned in the original posting.

**Follow-up by William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

I've never seen Chalfont's book, but I have collected the will I believe she's referring to. The will I've copied was made on 16 October 1804 and recorded 24 December 1805, and exactly matches the will she cites.

The abstract I recorded is:

"sick and Weake [sic] in Body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality [sic] of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die". Wife Jean Ewing: "the use and Management of all and singular my Estate Reail [sic] and personal for the use of Raising and Teching [sic] the children together till my youngest son Samuel Ewing comes of age". Son William: "one sadle [sic] and Bridle and one Bible". Daughter Mary Morgan: "one Bible". Daughters Isabella, Jean, Peggy and Susanna: "Each of them one Bible and forty dollars in cash or such propret [sic] as may answer them and not hurt the family as [they] come of age or marry". Daughter Sarah: "the sum of one hundred Dollars if she lives for her support after her Mothers [sic] Death". Sons John, Samuel: "What remains ... to be Equally Divided between them". Special: "... paid him oute [sic] of the money coming due april [sic] 1806", "if Jeain [sic] Ewing my wife shall get married I allow her one cow and a Bed and Beding [sic] of close [sic]". Executor: "I apoint [sic] [my wife Jean] Whole Executrix ... With the assistance [sic] of James Ewing in case of her marriage or Death". Witnesses: Jas Ewing, Wm Morgan, Wm Stewart.

From other work I know this is a different Samuel.

**Follow-up by GeorgiaE42 (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*)**

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Probates Genealogy Society Microfilm 1,653,554

Samuel Ewing, deceased. Last Will and Testament #227, Vol. 2, page 298.

In the name of God amen I Samuel Ewing of Fayette Township, Allegheny [sic] County being weak in body but of sound mind Memory and Judgment (blessed be God for the same) and Considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz first and principally I Commit my immortal Soul unto the hand of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like

manner at the discretion of my Executors here after mentioned, second it is my will that after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, the worldly property wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life be disposed of in the following manner. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lettia one horse, saddle, bed and bedding one cow, and fifty Dollars annually while she remains my Widow to be paid out of my real estate as herein after expressed. I give and bequeath to my daughters each viz. Mary & Elizabeth Ann, one horse and Saddle and bed and bedding and one hundred Dollars each to be paid out of my real estate, to be paid at their Marriage, also one Cow to each of my said daughters. I also give and bequeath to my sons, James, Hugh, William, John, Samuel and Andrew, all my real estate in equal parts, to be divided by three Men Chosen for that purpose, the which when done, each one of my son is to pay their proper share of the fifty Dollars willed to my beloved Wife annually during her widowhood and each one of my Sons to pay an equal share of the several bequethments [sic] to my Daughters, all my personal property not disposed of or bequeathed [sic] I will to be sold for the payment of my just debts or the heirs may if they see Cause keep and divide the said property amongst themselves, and pay the debts & owe in proportionable [sic] shares as they may divide the said property, and if it should so happen that the personal property hereby appropriated for the payment of my Debts, should amount to more than the debts I owe, then the said over pluss [sic] is to be divided to my sons in equal parts, and if it should Come to pass that my heirs should divide the property appropriated for the payment of my debts, then the said property is to be appraised by men Chosen for that purpose and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother William Ewing and Isaac Walker Executors of this my last will and testament Witness my hand and seal this twenth [sic] day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two –

/s/ Samuel Ewing (seal)

Signed and published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us and who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as Witness thereunto

James McCreary, Robert McCracken

November 4th A.D. 1822 Then personally appeared James McCreary one of the subscribing Witnesses to this will who on his solemn oath deposeth [sic] & saith [sic] that he was present and did see and hear Samuel Ewing the testator sign Seal publish pronounce and declare the Same as and for his last Will and testament and that at the time of so doing he was of perfect & sound mind memory & understanding to the best of his knowledge observation & belief. At the same time also personally appeared Robert McCracken the other subscribing Witness to this Will who on his solemn oath deposeth [sic] & Saith [sic] that on the day after the Will was drawn the testator ordered the Will to be brought out that he the Said Robert McCracken might Sign it and that at the time of so doing, he was of perfect & sound mind memory & understanding to the best of his knowledge observation & belief.

Wm. B. Foster, Regr.



received his education. To pay his expenses, while at college, he kept books and taught school in the neighborhood of Marietta. Leaving college he returned to Quincy, and, with Dr. Stahl, began the study of medicine. He received his first course of lectures at Jacksonville, Ill., and graduated from the St. Louis Medical College in 1848. In 1849 he began practice in the city last named, remained there one year, and in 1850, accompanied again by his brother, went, over-land, to California. There he entered into a good practice, made money, ran a hospital for a time between Hangtown (now Placerville) and Cold Springs.

Doctor Ewing returned to St. Louis in 1855, and there, on the 24th day of August, that year, married Hannah I. Pettengill, a native of Massachusetts. From St. Louis, at the end of eight months, he went to Cass County, Georgia, and practiced medicine eight years. He was a strong Union man, which accounted for his leaving the latter State in 1862, at which time he came to Gadsden. Here he has since given much of his attention to the practice of medicine. He was a member of the Reconstruction Conventions of 1867 and 1868, and has been more or less in politics ever since. He has been several times a candidate for office, and he is the most popular Republican in this part of the State.

Doctor Ewing was appointed postmaster in 1866, and held the office until 1885. He was the chairman of the executive committee of the Republican party for the Seventh Congressional District during almost that entire period. Notwithstanding his radicalism, he was a popular official, and, by his courtesy and gentlemanly treatment of everybody, gained and held the respect of the people. His chief deputy, during his entire incumbency as postmaster, was an old line Whig, now acting with the Democrats. His wife died in June, 1886, leaving five children: Arthur E., graduate of Dartmouth College, finishing his education in Germany, now of the firm of Green, Post & Ewing, ocellists and aurists, St. Louis; Munetta J., wife of Wm. P. Shaban, merchant of Atalla, Ala.; Charles W., in company with J. S. Paden, merchant of Gadsden; Stella M.; and Thomas G., broker, Gadsden.

The family is identified with the Baptist Church, but the Doctor, himself, is an Old School Presbyterian Church member, and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

## **William Ewing Lineage for NSDAR Applicant**

**Conversation among Betty P. Crockford (*Betty.Crockford at gmail dot com*), Wallace K. Ewing (*WKEwing at charter dot net*) and Holly Davis Anderson (*hjdred12 at yahoo dot com*)**

### **From Betty Crockford, Registrar, Sam Houston Chapter, NSDAR to Wallace K. Ewing**

I believe you and Holly Anderson are already in communication, and I have given her specific details on the proofs that we need for her application to relay to you. Therefore, this may be redundant but I will restate the issue.

We have proven all other generational ties but still are obligated to prove that Patriot Ancestor William Ewing's daughter Elizabeth who married George Dodrill Sr. had a son William Dodrill born c. 1822 Gallia County, Ohio, died 1857 Wayne County, Iowa. William appeared in the 1840 Gallia County Census living next door to George Sr. but no relationship was shown, which methodology changed for censuses in 1850. However, by 1850 William was homesteading in Wayne County, Iowa, and connecting him to his parents has been challenging.

George Dodrill Sr. left no will per reliable sources and distributed his lands to other relatives, thus no tie to William was available.

A will of Elizabeth Ewing Dodrill or any other Ewing relative 'remembering William' or his wife Amanda or their children would be most helpful, or Bible records would serve so long as William Dodrill is named.

I am aware that Andrew Ewing with his mother Mary McNeil Ewing (Patriot's wife) in his household moved to Iowa via Mercer County, Missouri, and homesteaded land one plot away from William. That is an interesting coincidence but not a proof.

**From Wallace K. Ewing to Betty Crockford**

Thanks for your note. I didn't realize your inquiry and Ms. Anderson's, forwarded to me from the *Ewing Family Association*, referred to the same matter. It's possible that the book cited below would contain some helpful information. I have never seen the book (which is out of print and not in our local library), but it is often referenced in questions relating to the Dodrill family. However, my sister, also a Ewing genealogist, did have access to it and referred to it liberally in her volumes on Ewing genealogy, which was published privately in 1995. My sister's research shows William Coleman Dodrill's lineage, but does not offer documentation to substantiate the fact that he was the son of George and Elizabeth Ewing Dodrill. I don't see how to get over this substantial 'brick wall', given the age in which he lived and his early death. I would relish any advice you or anyone else might give.

Dodrill, Charles Tunis. *Heritage of a pioneer being the story of William (English Bill Doddridge) Dodrill and his wife, Rebecca (Lewis) Daugherty, their family, the times in which they lived, and a genealogy of the families of their sons*. Published Privately (Huntington, West Virginia), 1967.

**From Betty Crockford to Wallace K. Ewing and cc'ed to Holly Davis Anderson**

Mr. Ewing, thanks again for your attention. The Clan Ewing book is on the web, and I have read the relevant parts of it, but as you say, it does not offer documentation which is essential. We are now trying to make the case with circumstantial evidence so we shall see what the NSDAR genealogist thinks of our latest appeal.

Ms. Anderson will know a great deal more about her Ewing heritage than when she started, and she can share it with the Clan Ewing as she chooses.

**From Holly Davis Anderson to Wallace K. Ewing and Betty Crockford**

I guess at this time it is a waiting game. I do appreciate all your help. I guess a prayer wouldn't hurt about now. Thanks so much.

**From Wallace K. Ewing to Holly Davis Anderson**

Please let me know what happens – or what doesn't happen. Good luck!

**From Holly Davis Anderson to Wallace K. Ewing**

I am writing you with good news! It is official that my name can be added to those who are descendants of William (Swago Bill) Ewing. The DAR has approved my documentation and I am now a member. I appreciate your input and have found all the information about the Ewing clan extremely interesting. This has been quite an experience for me and without the help of some really dedicated people this never would have happened. Thank you for your interest – have a great day.

## ***Chancellor's Message***

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

### **A Chief for Clan Ewen?**

Elsewhere in this issue (see pages 6-15) are several messages excerpted from a Clan Ewen EMail discussion regarding an upcoming Family Convention being organized by the Lord Lyon in Scotland to determine what he should do about appointing a chief for Clan Ewen.<sup>1</sup> Several members of the Clan Ewen Society in Scotland passionately favor establishing 'One Clan Ewen, with one Chief so that we can speak with a unified voice.' Others, notably Thor Ewing, are wary that this enthusiasm risks obscuring important differences in the origins and history of what he takes to be at least two different Clans and perhaps more.

### **What is the *Ewing Family Association's* Position?**

The excruciatingly short story is that the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* has no position on what the Lord Lyon should do or whether he should do anything. It seems to me that the *EFA* should at least consider taking a position and perhaps sending a delegation to the Family Convention to make our views on the matter known. It may be that there are divergent enough views within the *EFA* that we will not be able to agree on what position to take. I have no problem with that, but I think we should at least consider the matter.

The *EFA* was formerly known as *Clan Ewing in America*. We changed our name at the General Membership Meeting in September 2008 at the 10<sup>th</sup> biennial gathering of *Clan Ewing*.<sup>2</sup> The main reason for the name change boiled down to our wish to make the *EFA* more inclusive. We worried that the word 'Clan' had made African-American Ewings feel unwelcome and that the words 'in America' were discouraging Ewings from other countries from joining us. Genealogical and Y-DNA studies had convincingly disproved many of Ellsworth Ewing's ideas about which American Ewings actually belonged in 'Clan Ewing' and we wanted to make it explicit in our choice of names that we were open to all Ewens, MacEwans and Ewings in all their orthographic variants and from all of their diverse origins.

Of course, the issue of whether the Lord Lyon should certify a chief of Clan Ewen and if so, who that should be, is a completely different matter than what we should call our own organization. We have decided to call ourselves the *Ewing Family Association* and I have no wish to revisit that. But I think individual Ewings should certainly participate in the discussion, and I think the *EFA* should at least consider taking a position. This is a matter for discussion among the members and a decision by the Board of Directors. A date for the Family Convention has not yet been announced, but it is expected to be sometime this year. This means that discussion cannot take place in our quarterly *Journal* quickly enough to make any plans or determine what position to take. Therefore, I suggest that we use the *EFA* Google Group's list for that purpose. If you have not already joined the list, please do so by sending a request to join to Martin Ewing at *M.Ewing at snet dot net*.

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<sup>1</sup> You can read the Lord Lyon's *Guidance as regards the holding of a Derbhfine or Family Convention* at [www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html](http://www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html).

<sup>2</sup> I summarized the discussion we had about that in my Chancellor's Message in the November 2008 issue of the *Journal* [Vol. 14, No. 3 (November 2008), pp. 36-37].

## What is My Position?

First of all, it is very clear to me that I must not presume to speak for the *EFA* without direction from the Board of Directors and I shall be very careful not to do so. This does not prevent me from having a personal opinion, though, and I think it would be good for me to disclose that.

The fact is that I do not have very strong feelings about this issue. Our ancestors left Scotland (and Ireland and all of Europe) for good reasons. I believe that one reason was Old World social organization with its entrenched system of inherited rank and privilege. Asking me who should be chief of Clan Ewen is a little like asking me who should be King of England. I could not care less. But I care very much indeed that we do not have a king or anything like it here in America. I treasure our system of choosing leaders on their merits even when I have difficulty discerning merit in some of the leaders we have chosen. As I understand it, the Family Convention that the Lord Lyon is organizing will 'elect' a candidate to be chief, but that the decision as to whether he will be certified is left to the Lord Lyon. And once a chief is appointed, he becomes chief for life and the post is heritable. There is no term and no future election. It would be easy to persuade me that it would be good for all people with our group of related surnames to have recognition as a Clan and to have an official spokesman, but I am beyond dubious that the best qualified person to be chief is to be found among the children of the outgoing chief.

I am also troubled about how the 'electorate' is to be composed. Some effort is being made to include as many people with surnames that are variants of Ewen as possible, but it appears to me that the main impetus behind convening this convention is the Clan Ewen Society and that far and away the majority of its members are McEwans and McEwens. I do not think this is because Ewings have been excluded; indeed, Thor Ewing is a very active member and there are some other Ewing members of the Clan Ewen Society. Goodness knows the *EFA* has not excluded McEwans, but we have very few members of that surname. I think perhaps the main reason for the difference is that there are proportionally far more McEwans than Ewings in Scotland and more Ewings than McEwans in America.<sup>3</sup> As far as I know, John McEwen, the chairman of the Clan Ewen Society in Scotland, is the only announced candidate for the post. John McEwen sounds like a sensible fellow and I have no particular objection to him being selected chief of Clan Ewen, but I worry that the process may be systematically excluding Ewings because relatively few of them live in Scotland.

That said, to me it would not make sense to select an American as chief of Clan Ewen. Perhaps that is just as well because I think that there is zero chance that the Lord Lyon would consider designating anyone who is not a Scot, even if incontrovertible evidence were presented of a direct male lineage from William Ewing of Ladytoun to an American Ewing.<sup>4</sup> I actually think that there is a very good chance that there are American Ewing men descended from William Ewing of Ladytoun, and that there is more evidence to be had than we have yet found, but I am doubtful that even that would be 'incontrovertible'. In any case, I actually favor the chief of Clan Ewen living on the 'ould sod'.

I would not want to surrender *Audaciter* in favor of *Riveresco* in my personal clan history, but I can at least conceive of supporting an alliance with the McEwens who favor *Riveresco* and a new clan that

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<sup>3</sup> I published an article about this in the *Journal* in 2008 [Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), pp. 42-46]; you can see a draft of it at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewings\\_in\\_the\\_Census.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewings_in_the_Census.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> By the way, Thor Ewing disagrees with me in this.

preserves the traditions of both. I have no idea whether any such compromise is even conceivable for the Lord Lyon.

## **A New Lead in Burke's Landed Gentry**

I have recently found the entries in Burke's Landed Gentry for a family named Orr-Ewing<sup>5</sup> whose roots are in precisely the place where we think the ancestors of the majority of American and Irish Ewings originated. The earliest ancestor in this record is Alexander Ewing of Balloch, born c. 1660. If I read the rather garbled genealogy correctly, it was his great grandson, William Ewing of Ardvullin, near Dunoon, County Argyle, born 10 Feb 1772, who married Susan Orr, and for reasons that are obscure to me, their descendants after that used the hyphenated surname Orr-Ewing. Sir John Orr-Ewing of Levenfield, County Dumbarton and Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing of Ballikinrain, County Stirling, each had arms all but identical to those that the *EFA* has borrowed, which apparently belonged to an ancestor of at least a couple of American Ewing families.<sup>6</sup> Obviously, there are several generations between William Ewing of Ladytoun, who lived on the order of a hundred years before Alexander Ewing of Balloch,<sup>7</sup> but these were both big-deal guys by the metric used in Scotland and they lived in essentially the same place, so I do not think it is too much of a stretch to consider that Alexander might be descended from William, or that other members of this family emigrated to Ulster and on to America. You can well imagine that I would dearly love to have Y-DNA samples from a few Orr-Ewings to test at least the second part of this hypothesis.<sup>8</sup> I have wondered if one of them might be a logical candidate for Chief of Clan Ewen, but Thor tells me that he thinks hyphenated names disqualify one from becoming chief.

## **Welcome Back Bill!**

Bill Riddle is back in the saddle and boy, are we glad of that. Still, we need to take a lesson. It is downright dangerous to the organization for us to take full advantage of an extraordinarily talented member's extraordinary willingness to do an extraordinary amount of work. Allowing one person to do the work of many gives us a false sense of security. If we are to survive and prosper, we simply must distribute the work more evenly. Martin Ewing is getting lined up to assume a lot of responsibility for the web site. Now we need another person or two to begin working on the *Journal*. Please contact me and Bill if you have an interest in this.

*David Neal Ewing*

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<sup>5</sup> My transcription appears on page 3 of this issue of the *Journal*.

<sup>6</sup> *EFA* member Susan Ewing Wolfe believes her Ewing line originated in the Ewing ancestors of the Orr-Ewings, and recently enrolled her relative WP in the Y-DNA Project. He is in Group 1\*.

<sup>7</sup> Thor Ewing mentioned to me in passing that he thinks Alexander Ewing of Balloch, born circa 1660 is a descendant of an Alexander Ewing, born circa 1602. This is getting much closer, but I do not know any details about his documentation or references.

<sup>8</sup> See my Y-DNA Article elsewhere in this issue (page 15) if you want to know my thoughts on how the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project might bear on the composition of Clan Ewen and the question of who should be chief.

## ***Chair's Message***

**Wallace K. Ewing, Chair, Board of Directors (*WKEwing at charter dot net*)**

Among the genealogical memorabilia passed onto me by my grandfather are minutes and photographs from Ewing family reunions in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These reunions focused exclusively on descendants of Pocahontas James, and generally they attracted families from areas close to the reunion site. The surname did not have to be Ewing, but I suppose it helped at least to have married into the family and to have some understanding of and sympathy for genealogical mania. Although posers in the group pictures often look somber and stiff, the impromptu shots caught them smiling and happy. They were glad to see each other, to talk about their origins, and to exchange family stories, some of them probably true.

A hundred years later, those who participate in the *Ewing Family Association's* gatherings are still smiling and laughing, especially when the camera catches them unaware. Today they travel hundreds or thousands of miles to attend the gatherings and certainly the boundaries of attendance have broadened. Today's gatherings attract descendants of a distant and unknown common Eoghain progenitor. We each share the genealogical spotlight with a variety of Eoghain branches.

It's clear that today's gatherings are not my grandfather's reunions! Now people from around the world, who by birth or marriage can claim a relationship to a Ewing are encouraged to join the *Ewing Family Association* and attend our biennial gatherings. The invitation list includes MacEwens, McEwans, Ewens, Ewins, and all the variant spellings. They are as welcome as anyone named Ewing. Membership guidelines, as expressed in *EFA* bylaws, are meant to be inclusive, regardless of a member's country of origin.

Currently, our international members can be counted on one hand: one each from Canada and England, while three claim Scotland as their home. *EFA* has one member who is descended from the Choctaw Indians, but there is nary an African American on our roster. Expanding our racial diversity is another challenge for another time.

It is good that our bylaws encourage a diverse membership, but we need to find a way to turn the concept into reality. Let's think of ways to encourage all Eoghain descendants to join the association, and let us, in turn, show interest in other Ewing family groups, wherever they may live. In short, let's prove that the *Ewing Family Association* is not only international in its intent, but in its membership.

*Wally Ewing*

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

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

The 2010 income for the *Ewing Family Association* came from membership dues, library gifts, special fund operations, merchandise sales and the 2010 Gathering registrations. The total income was \$19,926.00. Expenses were from advertising, depreciation expenses (computer), equipment rental and the 2010 Gathering expenses, office supplies, postage and delivery, the *Journal* expenses and web site. Total expenses for 2010 were \$14,458.09. The net income was \$5,467.91. The total 2010 assets,

liabilities and equity stand at \$19,644.21. For a more detailed report of our profit and loss and/or 2010 end-of-year balance, please contact me.

*Jane Weippert*

## ***Membership News***

**Jill (Ewing) Spitler (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*)**

After another great gathering, I came home highly motivated to get busy on my Membership Coordinator work. I felt Karen Avery has been overloaded handling both Genealogist and New Member Coordinator so I agreed to do the new member work with Karen helping with respect to questions a new member includes in the new-member information on their Membership forms. Working together, she and I can most effectively share the work load.

Interacting with new members is very exciting, and I always like to meet and greet a new cousin. The web site has become a great motivation for membership. People can now join online, but still have to send their payment by mail. We hope this will change soon and we can accept payment online.

During the gathering, many people visited the Research Room to find information. Some came just to visit and meet up with cousins. It worked out well to have Registration and Merchandise Sales areas in the Research Room. It was helpful to many to keep the Research Room open for most all of the time. Thanks to J. David Ewing and many others for taking over in Bill Riddle's absence.

Newly elected Board Chair Wally Ewing presented a very informative talk on his family and provided a lot of insight with respect to our next gathering which will be in Southern Ohio, in Gallia County. Wally and his organizing committee will decide the particulars and keep us informed. When one gathering ends I always look forward to the next – it is always nice to see 'old' cousins again and meet new ones.

I had envisioned we would have individual meetings for the various Y-DNA groups, but maybe we can do this at the next gathering. Chancellor David Neal Ewing was very informative in answering our questions and explaining a lot of what Y-DNA testing can and cannot do. A lot of Internet sites were shared as well as information about how to find records. The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project has over a hundred participants and continues to reach out for more.

Members receive printed or PDF versions of the *Journal*. Membership lists are available. If you would like one, please let me know. As a member you are entitled to one. They help with looking up 'cousins', and I have often used it to ask for help in some of my research. The membership list gives lineage for some members and helps, when you have met someone at a gathering, to find their address.

*Jill (Ewing) Spitler*

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

**Marian H. Bell** lives in Butler, Pennsylvania.

From Jill Spitler: Marian is a daughter of Dr. Clarence A. and Helen (Ewing) Hamil and a cousin to Dell Ewing who is DR in group 4a in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. She and Dell share the same grandfather: David Dell Ewing, born June 12, 1848, in Chester Co, Pennsylvania; married February 9, 1875, to Mary Agnes Hill; and died March 7, 1918 in

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. David Dell Ewing is the son of William Ewing who was born about 1804, married about 1827 to Tabitha D. Leighton, and died August 6, 1881 in South Buffalo Township, Armstrong Co, Pennsylvania. Marian attended the Uniontown Gathering. Her son Alex brought her and her two twin grandsons: Trever and Tyler. An older grandson Troy was unable to attend because of a previous Boy Scout commitment. She also has a daughter Maria.

**Angela Burleson** lives in Gatesville, Texas. She may be reached at *csascarlet at yahoo dot com*.

My Ewing heritage starts in 1648 with John Ewing Sr. He was born in 1648 in Carnashannagh, Parish of Fahan, County Donegal, Northern Ireland. He was the son of William. He died September 23, 1745, in Frederick Co, Virginia. He first married Jennet (Jannet) Wilson on December 3, 1683, in Londonderry Cathedral, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. She was born in 1664. His second wife was Jennet McElvaney. They married on September 4, 1701, in Burt Congregational Presbyterian Church. She was born in 1652 in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

My next Ewing generation was James Sr., son of John Ewing Sr. and Jennet McElvaney. He was born February 14 (or 21), 1720, possibly in America. He died in 1801 in Virginia. He first married Sarah Edwards. He later married Sarah Mayes. At some point he lived in Botetourt, Virginia.

Next in my lineage is James Ewing Jr., son of James Ewing Sr. and Sarah Edwards. He was born in 1758 in Chester Co, Pennsylvania, and died in Smith Co, Tennessee. His second marriage was to Ladovsey Dillard; his first wife is unknown. He died between September 22 and December 4, 1810. His will is dated September 22, 1810, and was probated on December 4, 1810.

Next in line is William P. Ewing, son of James Ewing Jr. and an unknown wife. William P. was born in 1802 in Kentucky and died in 1864 in Clark Co, Arkansas. He married Sarah \_\_?\_\_ about 1828. She was born in 1811 in Tennessee.

My next Ewing ancestor is John Ewing, son of William P. and Sarah Ewing. He was born on February 22, 1840, in Missouri and died in November 1884 in Montgomery Co, Arkansas. He is buried on his land in Montgomery Co, Arkansas, that has been passed down through the generations. He fought in the Civil War as a member of Arkansas Company F, 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Bells) Infantry. He spent most of the war as a prisoner of war in Camp Douglas, Illinois. His brother, William N., also fought in the Civil War. I have John Ewing's military papers and am in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He married Martha Hines. She was born on February 11, 1844, in Montgomery Co, Arkansas, and died in 1880 in Montgomery Co, Arkansas. She is buried in Mount Tabor Cemetery in Montgomery Co, Arkansas.

John Ewing's son William Amos Ewing was born on November 24, 1867, in Hot Springs Co, Arkansas, and died on August 14, 1954, in Anson, Texas. He married Patron Ann Hollingshead on July 28, 1892 in Hill Co, Texas. Her parents were James Hollingshead and Deliah Lightfoot. She was born in Amity, Clark Co, Arkansas, on March 1, 1874. She died on March 1, 1967, in Abilene, Texas. William Amos and Patron Ann (Hollingshead) Ewing are buried side-by-side in Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson, Texas.

My next Ewing generation is Leona Lillie Ewing who was born in Amity, Clark Co, Arkansas, in 1895 and died in 2000. She was my great-great-grandmother. She was in her right mind until

the day she died and provided most of the information that I have. She first married Lee Cook; she later married Tom Wilson.

The next generation is Lorene Kelly who was my grandmother.

My ninth generation descendant from John Ewing Sr. and Jennet McElvaney is my mother Sharon Wynette Kelly, daughter of Lorene (Cook) and Richard Randolph Kelly. She first married Wesley Lee Maberry (my father). They were married in 1961, and divorced in 1987. Her second husband was Willie B. Johnson who died in 1993. She then married Harry Marvin McDowell in 2000.

Sharon Wynette (Kelly) and Wesley Lee Maberry had two daughters. Lori Leann Maberry married Britt Cary in 1981. They have a daughter: Brittany Leann Cary who married Andrew Harrison in 2009

Sharon Wynette (Kelly) and Wesley Lee Maberry's second daughter is me: Angela Renia (Maberry) (Combs) Burleson: I married Robert Mark Combs in 1983 and had two children: Alicia Sharon (Combs) Spell and Brody Cullen Combs. Robert and I divorced in 1997. I then married James Dewain Burleson. He is a physician. We have no children together but are adopting a grandson from James' oldest daughter from a previous marriage.

Please let everyone know that my United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter will be having an *In Memory Memorial* for John Ewing (1840-1884) for his service in the Civil War. It will be at a small cemetery near Gatesville, Texas, on April 10, 2011, at 2 PM. I would love to have everyone attend who is able. He must have been a remarkable man.

**Susan D. Clark** lives in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, and can be reached at *Clark.Susan at comcast dot net*.

John P. Ewing (1786-c1830) – a son of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825) – married Elizabeth Walker (c1794-c1860). They had a daughter, Margaret Ewing, who married Rudolph Clark. Rudolph and Margaret (Ewing) Clark had a son, James Ewing Clark, who married Mary Ann McConnell. James Ewing and Mary Margaret (McConnell) Clark had six children who survived infancy. One of them my grandfather James Rudolph Clark I who married Naomi Kathryn Parkes. James Rudolph Clark I and Naomi Kathryn (Parkes) Clark had two children: my father James Rudolph Clark II and my uncle John Ewing Clark.

The results of some work with William E. Riddle appear in the November 2009 issue of the *Journal*, on pages 89-95. The following is a synopsis of the descendants of John P. Ewing as reported in that previous *Journal* article:

- 1 John P. Ewing b. Abt. 1789, Allegheny Co, PA, d. Abt. 1829, Allegheny Co, PA
  - + Elizabeth Walker b. Abt. 1794, PA, m. Bef. 1829, d. Aft. Aug 21, 1850, Allegheny Co, Robinson Twp. PA
- 2 Margaret Ewing b. Abt. 1820, Allegheny Co, PA, d. Bet. Aug 21, 1850 and 1887, Allegheny Co, Robinson Twp., PA
  - + Rudolph Clark b. 1823, d. 1880
- 3 James Ewing Clark b. 1854, d. 1924
  - + Mary Margaret McConnell b. 1863, d. 1945

- 4 James Rudolph Clark I b. 1886, d. 1945
  - + Naomi Kathryn Parkes b. 1886, London, England, d. 1966
- 5 James Rudolph Clark II b. 1920, Turtle Creek, Allegheny Co, PA, d. 1988, Pittsburgh, PA
  - + Mathilda Edith Cook b. 1926, McDonald, Allegheny/Washington Co, PA
- 6 Susan D. Clark
- 5 John Ewing Clark
  - + Elizabeth \_?\_ b. Abt. 1916, d. 2008
- 2 John Ewing b. 1830, Robinson Township, Allegheny Co, PA, d. Aft. 1860

**Victoria A. (Ewing) Deboard** and spouse **Lanny** live in Folkston, Georgia, and may be contacted at *vila at tds dot net*.

I am a granddaughter of Leroy Ewing and a daughter of Harold I. Ewing.

**Jed Caleb Ewing** lives in Irving, Texas. He may be contacted at *JCEwing63 at yahoo dot com*.

I am the youngest of Elmer Edison and Choctaw Indian Myrtle Jane (Freeman) Ewing's grandchildren. We are proud Oklahoma Band of Choctaw Indians. There are seven of us. My grandfather Elmer Edison was the son of William M. and Fannie Bella (Howard) Ewing. I believe my great-great-grandfather was John B. Ewing.

Elmer Edison and Myrtle had two sons: James Ewing and my father David Clark Ewing. I am David Clark and Juanita Delores (Fuller) Ewing's second son. David Clark Ewing Jr., my elder brother, has passed away. I have two sisters: Janice Lynn Ewing and Janet Lee Ewing.



**John Thor Ewing** and **Anne Marie Summers** live in Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire, England, and can be reached at *Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*.

**From William E. Riddle:** Thor has a very interesting personal web site at *ThorEwing.net*, the "official site for Thor Ewing as writer, translator, cultural historian, performer and musician."

**From Jill Spitzer:** Thor provided a wonderful banquet talk at the most recent gathering in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. His lineage as listed in his Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project lineage (JT, group 2\*) is:

father, Harold Ewing: born 15 February 1930 in Belfast, Northern Ireland; died May 2007

mother, Denise Noelle Perrott: born 30 December 1931

grandfather, Henry Ewing: born 25 November 1899 in Belfast, Northern Ireland; died 1988 in Belfast, Northern Ireland

grandmother, Julia Kearney: born 5 February 1900, died 1983

great-grandfather, Henry Ewing: born 1862 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Northern Ireland; died a. 1912 in Belfast

great-grandmother, Margery Belshaw: born 7 August 1868

great-great-grandfather, William Ewing: died a. 1883 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Northern Ireland

great-great-grandmother, \_?\_ Phoenix

**William Skidmore Ewing** lives in Glasgow, Scotland, and may be reached at *W.Ewing421 at btinternet dot com*.

My heritage is:

myself, William S. Ewing: born 1941 in Gartcosh, Lanarkshire, Scotland; retired Engineer  
wife: Margaret McChesney

father, Samuel Ewing: born 1909; died 1969

mother, Florence Skidmore: born 1911; died 1986 in Scotland

grandfather, George Swan Ewing: born 1867; died 1927

grandmother, Isabella Forsyth: born 1878; died 1914 in Swinton, Scotland

great-grandfather, Samuel Ewing: born 1841; died 1900

great-grandmother, Agnes Swan: born 1841; died 1927 in Ayrshire/Lanarkshire, Scotland

great<sup>2</sup>-grandfather, Mathew Ewing: born 1810 in Ireland; died 1870 in Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland

great<sup>2</sup>-grandmother, Mary Davidson: born 1810; died 1860

great<sup>3</sup>-grandfather, Samuel Ewing; soldier in Ireland

great<sup>3</sup>-grandmother, Emilia Blaney

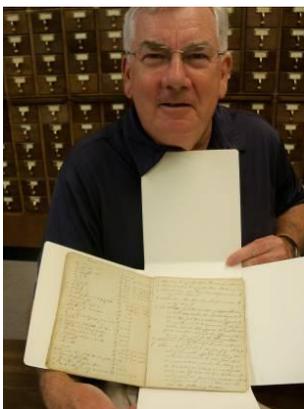
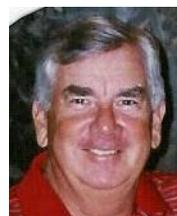
Interestingly, every one of my ancestors, except the soldier Samuel, were coalminers. Myself, I served my apprenticeship in the coalmines and eventually became a Section Engineer in the Ravenscraig Steelworks.

My father and grandfather were both Oversmen (managers) in the coalmines.

**David 'Bruce' Frobos** lives in Flagstaff, Arizona, and may be reached at *Frobos at npgcable dot com* or +1 928.525.9188.

I am retired and a passionate genealogist. I now have over 2,000 names in my genealogy database. Genealogy is fun, but overwhelming at times, and I am very open to receiving helpful information from any and all 'cousins'.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is William Ewing, born 1625. He is my great<sup>8</sup>-grandfather.



I found my Ewing connection while researching Robert Patterson, my great<sup>4</sup>-grandfather. He married Amy Hunter Ewing of Greenwich, New Jersey, on May 9, 1774.

Robert was a friend of Thomas Jefferson through the American Philosophical Society. The Library of Congress has about eighty letters between Jefferson and Patterson from the 1790s to the 1820s. They shared an interest in ciphers and regularly exchanged coded correspondence.

Jefferson asked Robert to teach Meriwether Lewis navigation techniques before the Lewis and Clark Expedition. I visited the University of Missouri special collections library last summer and viewed a notebook (see photo to the left) that Robert Patterson prepared for Lewis to aid him in making celestial calculations during the expedition.

It is possible that Amy met Jefferson in Philadelphia during the time Jefferson was Washington's Secretary of State. On the other hand, Amy did not meet Meriwether Lewis since the training effort was supposed to be kept secret. However, I can imagine dinner conversations after the completion of the expedition in 1805.

Amy's father was Maskell Ewing (1721-1796). Amy lived to see a lot of history in Philadelphia from 1774 to 1844. She was ninety-three when she passed.

Amy and Robert's son, Robert Maskell Patterson, married Helen Hamilton Leiper, and their daughter, Mary Gray Patterson, married Samuel Field (from Philadelphia) in October 1847.

Robert Maskell Patterson was a professor of mathematics, chemistry and natural philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> In this, he followed in the footsteps of his father who was professor of mathematics at the University from 1779 to 1814 and its vice provost from 1810 to 1813. Later, Robert Maskell Patterson was hired to teach natural philosophy at the University of Virginia within a couple of years of its opening about 1828.

Collectively, father and son subsequently spent a combined thirty-seven years as the Director of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

The Field's son, Robert Patterson Field, married Mary Prime Trumbull, from Stonington, Connecticut, on 17 October 1878 in Philadelphia. My grandmother, Helen Hamilton Field, married Norman Bruce Armstrong and they had three daughters. Mary Trumbull Armstrong (1909-1995), the middle daughter, was my mother and she married C. David Fobes (1897-1986). I was born on March 4, 1940.

I grew up mainly in the Midwest and attended college at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, where I learned to fly courtesy of the Air Force's ROTC program and then entered the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. After my time in the Air Force, I spent thirty-four years with the Harris Bank (Bank of Montreal) and started its Arizona trust and investment operations in Scottsdale in 1976. I retired in 1999 as a Senior Vice President. My wife, Cobe, and I have been married for forty-seven years and live at the Forest Highland Golf Club in Flagstaff, Arizona. We have three daughters and four grandchildren, all living in Arizona.

In the last ten years I have devoted much personal time to tracing my ancestors and will be taking a second road trip to Philadelphia, Greenwich, and several spots in Connecticut this spring. When last in Greenwich, I visited the Tea Burning monument (see photo to the right).

I just finished reading *Thomas Ewing Jr.: Frontier Lawyer and Civil War General*.<sup>2</sup> Thanks to EFA for letting me know about it. George Ewing who went west and whose son was Thomas Ewing of Lancaster is Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson's paternal first cousin. One research project is to find 'letters' from the Ohio Ewings to the Philadelphia and



<sup>1</sup> Records indicate that one of the first provosts of the University of Pennsylvania was a Dr. John Ewing and he was there when Patterson applied for a position. Nepotism?

<sup>2</sup> Smith, Ronald D. *Thomas Ewing Jr.: Frontier Lawyer and Civil War General*, University of Missouri Press (Columbia, Missouri), 2008.

Greenwich Ewings.

I would like to know more about the Ewings back from Maskell Ewing, and links that David Neal Ewing has sent me should be very helpful. I love how Maskell and other ancestors helped create America in its infancy. I want to know as much as possible about every limb and leaf on my family tree.

*Editor's Note: A transcript of a Revolutionary War-period letter from Robert Patterson to his wife Amy Hunter Ewing appears on page 1.*

**Shauna (Ewing) Libsack** and spouse **Steve** live in Burnsville, Minnesota. She may be contacted at *Shauna at libsack dot com*.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is from the 'other' Ewing line that has as yet not made a connection to the majority of *Ewing Family Association* members. My earliest known ancestor is William Ewing (born 1730-1735 in Ireland, d. 1769 in Franklin, Indiana County, Pennsylvania). He married Eleanor Thompson (born 1738 in Franklin, Indiana County, Pennsylvania). I am looking for William's Irish ancestors as well as any connection to the *EFA* lines.

**Julie Mutchie** lives in Pahump, Nevada, and may be contacted at *cqdave at aol dot com*.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Simon Ewing, born about 1844 in England. I found a 1960 Census record with Mary born about 1812, Thomas born about 1836 in England, Simon born about 1843 in England and Mary J. born about 1844 in Illinois. Simon married Phoebe Soover in Gilpin, Colorado, about 1870. They had four children: John Alonzo Ewing, Lillie Mae Ewing, Laura Ewing and Hiram Benton Ewing, my great-grandfather. Phoebe ended-up in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1877, remarried to George Birchell when Hiram was about a year old. I have found no death record for Simon, or any reliable information about his mother, brother or sister.

I have only a few pieces of information about Hiram Benton Ewing. Two family stories exist about him. I know he was married to my great-grandmother Mattie Virginia McGuire. Then one of two things happened. He committed suicide or got a divorce and Mattie remarried, about 1923. Her new husband, Edward E. Schneider, adopted my grandfather and his brother – Fred Benton Ewing and Roland Reed Ewing – when they were twenty and sixteen, respectively. This is where our last name became Schneider.

In an interesting twist, the adoption paper my Dad has lists Benjamin W. Ewing as Fred Benton Ewing's and Roland Reed Ewing's father. I have Mattie Virginia (McGuire) and Hiram Ewing's wedding announcement from the Pacific Junction, Iowa, newspaper.

Thomas McAllister and Simon Ewing owned a gold mine in Gilpin County, Colorado.

I have a marriage record from Wayne, Nebraska, that shows grandfather Fred Benton Ewing's parents names as Benjamin and Mattie (McGuire) Ewing. An adoption record my Dad has shows Benjamin Ewing as born in Council Bluffs, Iowa. At this point in time, I don't know if he died or he and Mattie were divorced. Mattie's signature is the only one on the adoption record. (This is when our last name changed to Schneider.) The adoption was complete four days before my grandfather's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Here are some recent E-mails from my father having to do with the records that we have.

**From Dick Schneider (ds21950 at gmail dot com)**

**To: Julie Mutchie**

**On: 12 Jan 2011, 2:50 pm**

**Subject: Fred Schneider's Birth Certificate**

I have – in the little gray box – an Iowa State Department of Health *Delayed Certificate of Birth* for my dad, Fred Benton Ewing. It is dated May 27, 1947. The father is listed as Ben W. Ewing, born in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The mother is listed as Mattie McQuire, born in Adair, Iowa. There is a signature of Mattie Schneider, dated May 26, 1947.

It lists three pieces of Supporting Evidence:

1. Council Bluffs public school records, dated May 15, 1910. (Probably finishing the first grade. I doubt if they had kindergarten then.)
2. Doctor's Certificate signed by William F. Hombach M.D., listing November 27, 1904 as the date of birth.
3. Marriage Record #50693, recorded in book #64, on page 301 of Pottawattamie County records.

Another piece of paper concerns the adoption of Fred and Roland. It is interesting to note that the front says Roland Reed Ewing but does not list my dad other than in the letter. I had not noticed that before. It lists Ed Schneider as the adopting male. It is dated and notarized on November 23, 1925. That would be when my dad almost twenty-one, missing by only four days. Now that is interesting also. The paper does say that Mrs. Mattie Schneider is willing for this adoption.

Another piece of paper shows the Naturalization of Etienne Schneider on March 19, 1912, that says he would be thirty-three years old. In a paragraph at the bottom this date is listed again but then in the next sentence it lists March 19, 1936. My guess is that the later date is when he was naturalized. 1912 might be when he came to the States from Germany (which is listed on this paper as where he came from).

**From: Dick Schneider (ds21950 at gmail dot com)**

**To: Julie Mutchie**

**On: 12 Jan 2011, 3:07 pm**

**Subject: Wedding of Ben and Mattie**

I sent you the email on what was in the gray box before I read the message you forwarded from Bonnie Francis [see below]. Something is wrong with somebody's information. Too much of a coincidence of Mattie marrying Ben Ewing. I think my information is correct with the name Ben W. Ewing. I don't know where 'Harry' comes into the picture. But Pacific Junction, Iowa, seems better than Adair, Iowa, as Mattie's birth place. Maybe your registry lists Mattie's birth place.

Shenandoah, Pacific Junction and Glenwood, Iowa, are close together, about 60 miles from our house in Lincoln. Adair is about two-and-a-half hours away.

Dad's second message is referring to information from Bonnie Francis I forwarded to him to see if Ben is near any of our family:

**Forwarded Message –****From: Bonnie Francis (*piggyspen at cox dot net*)****To: Julie Mutchie****On: 23 Sep 2010, 9:17 pm****Subject: Wedding of Ben and Mattie**

I don't know if these are your people.

May 14, 1902:

Harry B. Ewing of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mattie V. McGuire were married May 14, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents in Pacific Junction, Iowa. Mr. Ewing is a druggist at Frank Morgan Drug Store, and they will make that place their home.

August 14, 1955:

Mrs. Roland Schneider, SHENANDOAH Iowa

Funeral services will be held in Shenandoah at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the Re-organized Latter Day Saints for Mrs. Roland Schneider, 45. She died Thursday at Independence, MO. She was formerly Miss Naomi McMahill, a musician, who was a graduate of Simpson College, Indianola. IA. She taught music in Shenandoah High School one year, and later studied in New York.

Her husband and two children – Ronald, 13, and Constance, 12 – survive.

Most of my family is buried in Cedar Lawn. On my next trip to Lincoln I am planning a trip to Council Bluff to see if I could convince them to let me have a copy of my grandfather's birth certificate. I haven't been able to order one because I can't prove he is related, because of the adoption.

**Joseph J. Pepe** is from Clayton, North Carolina, and can be reached at *mar\_joe\_2000 at yahoo dot com*.

John Ewing, born in 1754, is my earliest known Ewing-surnamed ancestor. The Ewing family merged with the Yeates family of Lancaster, and descendants served with distinction during the Revolutionary War.

I have a great deal of information gathered over a period of years on the Yeates and Ewing families along with copies of documents obtained from various sources. Some of those document copies were issued by the Congress in March 1776 and signed by John Hancock, naming Jasper Ewing as Adjutant to Colonel Edward Hand, his brother-in-law and commander of the Fifth Regiment. Jasper is the son of John and Sarah (Yeates) Ewing. John and Sarah had two other children, a daughter Catherine who married Edward Hand (confidant of George Washington) and another son, John, who married Elizabeth Keen.

Incidentally, John Ewing and Sarah Yeates were married on February 20, 1750, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (per the Marriage Records of Christ Church). I understand that both are buried in the graveyard of Christ Church in Philadelphia. This is the church where both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin worshipped and where Franklin is buried.

Information on John Ewing and Elizabeth (Keen) Ewing is as follows:

Elizabeth Keen was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Keen. She was born in 1759 in Wilmington, Delaware, and died October 4, 1811, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

John Ewing was born in 1755 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth in 1795 and died on February 14, 1799, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Their daughter Margaret was born March 22, 1795, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married John Lewis Woolf on June 19, 1817. She died on January 8, 1868, in Philadelphia and was interred in Monument Cemetery in Philadelphia. The property which included Monument Cemetery was later sold to Temple University and the remains of the Woolf family were moved to Mount Vernon Cemetery in the northeastern part of the city.

The children of Margaret Ewing and John Lewis Woolf included:

Emily: born November 12, 1821

Thomas J.: born 1825; died February 15, 1904, in Philadelphia.

Ellen B.: born 1826; died 1852

Henry L.: born 1827; died 1901

Samuel M.: born 1836; died 1863

John Lewis and Margaret (Ewing) Woolf resided on Buttonwood Street in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Woolf and his wife Julia Banta married c. 1845 in Philadelphia. Their descendants include:

Margaret Ewing Woolf who was born in 1847 and died on August 11, 1873. She married Charles Hollingshead Hatch c. 1868.

Thomas Woolf Hatch (my maternal grandfather): born August 17, 1872; died March 11, 1946 in Philadelphia; married Sadie Eukalena Finigan c. 1895; Sadie died May 11, 1925.

Thaddeus W. Hatch: born 1897; died July 7, 1898

Anna May Hatch (my mother) was born June 5, 1906. She married, on July 30, 1930, John Pepe of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She died February 28, 1978, in Barrington, New Jersey.

**From Jill Spittler:** Margaret Ewing Fife<sup>3</sup> believed John to be a son of Thomas baptized November 5, 1704, and Thomas' father to be James Ewing of Inch (p. 395 in *Ewing in Early America*). I asked about Jasper, looking for a Ewing male descendant for DNA testing, and Joe said he never married.

**Michael Joseph Radcliffe** and his spouse **Angeline Marie** live in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He may be contacted at *Michael.Radcliffe at gmail dot com*.

My mother was Irene Melvina Ewing. Her father was George Edwin Ewing and her mother was Ann Dell Cloud. Her father's father was Edwin Morgan Ewing. I know something of my grandfather George, but have no information on great-grandfather Edwin, other than birth and death dates.

Here are some facts and figures on me and my line:

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<sup>3</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

I am fifty-five years old, married to Angie and have two boys – William and Samuel. My father was Robert Leo Radcliffe I. I have five siblings: Lee Ewing Radcliffe, Barbara Irene (Radcliffe ) Sanders, Robert Leo Radcliffe II, Barry Gene Radcliffe and Cherry Diane (Radcliffe) Clevenger.

I work as a consulting scientist and live in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin (about thirty-five miles west of Milwaukee). I graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in Biology (1978) and an M.S. in Environmental Sciences (1980).

I grew up in Wolcott, Indiana (Northwest Indiana), near where my grandparents lived for many years before they moved to Hammond, Indiana, where my grandfather was a Master Mechanic at Taylor Chain. He was killed in an industrial accident at Swift's Fertilizer working on machinery there. He had five daughters: Zelpha Mae (died as an infant), Bessie Margaret (m. Perryman), Irene Melvina, Lois Mildred (died as a young woman), Anna Belle (m. Burbage) and Ida (died unmarried).

My mother's Ewing line goes as follows: Finley Ewing – Thomas Ewing – Joshua Ewing – Joshua Ewing Jr. – Joshua Green Ewing – Edwin Morgan Ewing – George Edwin Ewing.

**From Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Welcome to the *Ewing Family Association*. It is great to have you in our group and I will be happy to work with you on your Ewing lineage.

You asked specifically for more information about your great-grandfather, Edwin Morgan Ewing. Since you gave no dates, I am making a guess here that perhaps the man you call 'Edwin' Morgan Ewing was actually 'Edward' Morgan Ewing.

We may be in luck if my guesses and database are correct. I discovered some information on the Internet about your parents and grandparents. If this information does correctly connect to information in my files, we may not need to look any further.

**From Michael Radcliffe (*Michael.Radcliffe at gmail dot com*)**

Your supposition is correct about 'Edward' versus 'Edwin'. Edward Morgan Ewing as born 14 August 1840 in Champaign County, Ohio, and he died 23 February 1891 in Miami County, Kansas. He married Eva Hoffman.

My grandfather, Edward Morgan Ewing's son, was George Edwin Ewing who was born 10 April 1886 in Miami County, Kansas, and died on 2 September 1925 in Hammond, Indiana.

Edward Morgan Ewing's father was Joshua Green Ewing (born 25 January 1806 in Union County, Ohio, and died 9 September 1842 in Union Co). Joshua Green's father was Joshua Ewing Jr. and was born about 1768 in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio, and died about 1821 in Jerome Township. His father was Joshua Ewing who was born 18 November 1736 in Cumberland County, New Jersey, and died about 1785, also in Cumberland County, New Jersey.

I have only scant information about why my grandfather was in Indiana: My family history says that after great-grandfather Edward Morgan Ewing died, he refused to stay with his mother's third husband and became a hired hand at Cloud's Ranch, near what is now Monon, Indiana, before eventually moving on to Hammond, Indiana, to work as a mechanic.

That's the sum total of my knowledge. Anything you can tell me, including information about sources, would be great!

**A. Royall Whitaker**, his spouse **Dorothy**, and his granddaughter **Charlotte Lane Whitaker**. Royall and Dorothy live in Annapolis, Maryland, and may be reached at *Whitaker at USNA dot edu*. Charlotte attends Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

I am descended from William Ewing (born c. 1630 in Scotland) via Colerain, Ireland, and Cecil County, Maryland. I would like to learn more details about this William (who married Eliza Milford), his son William (who married Jane \_?\_), and about what happened in Cecil County. My most-recent Ewing ancestor is Sarah Harriet Ewing (born 1842 in Lee County, Virginia, and died 1922 in Knoxville, Tennessee).

#### **From Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

It is wonderful to have you all as new members of our great Ewing family.

I note that your line of descent goes to William Ewing born approximately 1630 in Scotland. There is dispute about the name of his wife. The consensus is that she was not Eliza Milford. It is unknown what her name might have been.

My personal records are just that. I am not a certified genealogist, but have collected a very large Ewing database and do my best to collect data on as many Ewing individuals as I come across them ... over 9,000 so far.

If you haven't yet done so, you should spend time on the *EFA* web site and look at data in the *Journal*. There has been much written about this line and we believe the information on the web site is correct or has been corrected from an earlier publication. Be sure to check out Volume 4 of the *Journal* and the books published by Margaret (Ewing) Fife and James R. McMichael, the previous Genealogist.

Your membership application forms note that your Ewing line ends with Sarah Harriet Ewing (1842-1933). If you are willing, I would like to bring your lineage up to date in my database to include you. Below is what I show of this lineage. Corrections or additions are most welcome.

My records show that Sarah Harriet Ewing's parents were Joshua Ewing (1804-1884) and Catherine Fulkerson (c1808- b1880).

The parents of Joshua were Samuel E. Ewing (1772-1851) and Mary Houston (1787-1842).

The parents of Samuel were Captain Patrick Ewing Sr. (1737-1819) and Jane Porter (1739-1784).

The parents of Patrick were Joshua (1704-1753) and Jane Patton (c.1710-1754).

Joshua was a half-brother of Nathaniel (1693-1748). The father of Nathaniel, Joshua and their siblings was William (c1658-1736).

## **Keeping Up With the Ewings**

**Janet Deaton** (*JanetDeaton at knology dot net*) says she missed all of us at the gathering and is very busy with her volunteer work with the DAR as National co-Vice Chairman of the Public Relations and Media Committee as well as State Vice Chairman of the Member Committee. In addition she is helping organize a new DAR chapter for women who can't attend during weekdays.

**Barbara (Ewing) Cockroft** (*BarbieDoll50 at neo dot rr dot com*)**LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED AWARD FROM ASHLAND UNIVERSITY**

The John C. Myers Convocation Center at Ashland University, Ashland, OH was the setting on Saturday evening, Oct. 10, 2009, as the Ashland University Alumni Association and Board of Trustees bestowed eight alumni with distinguished service awards during a dinner in their honor. Recognized with the Dr. Raymond W. Bixler Education Award was 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher at Lake Middle School, Barbara Ewing Cockroft. The Bixler Award recognizes "exemplary faculty in the field of education. The award may be given to any member of the Ashland University faculty or to an alumna/alumnus who has achieved distinction at another institution; primary, secondary or collegiate level."

Mrs. Cockroft has been a reading and/or English teacher at Lake Middle School for 35 years, earning both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ashland University, where she also serves as an adjunct professor. Cockroft has received much recognition and many honors throughout her career, including being named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar (2009); was one of four middle school teachers across the state appointed to Governor Ted Strickland's Committee on Creativity and Innovation in Education in 2007-08; was elected into Plain Local Schools' (her high school alma mater) Hall of Distinction for her work as a professional educator in 2006; earned National Board Certification, the highest award bestowed upon teachers (2005) and in 2004 was named to the Mix 94.1 All Stark County Teaching Team. She received the Lake Township Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Leadership Award in 2003.

One of the highlights of her career occurred in Nov. 2007 when she was invited as one of forty National Board Certified Teachers from across the country to travel to Cairo, Egypt, where she worked to create partnerships between American and Egyptian schools.

Dr. Frank Pettigrew, Ashland University Provost and former Hartville resident, was Mrs. Cockroft's presenter. He spoke of her as the "consummate educator" and told the audience of over 150 a story that had personally affected his daughter Emily, who had been one of Cockroft's students in 1996. As Dean of the College of Education in 2003-04, Pettigrew also spoke of Barb's leadership as the Stark County Chairperson for the 2003-04 College of Education campaign and of the commitment that she and nine of her Delta Zeta sorority sisters had made to raise \$25,000 in order to have naming rights of the Early Childhood Lounge in the new Dwight Schar College of Education. That vision soon became a reality.

Presenting her with the award, in addition to Dr. Pettigrew, was Dr. Frederick J. Finks, President of Ashland University. In her acceptance speech, Cockroft acknowledged the support of family, friends, administrators, the Lake Board of Education, colleagues, and the incredible children and parents of the Lake community. She spoke of her career not as a job



**Back Row: husband Don Cockroft and son Daniel Hanlon. Front Row: to the left, daughter Katy Hanlon and to the right, daughter Julie Hanlon.**

but as a ministry of being of service to others. She stated that as an educator we have the "privilege to share God's goodness every day of our lives."

Flanked by her husband Don, former punter/kicker of the Cleveland Browns and soon-to-be author of a book on the 1980 Kardiak Kids, and her three adult children – Katy, Daniel and Julie Hanlon – she called the night "magical" and "totally humbling."

At the conclusion of her acceptance speech Cockroft distributed a copy of the quote that she had read to all of the attendees. She encouraged others to continue to "let your light shine on others, so that we might manifest the glory of God that is within us."

Other alumni recipients were given to Donald Graham (class of 1969) for the Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Clifford Stewart (class of 1969) for the Drushall Humanitarian Award; Melissa Sommers (class of 1997) for the Young Alumna Award; William Levering (class of 1978) for the Special Achievement Award; Jack and Sandra Irving for the Honorary Alumnus Award; and Dr. Betty Whited (class of 1959) posthumously for the Dr. Glenn L. Clayton Award.

**Georgia (Ewing) Morgan** (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*) writes:

I haven't been doing much Ewing genealogy lately, as I've been trying to tie up some loose ends on some other lines. My cousin who contributed to the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project [Thomas Dale Ewing, TD, [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/TD\\_Thomas Dale Ewing.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/TD_Thomas%20Dale%20Ewing.pdf)] is going into a retirement home in Kansas, after an illness. He and I are both turning eighty-nine in 2011 – the last two Ewing kids of our generation through Jeremiah Ewing, grandson of Jacob. He has two sons to carry on the Ewing name. My son is a Breen, by my first husband.

**Barbara (Ewing) Powell** (*BarbaraEwing at bigvalley dot net*) has agreed to help set up the next gathering. She is a descendant of the family line that settled the southern Ohio area and edited the book by Nancy Hanks Ewing that appears on the EFA web site.<sup>4</sup> She says that Nancy was a sister to Chairman Wally Ewing. The genealogy world is truly small.

**Dennis Skidmore** (*DSkidmore82 at gmail dot com*) has moved to Saint Charles, Missouri. He may still be contacted at *DSkidmore82 at gmail dot com*. He has recently prepared an updated descendant report for James Ewing (c1800-c1849) which may be found at:

[dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA\\_Info/JamesEwing\\_1800\\_1849.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/JamesEwing_1800_1849.pdf).

This report updates and elaborates the information published in James Ewing (c 1800 – c. 1849) Descendants, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 3/4 (August/ November 2010), p. 13.

**Susan (Ewing) Wolfe's** EMail address has changed to *buster123 at hughes dot net*.

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<sup>4</sup> Ewing, Nancy Hanks (ed. Barbara Ewing Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document\\_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html).

## Deaths

With sincere and heartfelt condolences to their families, we note the passing of:

### **Gene N. Ewing**

From [www.hendersonvanatta.com/obituary.lasso?id=467](http://www.hendersonvanatta.com/obituary.lasso?id=467)

A memorial service for Gene N. Ewing, age 85, of Heath, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, at the Newark Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral & Cremation Service, 59 North Fifth Street, Newark, with Rev. Kristin Santiago officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service. [internment] will take place at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Ewing died Monday, September 6, 2010 at Grant Medical Center. He was born November 3, 1924 in Newark, Ohio to the late Robert Bryant Ewing and Mildred (Gatchell) Ewing.

Gene was a 1942 graduate of Newark High School where he received recognition in track and field. He attended Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio and interrupted his studies during World War II to become a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps, serving as a pilot. At the end of World War II, he returned to Muskingum and graduated in June of 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and Personnel Administration.

Gene's career in Personnel/Industrial Relations, covered a span of 42 years starting in Los Angeles and followed by a move back to Ohio in 1950 as Employment Manager for Tectum Corp. He then served with Shell Oil in the Los Angeles area, then eleven years with Yosemite Park and Curry Company, six years with Scripps Hospital as Director of Personnel, and then seven years with the Palomar/Pomerado Hospital District as Director. The last seven years of his career was as Regional Manager for the Merchants and Manufacturers Assoc., covering the spectrum of human resources, personnel management, industrial relations and legislative advocacy services to employers in California.

Gene was Personnel Consultant for the 1960 Winter Olympic Games in Squaw Valley. He was past president of the Yosemite Lions Club, past president and director/secretary of the California Hospital Personnel Management Association, and served as a member of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce State and National Government Advisory Council and [Health] Committee.

Gene put his creative talents to use in his retirement years, compiling a book of poetry.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Robert L. and Karen Ewing of Newark; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, Sheryl Ewing Murphy (Mark) and their children, Robb Hotchkiss (Emily) and Elizabeth Murphy; Beth Eakes (Rick) and their children, Joshua Johnson, Michele Muncie and Christin Grossnickle; Ruth Handelman (Robert) and their children, Brook Maynard, Kristin Maynard and Paige Cashin; Matthew Olson (Laura) and their child, Jaclyn Olson; Russell Olson (Mona) and their child, Scott Olson; Thomas Olson; and special California and Hawaii "buddies".

Gene was a resident of Chapel Grove in Heath for the past four years and the family would like to thank the staff for the excellent care given to Gene.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Care Fund at Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.

**James Earl Ewing, Jr.**

James Earl Ewing, Jr. , 82, of Emporia, Virginia, died Monday, December 6, 2010, at Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center. Jim was born October 24, 1928, to the late James Earl and Anna Virginia Golladay Ewing of Stephens City, Virginia. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps in 1946, serving in Occupied Tokyo and Sapporo, Japan. Following his discharge in 1949, he attended Roanoke College in Salem, VA., and re-entered U. S. Government Service as a civilian with the Central Intelligence Agency until his retirement in 1975. During his career he served in U. S. Embassies in Greece, Iran, Austria, and Italy.



Following retirement Jim and his family moved from Warrenton, VA to Emporia, where he served as Commander of VFW Post 5371 and was a member of American Legion Post 46. He served as Secretary of the Greenville Electoral Board, the Board of Supervisors 1988-1997, Chairman of Department of Social Services, Secretary of the IDC, Planning Commission member, and Chairman of Crater Planning District Commission. He was a Lions Club District Governor and Chairman of Virginia Council of Governors. He was a Church Council President and an active member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Jim married Evelyn Jones in 1956, in Emporia. Surviving with his wife are children James (Jay) E. Ewing, III, and wife Connie, Beverly Ewing Dugger, all of Emporia, and Jeffrey D. Ewing, Leesburg, beloved grandchildren Victoria Ewing, Palmer Dugger, Stephanie Dugger, and Jonathan Ewing, brothers John M. Ewing, Lakeland, FL, Lewis M. Ewing, Winchester, and Billy M. Ewing, Stephens City, sisters Catherine C. Lovett, Winchester, and Nancy E. Weller, Raleigh, NC. A sister, Clara C. Cook predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Thursday, December 9, 2010 at St. John Lutheran Church, Emporia, with the Reverend Stephen F. Bocklage officiating. Burial followed in Greenville Memorial Cemetery in Emporia.

**Stanley Richard Matchett**

*Courtesy of Paul Falk*

Stanley Richard Matchett, 77, of Medford, Ore., a San Clemente police officer for 19 years, passed away April 25 [2010].

Stan was born to Charles H. Matchett and Velma Roden Matchett on Dec. 12, 1932, in Holidays Cove, W. Va. He served in the Marine Corps for three years and was hired by the San Clemente Police Department in February 1956, beginning as a reserve officer. He was hired full time in March 1957 as a motor officer. In 1961, he was promoted to sergeant, then lieutenant in 1965 and finally to assistant chief in 1969. He retired in December 1975.

Stan is survived by his two sons, Michael of Yreka and Rocky of Arkansas, as well as his daughter Shylene (Paul) Falk of San Clemente and grandchildren Ryan Falk, Richard Matchett and Krystal Matchett.

*Editor's Note: Stan Matchett was a descendant of Samuel Ewing (1751-1805) and his wife, Jean Neal (c1758-?). This Samuel was a first cousin of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825).*

**Loyal Franklin Moore**

Loyal Franklin Moore, 86, of Alexandria, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2010.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2010 at Crouse-Kauber-Sammons Funeral Home, 225 N. Main Street, Johnstown, OH, with Pastor Calvin Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Alexandria, OH.

Mr. Moore was born October 25, 1923 in Hebron, to the late Franklin L. and Edna R. (Ewing) Moore. He retired from Denison University, and he farmed in Licking County for many years.

Loyal is survived by four sons and two daughters, Douglas (Lynne) Moore of Columbus, Larry Moore of Pickerington, Bruce [Vlad] Moore of Alexandria, Dan T. Moore of Alexandria, Sherry (Tim) Miller of Newark, and Brenda (Charlie) Ralph of Alexandria; two brothers and one sister, Kenneth Moore of FL, Marvin Moore of Mt. Vernon, Frances Strayer of Elida; nine grandchildren, Honey, Christy, Sara, Erica, Chapin, Tristan, Dahlia, Vlad, and Stas; four great grandchildren, Michelle, Turner, Danté, and Tinel; many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, Dick, Carl and Evelyn Moore.

## ***Information Sought and Available***

This section is intended to facilitate dialogues among members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* as well as among them and non-members. It includes items sent directly to the *Journal's* Editor and the *EFA* Genealogist which offer up or request Ewing-related information.

This section also, as a service to readers, reprints selected requests for information and offers of information posted to several sites focused on Ewings, for example, the Ewing-related rootsweb message board at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx). With the same intent, selected postings to *EFA's* Forum at [groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](http://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation) are also included. Only the item itself is included here. Readers interested in further information for any of these items should go to the item's cited URL.

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### **James Gillespie Blaine**

**Query by Jim Cooper ([jc771777 at yahoo dot com](mailto:jc771777@yahoo.com))**

James Gillespie Blaine was born January 31, 1830. He was a U.S. Senator from Maine. He had several Ewings in his family tree. The Ewings and Blaines lived in Westmoreland and Washington Counties in Pennsylvania. Do you know anything about a Blaine-Ewing connection?

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### **Sidney (Ewing) Bryan(t)**

**Query by Gary Treat ([GDTreat at yahoo dot com](mailto:GDTreat@yahoo.com))**

I am seeking confirmation and documentation of the parentage of Sidney Ewing (born c. 1798 in Kentucky). She married Archibald Bryan(t) in Logan County, Kentucky, in 1817. I have not discovered her date of death, but she was still living as late as the 1880s in Logan County, Illinois. Some have suggested her father was Samuel B. Ewing. Any help is appreciated.

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

With the data you have supplied, I have not been able to identify any of these people. That is not to say that they are not in my database. I simply do not have enough information to locate them.

You note that Sidney Ewing married in Logan County, Kentucky, and then lived in Logan County, Illinois, after 1880. Are the names of these counties a coincidence? Do you have more information about Samuel B. Ewing or any further information on Sidney Ewing?

I will be happy to continue to look through my records if you can supply more hints. There definitely were Ewing families who lived in Logan County, Kentucky. For example, Chatham S. Ewing (c 1770 - 1839) was a pioneer in Logan County, Kentucky, and was married to Elizabeth Hall Campbell there in 1790.

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**George Michael and Elizabeth (Ewing) Doddridge/Dodrill**

**Query by Alice Braud-Jones (*genealijonz1 at comcast dot net*) to Google's Ewing Family Association Group (*groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation*)**

I'm trying to prove paternal relationship of George Michael Doddridge/Dodrill and wife Elizabeth Ewing to purported son William Coleman Dodrill, b. 1821 Gallia County, Ohio.

I need a primary source to satisfy requirement for DAR. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I am Regent, Sam Houston Chapter, NSDAR.

**Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

Go to [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) and click on *Search Site* at the upper right. Then search for *Doddridge*. I did this and found four hits, three of them in the John Ewing of Carnashannagh EGD (Ewing Genealogy Documentation) Genealogy and one of them in a book posted on our web site. I did not study these, but the first was in Gallia, Ohio. You could also search for *George Michael Doddridge* and any number of variants you might be able to think of. I feel sure you will find the family you are interested in, and though you will probably not find the primary source you need to satisfy the DAR, you may very well find a lead there that will be helpful to you.

**Follow-up by Wallace K. Ewing (*WKEwing at charter dot net*)**

Charles Tunis Dodrill, in 1967, wrote a book *Heritage of a Pioneer*.<sup>1</sup> It might contain the documentation that you need. I do not have a copy, but a quick search of the Internet brings up several hits. As you point out, the Dodrill name originally was Doddridge, but it also was spelled Daughdrill. Pertinent information might be found by looking in censuses and other sources using those two surnames.

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<sup>1</sup> Dodrill, Charles Tunis. *Heritage of a Pioneer*, Privately Published, 1967.

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## **Ewing-surnamed Slaves**

**Query by semiplenus via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1975/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1975/mb.ashx))**

I am interested in learning more about slaves and freedmen who may have been or became known by the surname Ewing, and those who may have an acknowledged, alleged, or suspected European-American ancestor who bore the name Ewing.

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## **Ewings from County Tyrone in Northern Ireland**

**Query by Diana Spence ([gd.spence at tiscali dot co dot uk](mailto:gd.spence@tiscali.co.uk))**

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is John Ewing, born 1857 in County Tyrone. Have you found many Ewing(s) from County Tyrone in Northern Ireland?

**Follow-up by Karen Avery ([BKAvery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAvery2@comcast.net))**

I have no information about John Ewing, born 1857 in Tyrone. If you will provide additional information, I will be happy to work with you to help identify people of this area in that time period.

**Additional Query by Diana Spence ([gd.spence at tiscali dot co dot uk](mailto:gd.spence@tiscali.co.uk))**

Regarding Samuel Ewing who died in 1883, age 75, in Arvalee, County Tyrone: I have read your file on research in County Donegal. Has one been done on County Tyrone? That is where I am from. I am currently doing my Ewing family tree which started in Omagh, County Tyrone, and I'm finding ones in Dungannon and Ardstraw and was wondering if you have any information on people in these locations.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery ([BKAvery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAvery2@comcast.net))**

I can't really tell you much regarding Ewings from County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. We do believe that many who came to America beginning in the early 1700s were from that general area.

Recently one of our members did some research for us concerning living people in the Omagh area of County Tyrone. Names, addresses and phone numbers were taken from the local phone directories. Our researcher found forty-one Ewings, one Ewang, three McEwans and two McEwens. Unfortunately nothing has yet been done with this information, but we do plan to contact these people in hopes of finding some who are interested in their heritage. If they have information on their potential ancestors, it could prove to be very helpful to the world at large.

Our group, *Ewing Family Association*, has over one hundred males who are participants in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. The Y-DNA test results are helping to sort these men and their associated relatives into smaller subgroups. We are always hoping for more Ewing males to join this project. If you can help convince any Ewing males of your lines to do this test, it will provide valuable information.

If you would care to share more about your personal lineage, I will include it in my very large Ewing database. Names, dates of birth, marriage and death are needed, plus maiden names and the locations of each vital fact is of tremendous help.

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## **Ewings of Stephenson County, Illinois, 1848 Onward**

**Query by Mike Ewing via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1978/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1978/mb.ashx))**

I'm looking for information regarding the Ewing family of Stephenson County, Illinois.

Supposedly the family moved from Holmes County, Ohio, in 1848, having originally come from Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in 1836. Some information on the children's births seems to indicate movement back and forth between Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I have the following information on some descendants of Thomas, Andrew, Mary Jane, Margaret and David (my line).

William Ewing, b. 1790 Northern Ireland, d. 1883 Harlem, Stephenson County, Illinois, m.  
Sarah Mathews, b. 1793 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Thomas: b. 1818 Washington County, Pennsylvania, m. Sarah E. Haughey

John: b. 1819, (d. 1884 Colorado?)

William: b. 1821 (left for Washington Territory, no information)

Andrew Mathews: b. 1823 Pennsylvania, d. 1891 Fort Lupton, Colorado, m. Mary E. Blackburn

Mary Jane: b. 1825, d. bef. 1880 Carrol County, Illinois, m. John G. Haughey

Margaret: b. 1827, d. 1856 Harlem, Stephenson County, Illinois, m. John A. Wright

David Walker: b. 1829 Pennsylvania, d. 1895 Fort Lupton, Colorado, m. Nancy Jane Dupuy (aka Duprey)

### **Follow-up by Tammy Mitchell ([ancestry at ripandrevmedia dot ca](http://ancestry.at.ripandrevmedia.dot.ca))**

I have Ewings in my line who were born in Northern Ireland between 1785 and 1810. They went to Scotland between 1812 and 1822. In 1822, my line went to Canada (Quebec). About 1850, all but one of the siblings went to Pennsylvania, and other states. The reason I'm writing is because while I know three of my great-great-great-great- (let's say many greats) grandfather's siblings (his name was James Ewing, born about 1785), there was no William. Therefore I have always wondered if there was a William that I don't know about.

Here is a residence 'map' of James and his siblings:

parents Mathew Ewing and Ann Kelly.

1785 - James Ewing, born Tyrone, North Ireland

Residence: (possible: Leadhills, Scotland)

1816-ish married Jane Piercy (Percy) in Scotland.

James and Jane's children births

1816 Margaret, Kirkgreen, Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland

1819 Ann, Megslee, Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland

1821 John, Megslee, Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland

1825 Francis (Male) Noyan, Quebec

1827 Mary Jane, Noyan, Quebec

1831 Elizabeth, Noyan, Quebec

1834 Martha, Pike River, Quebec

This is my line, and they stayed in Canada

1780 - Samuel Ewing, b Tyrone

1805-ish married Amelia (Emilia) Blaney

1806 Son born, named Mathew.

1831 Married Mary Davidson, Dailly, Ayrshire, Scotland

This line stayed in Scotland

Samuel died during the War of 1812. I've never found any more information on his wife. Son Mathew was raised by his uncle Robert or Auntie Nancy.

1790 - Nancy Ann (called Ann) Ewing, born Tyrone, North Ireland

1823 married John Lang, Kirkgreen, Muirkirk, Ayr, Scotland

1852 immigration to Canada, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

1855 settled in Bruce Mines, Ontario (Algoma, Ontario, Canada)

1865 died in Holiday Creek, Webster County Iowa

One of her sons remained in Canada, dying in Sask. He worked in Montana at one point. The rest of her family moved to the U.S. Her husband died at Bruce Mines, Canada.

1797 - Robert Ewing, born Tyrone, North Ireland

1820 married Mary Williamson, Cummoche, Muirkirk, Ayr, Scotland

1851 lived in Bothwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland (Mathew Ewing b 1806, Samuel's son, living next door)

1853 immigration to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, U.S.

My question is: Why did Robert go to Pennsylvania, when the rest of the family didn't. Is there a connection to a sibling who I don't know about?

I looked through the tree, and I'm sure there are some of the descendants that were in Illinois as well, but I have a lot of Ewings in there and can't find them. :(

After Robert was in Pennsylvania, he went to Iowa.

There is a known participant in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, perhaps a male from your line can also participate. We may find a Y-DNA link there.

### **Follow-up by Mike Ewing**

This is indeed very interesting. As far as I can tell from most of the literature out there, most of the Ewings who immigrated to North America did not originate from Tyrone, but rather from Donegal; not very far away though.

I have just received my Y-DNA 67-marker results back from the *Ewing Family Association*-sponsored Y-DNA testing at Family Tree DNA. I am MD, but I am not sure if all my information is online yet.

Under which ID can I find your Ewing family member in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project?

Lastly, based on information from the family bible and other sources, William (b. 1790, Tyrone) came to Chester County with his parents at age seven or eight, placing immigration about 1798 or so. Sadly, the bible and other sources do not mention the name of the parents.

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## **Ewings in the 1641 Rebellion**

**Contribution by David Neal Ewing (*dauidewing93 at gmail dot com*) to [groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)**

A fellow named Paul Conroy posted the following on the R1b1c7 list a few days ago:

Just found a very interesting site run by Trinity College Dublin, which has digitized depositions collected in 1641 from English settlers/planters in connection with the 1641 Rebellion, led by Sir Phelim O'Neill: [1641.tcd.ie/index.php](http://1641.tcd.ie/index.php).

It's fully searchable and categorizes people's role as either Deponent or Rebel.

It covers the following counties: Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Louth, Monaghan and Tyrone

The Ulster Plantations began in 1601 or so. There was a bloody rebellion by the native Irish, followed by an even bloodier response by the aggrieved Protestants. The minister of Burt congregation fled back to Scotland during this time. I was unable to find any Ewings in this database, but there are several entries for Erwin in various spellings, including one that shows 'Eu' crossed out, followed by Erwin. There is certainly no guarantee that any of the Erwins who appear in these records were actually Ewings, but orthography was a very approximate art in those days and even now we sometimes see Ewing misspelled in this way. In any case, it is quite interesting to read first-person accounts of that awful time so very long ago.

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## **Alexander Ewing**

**Query by Larry Barr (*okeechobee2004 at yahoo dot com*)**

I am looking for information about Alexander Ewing who was a Captain of a troop Queens Own Royal Regiment of Glasgow Yeomanry Cavalry C 1868

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Thank you for writing. Unfortunately I do not know anything about this particular Alexander Ewing. We do have one member of *Ewing Family Association* who lives in Glasgow. I am sure he would like to compare data with you as he is actively researching his family lines. His name is William S. Ewing and his initials are WS in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. You can see his lineage under 'Lineage Charts' at this site: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/SiteMap\\_YDNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html).

You might also wish to ask your question at the following link:

[groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation).

Do you have any other vital data concerning the Alexander or his family members? Perhaps a connection could be found if more information were known.

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## **Annie (Ewing) and John Ellis**

**Query by M. Foucault (*MFoucault at mindspring dot com*)**

I am a descendent of Annie Ewing (born 1796) and John Ellis by their son George my grandfather, son of George Ellis (Samuel). My mother was Mary Ellis, daughter of Samuel. The family was from Ontario, and I thought Londonderry. Any information would be helpful.

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## **Participant BJ in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project**

**Exchange between Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) and Donna Mulholland (*DonnaMulh at comcast dot net*)**

**From Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I am the *Ewing Family Association* Genealogist and have been working on some of the lines of Group 2 of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. I see that David Neal Ewing has added the lineage of BJ to the Group 2 Relationship Diagrams and wonder if this is your line. (Is your father BJ?) If so, might you share your genealogy with me? I have a very large Ewing database and would love to include your lines. I am also quite interested in any one in Group 2 as that is where my line falls. My mother was a Ewing. Her brother, Raymond Charles (RC) is my representative and is in group 2b.

There are some discussions among several folks about group 2 and I hope to get my records straight and get everyone in agreement!!

**Follow-up by Donna Mulholland (*DonnaMulh at comcast dot net*)**

I got your EMail and I will share eventually. I am pretty computer illiterate. My husband installed a new Family Tree program and I am making mistakes with it. Plus I don't work on the tree very often, especially when I get discouraged with the program. And I still work full time. And warm, nice weather is coming. So those are my excuses for now.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

About the information concerning your lineage, perhaps you could give me a simple run down by typing instead of using the program. Names, spouse name, abbreviated dates and places help so much in placing a family. I am so interested to see where your line fits among all the Ewings. Since you have it back to 1700, I am also quite interested in your sources. I may already have your lineage up to the late 1800s.

I took your male Ewing names from the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's page, but definitely need more specific information. You didn't tell me if it is your father who is BJ and if it is he who did the Y-DNA test. Has BJ become a member of *Ewing Family Association*?

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## **C. L. Ewing and wife Martha**

**Query by Doris Whaley (*WhaleyBears at sbcglobal dot net*)**

C. L. Ewing and wife Martha – with children Georgia Ann 9, Mary 7, Sarah 5, Helen 2, and a son Willie b. 1867 – are missing from censuses after the 1860 Census until Sarah marries Elijah E. Martin on

November 16, 1873, in Erath County, Texas. She died in Amarillo, Texas, on February 25, 1936. Does anyone know of this family? I noticed the Ewings in Hopkins, Texas, had M. or L. for their middle name. Is this a clue?

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Thanks for your query. I do not have the Ewing family of whom you speak in my database. The only thing I did find was a marriage in Hopkins, Texas, on April 20, 1865, between Felix Grundy Ewing (1832-1878) and Martha Lucinda Vaden (1842-1916). Felix died in Cooper, Texas, and Martha died in Greenville, Texas. The mother of Felix was Hannah Despain (1802-1865), wife of Wilson Edley Ewing (1800-1869). Hannah died in Hopkins County, Texas, in 1865.

I suggest you continue to look for this family in the 1870 Census. Their name is probably misspelled. They are likely still in Texas as of 1870.

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**Charlene Agnes Ewing, Born 1927, Los Angeles, California**

**Query by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing at gmail dot com*) via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2005/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2005/mb.ashx))**

Looking to find Charlene Agnes Ewing, born 23 December 1927 in Los Angeles, California, to: Glenn Oliver Ewing (born 27 May 1902 in Washington, died 28 February 1983 in Laguna Hills, California) and Helen C. Stewart (born 14 February 1903 in Montana, died 30 September 1983 in Riverside, California). I am also interested in information about their children, whose names I do not know.

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**Chatham Ewing**

**Query by Christine Eliot (*ChrisEliot at gmail dot com*)**

We have been able to confirm our lineage to Chatham Ewing (born 8 November 1805, died 5 February 1881). We are looking for documentation of his lineage. We seek evidence that he is the son of Robertus Ewing (born 15 December 1782) and Mary Polly Brown (born 14 January 1787, died 1868). We think his line goes back to Robert Ewing who immigrated from Ireland and married Mary Baker from Virginia in 1747. We cannot yet prove that connection and hope that the *Ewing Family Association* may be able to help guide our research. I have attached a chart of possible ancestors of Chatham Ewing which I hope will be helpful [see [dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA\\_Info/ChathamEwing\\_Ancestors.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/ChathamEwing_Ancestors.pdf)].

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**Clyde Ewing**

**Query by Fay Ewing (*canamewing2 at yahoo dot com*)**

I am curious to find out where Clyde Ewing's ancestry begins. The information I have right now is his wife's name was Georgia and they had a son, Phillip Todd Ewing, and a daughter, Caroline (Ewing) Hughes. I know that he was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. My search brought my daughter and I to the *Ewing Family Association's* web site, and we would appreciate any assistance you can provide.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I am happy to know you are working on your Ewing genealogy. You are one of many!

As to your query, I must ask for more information in order to be of help. I must have approximate dates that folks lived in order to begin. I did some quick Internet checks, however, and found the following via Google:

*wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=SHOW&db=oklaobits&recno=31647*. This site is called *Oklahoma Associated Obituaries* and includes over 116,000 entries. These were two that might be of interest to you.

Ewing, Ada May (Baker) ... b: 25 JAN 1915 in Bluejacket, Oklahoma, d: 9 DEC 2006 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Ewing, Ada May (Baker) ... b: 22 FEB 1923 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, d: 29 OCT 2008

On Ancestry.com, I found the following:

Clyde Emerson Ewing: born 2-7-1914, Isabella, Oklahoma; died February, 1986, Okeene, Blaine County, Oklahoma

Clyde's parents are cited as Oscar Milton Ewing (1873-1930) and Mollie F. Kinslow (1874-1961).

If any of this seems to match the people you are searching for, please let me know as then a look in a couple census years might be quite valuable.

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## **Ida Ruth Ewing**

### **Query by Robert Garland Williamson (*RGWill3 at junodot com*)**

I am the great-grandson of Ida Ruth Ewing. I understand that her ancestors, Garland Macalister and Drucilla Flowers, are buried in the Cedar Bluff Cemetery in Trousdale County, but I cannot find out where that is. Can you help? I was thinking about visiting in April.

### **Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

You are in luck in regard to your query about your Ewing ancestors. *Ewing Family Association* Genealogist, James R. McMichael (deceased), researched and produced a great book which includes your lineage. Data extends to Robert Garland Williamson III (you?) and brother, Harry Beauchamp Williamson. You can access this information via *jimmcmcl.home.att.net/TOC.htm* (Table of Contents) and *jimmcmcl.home.att.net/Chapter14.htm* (your direct lineage).<sup>2</sup>

Another source which was found via an Internet search is of the Flowers family. You may find it here: *www.FlowersFamilyTree.net/gallerygen3.html*.

Trousdale County is located in Tennessee.

If I can be of more help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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<sup>2</sup> These pages are no longer available. The information will soon be posted to the *EFA* web site and accessible via links for Jim McMichael's book found on the web site's Reading Room page:  
*www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/Project\_RRoom\_Books.html*

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## **James Ewing from Norwich, England**

**Query by tammycurves via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1980/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1980/mb.ashx))**

I'm hoping that someone can help me with a search. I'm looking for information on a James Ewing who was, as far as I know, born in Norwich, England between 1865-1869. He went to Scotland and then arrived in Nova Scotia in 1907. He married Margaret 'Maggie' Norrie from Govan, Scotland. Two children from this marriage were Margaret Ewing (b. 1910) and Ronald (b. 1911). In March of 1920, Margaret was listed as a widow. If anyone has information about this James Ewing please contact me.

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## **James Lindsay Ewing**

**Query by John Blakey ([JBlakey1 at cox dot net](mailto:JBlakey1@cox.net))**

I'm trying to get information about the James Lindsay Ewing family from Mobile, Alabama. He had a son Robert Wilson Ewing, born in 1859 and later moved to Louisiana, who was a prominent newspaperman.

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## **Jock Ewing**

**Query by Glenn Taylor ([ge.taylor at ns dot sympatico dot ca](mailto:ge.taylor@ns.sympatico.ca)) to the *Journal* Editor, William E. Riddle ([Riddle at WmERiddle dot com](mailto:Riddle@WmERiddle.com)) and the *Association's* Genealogist, Karen Avery ([BKAvery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAvery2@comcast.net))**

My name is Glenn Taylor. I live in Halifax, Canada, and I'm on a hunt for information. That search has led me to you with the hope that you may be able to answer my question or perhaps forward it to Polly Ewing Brown who may be able to help me. I obtained your name through a contact at the American Oil and Gas Historical Society:

Kristin Wells, Contributing Editor – AOGHS, Naples, FL

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the American Oil & Gas Historical Society (AOGHS.) The Society's Executive Director, Bruce Wells, asked that I look into what sources might help with your research.

I've attached a page from Vol. 14, No. 4 (November 2008) of the *Journal of Clan Ewing*. The Editor, Mr. William E. Riddle, can be reached at [Riddle at WmERiddle dot com](mailto:Riddle@WmERiddle.com) and can get you in touch with the Polly Ewing Brown, mentioned in the attached article, who may be your best source.

Once again we appreciate your interest and hope you will continue to visit American Oil & Gas Historical Society web site at [sites.google.com/site/petroleumhistoryresources](http://sites.google.com/site/petroleumhistoryresources).

I recently came across some World War I medals in a museum in Halifax. They belonged to a Jock Ewing from Yarmouth Nova Scotia. There was a note above the medal case that stated that after the war, invited by a friend, Jock and his brother D. H. Ewing moved to Texas where they created the Ewing Oil Company. There was an additional reference to Jock's son being J. R. Ewing on whom the *Dallas* TV series was based.

My contact at the American Oil and Gas Historical Society sent a copy of an article that appeared in the *Journal of Clan Ewing*.<sup>3</sup> In it, Jock's great-niece, Polly Ewing Brown of Harrisonburg indicates that Jock Ewing moved to Texas after becoming tired of working in Pittsburgh's iron and steel plants and West Virginia's coal fields. It did not give any clue however as to whether or not he was originally from Nova Scotia.

Can you answer my question or if not would you be so kind as to forward my question to Polly Ewing Brown? Was the Jock Ewing of Ewing Oil, the Jock Ewing whose medals rest at the Army Museum in the Citadel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada?

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## **John Ewing, born c. 1825 – Chester, York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania**

**Query via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1123/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1123/mb.ashx))**

John Ewing was born 1825. I can't locate his parents and need help! John married a Margaret Maloney and had ten children. They were in Chester in the 1850 Census, Lancaster in 1860 and York through the 1900s.

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## **John J. Ewing**

**Query by Thomas Ewing ([TEwing2 at Tampabay dot rr dot com](mailto:TEwing2@Tampabay.rr.com))**

Anna Smith was the mother of both John and William Ewing. Their father was a Ewing from Long Island, New York. The father abandoned the mother. The Ewing family tried to locate the brothers after the father's death via the *New York News* paper. Anna Smith was the proverbial upstairs maid to the Ewings at that time.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery ([BKAvery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAvery2@comcast.net)) to Thomas Ewing ([TEwing2 at Tampabay dot rr dot com](mailto:TEwing2@Tampabay.rr.com))**

In order to help you find your relatives, I need more information. Even if you have to guess at approximate dates of birth and death, that would enable me to look in my database and/or the census for you. Are you saying that the boys were raised by their mother? Do you have an approximate date of death of the father? Do you know his occupation?

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## **Joseph and Mary Ann (Pinkerton) Ewing**

**Query by thebears912 ([schulz912 at comcast dot net](mailto:schulz912@comcast.net)) via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1982/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1982/mb.ashx))**

I am looking for information on Joseph Ewing, possibly born 1832, who married Mary Ann Pinkerton. He died sometime between 1865 and 1870. Joseph and Mary Ann had one son, Harry Eugene Ewing, born June 3, 1865, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Mary Ann remarried in 1870. Her second spouse was Samuel McKay.

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<sup>3</sup> Eller, Charlotte J. First Ewing Reunion in Valley: Family discovers ties to popular 'Dallas' TV show, *J. Clan Ewing* Vol. 14, No. 4 (November 2008), pp. 7-9.

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## **Josh Ewing**

**Query by Jason Coleman ([jacemail2 at yahoo dot com](mailto:jacemail2@yahoo.com))**

I have a question about the beginning of this book:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingInEarlyAmerica/Fife\\_Ch40.pdf](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingInEarlyAmerica/Fife_Ch40.pdf).

How do I get to the author? How do I get to the preceding chapters, table of contents, etc. How does this page tie into the preceding regarding James Ewing and Sarah Brownley. Who was(were) the researcher(s) of this line? The author mentions no proof; what were the sources to tie him to Alexander and Jane? Are the presumed Alexander and James indeed of Welsh ancestry? Has anyone traced Josh Ewing, a possible relative? What is the proper pronunciation of the name?

**Follow-up by Karen Avery ([BKAVery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAVery2@comcast.net))**

The book *Ewing in Early America* was written by Margaret Ewing Fife and published in 2003 for *Clan Ewing in America*.<sup>4</sup> We are now known as *Ewing Family Association*. Mr. James R. McMichael assisted in the publication of this book. Both he and Mrs. Fife are deceased. We consider the book to be our 'go-to' book for a goodly number of Ewings. However, there are many known lines which are not included in this book because Mrs. Fife simply was not aware of them or had no knowledge of how they might relate to those in the book.

Mrs. Fife was a dedicated researcher and she purchased hundreds of wills, deed, obituaries and the like to confirm her research. There are a few known errors.

You ask how to reach other parts of the book. The entire book is very user-friendly and you can access it here: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document\\_Fife.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_Fife.html).

I'm afraid I don't have all the answers; especially when it comes to the very earliest generations. As in all genealogical work, sometimes folks make mistakes because of same-names used over and over in each generation. I do not know of whom you are referring when you asked about 'Josh'.

'Ewing' is generally pronounced 'you'-ing.

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## **Mary Ewing, Wife of Brinkley from Lewes, Delaware 1780**

**Query by SarahVoll42 via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2004/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2004/mb.ashx))**

Does anyone have documentation that Mary Ewing, wife of Brinkley Ewing, was the daughter of William Powders. I know that William Powder's will leaves bequests to the children of his daughters, including James Ewing. But is there a bible, church or civil record of the marriage? She was supposed to be in Lewes, Delaware, in 1780.

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<sup>4</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

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## **Myrtle Estelle Ewing**

**Query by sterk76 via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1979/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1979/mb.ashx))**

I'm looking for information on Myrtle Estelle Ewing, born 1881 in Wayne County, Iowa. Her parents were John D. Ewing and Melissa. Myrtle married a Bowman (possibly John, 1<sup>st</sup> husband) and had a child, Blanche B. in 1902, born in Iowa. Myrtle married a second time to George W. Saviers. Myrtle and Blanche are both in California, in the 1910 Census, living with Geo Saviers. What happened to Myrtle and Blanche?

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## **Nettie E. Ewing**

**Query by Angela F. Capers ([Angela.Capers at yahoo dot com](mailto:Angela.Capers@yahoo.com))**

I am the great-granddaughter of Nettie E. Ewing. My grandmother was Margaret Elaine, Nettie's daughter. My father, Theodore Newton Watson Jr., is Margaret's son. Margaret also has a son Ronald L. Watson. Francis W. Ewing and Nancy Caroline were Nettie's parents and Robert W. Ewing and Temperance Cook were the parents of Francis W. Ewing. I live in Ohio and can be reached at +1 937.776.0698.

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## **Orlando Scott Ewing and Son Charles Ewing**

**Contribution by Lowell Bain ([bainnova at aol dot com](mailto:bainnova@aol.com)) to rootsweb.com ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/7.80.82.101.1/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/7.80.82.101.1/mb.ashx))**

I have Ewing from around 1660 up through the present (August 2010). In particular, I have Charles Ewing, clarinetist on the faculty of University of Nebraska in the 1930s whose wife died in 1934 at the same time as his father, Orlando Scott Ewing, died in Indiana. If this is of interest please let me know. By the way, my mother was Nova Ewing.

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## **Robert Ewing, born 1718**

**Query by Melissa (Ewing) Daniel ([Melissa at thedanielfamily dot com](mailto:Melissa@thedanielfamily.com))**

I have been trying to confirm the names of the father and mother of a Robert Ewing, born 1718. My link is from John, Robert's son.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery ([BKAvery2 at comcast dot net](mailto:BKAvery2@comcast.net))**

I am unable to help you until given a bit more information about the people you cite. Can you provide more dates, names and where this family lived? Do you have any maiden names that might help in identification?

**Samuel Ewing**

**Conversation on Google's *Ewing Family Association* Group  
([groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation))**

**From Charles Ewing (CWEwing at hotmail dot com)**

My name is Charles Ewing and I'm trying to track down a very elusive (at least to me) Samuel. I'm looking for my third-generation Samuel. Supposedly he was the first to come over from Ireland (possibly County Donegal). I believe he landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This is what I've found, and I hope someone has a piece that fits the puzzle. There appears to be a date problem with Samuel's birth, it's listed as either 1771 or 1779, don't know which is accurate.

**Partial Lineage of Benjamin M. Ewing,  
son of Joseph Ewing and Mary McGaffick Ewing**

Generation 1: Thomas Ewing b. 1650, d. 1745

Generation 2: Charles Ewing b. 1715, d. 1805

Generation 3: Samuel Ewing b. 2 FEB 1771, d. 13 MAR 1827

Generation 4: Joseph Ewing b. 24 NOV 1806, in PA, m. (1) 6 MAR 1832, in Ohio Twp, Beaver Co, PA to Margaret McGaffick, d. 9 APR 1877, Industry twp, Beaver Co, PA. Margaret b. 6 JUN 1812, Beaver Co, PA., Margaret d. 6 DEC 1860, Beaver Co, PA. Obits from abstracted from Holmes Co, OH papers from Farmers Hub, Millersburg, OH, Holmes Co, Historical Society, and Western Reserve Historical Society.

- (1) Benjamin M. Ewing b. 9 OCT 1834, in Beaver Co, PA
- (2) Alexander G. Ewing
- (3) Matilda Ewing
- (4) William Harrison Ewing
- (5) David Snyder Ewing
- (6) Margaret Elizabeth Ewing
- (7) Jesse Joseph Ewing
- (8) Mary Jane Ewing
- (9) Nancy Marie Ewing
- (10) Samuel Wallace Ewing
- (11) William Jackson Ewing

Generation 5: Benjamin M. Ewing b. 9 OCT 1834, in Beaver Co, PA. m. 15 AUG 1871 to Letitia Hill, in Beaver Co, PA. Letitia b. 3 SEP 1846 Holmesville, Holmes Co, OH. Benjamin d. 7 NOV 1900, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS. Cause of death: heart failure. Letitia died 27 JUN 1910, after goiter surgery in Great Bend, Barton Co, KS. Both bur. at Great Bend Cemetery, Section R, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS. Great Bend Cem, list page 65, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS.

Infant son. died at birth.

Charles Homer Ewing M.D.. b. 2 JUN 1872, Beaver Falls, Beaver Co, PA

Ernest Francis Ewing M.D.. Frank E. Ewing; birth name was Ernest Francis Ewing, born near Holmesville, Holmes Co, OH, 1879. Grad Sterling College, Sterling, KS, 1904. m. (1) 1904 to Ida Callendar, of Great Bend, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS. b. 7 OCT 1881, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS, d. 1 NOV 1916, Concordia, Cloud Co, KS, bur. Great Bend Cem, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS, section R. Issue Gladys Ewing, b. 1905, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS, m. JUL 1930, to Glen G. Dunham, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS moved to Douglas, AZ. Issue Maysel Jean Dunham, b. 12 APR 1936. m. (2) Rena Josephine Carter, Garden City, Finny Co, KS in 1919. Issue Elizabeth Josephine 7 SEP 1920. Frances Edith b. 16 DEC 1921, and Paul Carter Ewing b. 25 JUN 1925.

Harold Chester Ewing M.D.. b. 15 OCT 1884, New Albany, Wilson Co, KS. Tombstone states d. 7 APR 1923. Cause of death; tuberculosis of the lungs contracted in Nawpa, Idaho. d. in Colorado Springs, CO. bur. in Great Bend Cem, Great Bend, Barton Co, KS, section R. Attended Univ. of Colorado, grad Med school 1911, Boulder, CO. m. 2 JUN 1912 to Margaret June Swartz of Boulder, CO. Issue, Kathryn Louise Ewing b. 1 MAR 1913, Colorado Springs, CO. Widow Margaret m. (2) Frederick George Hull of El Dorado, KS 20 APR 1924. Issue Jacqueline Jane Hull b. 1 APR 1927, Wichita, KS.

Generation 6: Charles Homer Ewing, M.D., b. 2 JUN 1872, Beaver Falls, Beaver Co, PA, and was the son of Benjamin M. and Letitia Hill Ewing of Holmesville, Holmes Co, OH. Charles attended medical school in Kansas City and taught four terms at a rural school until 1903 when he married. m. 23 AUG 1903, Garden City, Finney Co, KS. d. 4 MAY 1939, cause of death; acute dilation of heart, Larned, Pawnee Co, KS. Source; cert of death. Mary (NMN) Eichorn b. 1 SEP 1881, Middleburg, Noble Co, OH. Parents – George and Catherine Mosher. Father, George b. Saxony, Germany, Mother, Catherine b. Calais, Monroe Co, OH. It is unknown when family settled in Finney Co, KS but Mary (18) was among the family household per the U.S. Federal Census of 1900 of Garden City, Finney Co, KS. There were possibly four or five siblings. Mary may have been sent away to school (teacher's college or nursing) m. 23 AUG 1903, Garden City, Finney Co, KS. After marriage, Charles and Mary settled in Larned, Pawnee Co, KS where they became parents and raised their family. Dr Ewing practiced medicine in Larned for 36 yrs. Together they had 4 children. Mary d. 12 DEC 1963, cause of death cerebral hemorrhage, taken from cert. of death, Larned, Pawnee Co, KS. Both bur. Larned Cem, Pawnee Co, KS. Source; Great Bend Cem. Records, page 65.

(1) Son; died in infancy

(2) Ferdinand Stanley Ewing M.D.; b. 24 MAY 1904, Larned, Pawnee Co, KS. d. 6 MAY 1970, Corpus Christi, Nueces Co, Texas

(3) Vena Clarise; b. 22 JAN 1912

(4) Helen Elizabeth; b. 1925

All children were born in Larned, Pawnee Co, KS. Charles and Mary lived out their lives in Larned. Charles d. 4 MAY 1939 and Mary d. 12 DEC, 1963. Both bur. Larned Cemetery, Larned, Pawnee Co, KS.

Generation 7: Ferdinand Stanley Ewing M.D.. b. 24 MAY 1904, Larned, Pawnee Co, KS. Attended Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia and U. of Kansas at Lawrence and was graduated in 1929 with an M.D. degree from the Univ. of Tennessee School of Medicine in Memphis. He interned at St.

Joseph Hospital in Memphis and was an assistant physician at the Lamed State Hospital 1929-1930. Stanley and Virginia settled in Sinton, San Patricio Co, TX where Dr. Ewing practiced general medicine from 1930-1940. Dr. Ewing served as a Colonel in the army medical corps 1941-1946 serving in the U.S. and overseas. Returning to Sinton after serving in WWII, he resumed his medical practice and expanded to include treatment of allergies as well. He built the Charles H. Ewing Memorial Hospital in 1951 and directed its operation until 1967 when the hospital was purchased by a non-profit organization. He was m. 12 JUN 1929 to: Virginia Dare Hammett, daughter of William Pinkney Hammett and Laura E. Moore of Lexington, Holmes Co, MS. b. 28 FEB 1907, Lexington, MS. d. 12 MAR 2003, Plano, Collins Co Tex., bur. Sinton, San Patricio Co, TX. Dr. Ewing d. 6 MAY 1970, Corpus Christi, Nueces Co, TX and is bur. in the Sinton City Cemetery, San Patricio Co, TX. After her husband's demise, Virginia remained in Sinton about five years before moving to Dallas, TX where her daughter Betty Johnson was living at the time. Virginia d. 12 MAR 2003 in Plano, Collins Co, TX where Betty had moved. Virginia is also buried in Sinton, San Patricio Co, TX next to her husband. The couple had two children and 4 grandchildren.

**Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

I assume you are Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant CW. I have never received your lineage before now (or at least I don't remember receiving it), so it is not posted with the other participant lineages on the project web site. It might help cast a wider net if you would help me with that. I could retype the whole thing from what you have sent here and post it, but there are two problems with that. One is that I don't have your permission and I certainly wouldn't post it without that. The other is that I would have to do a bunch of typing which is a nuisance and creates a big possibility for introducing errors. If you want me to update the project web site to include your information, it would be very helpful for you to send me a GEDCOM or copy of your computer genealogy program file. I can easily extract the information the project uses, and I would send you the completed lineage so you give final approval.

Meanwhile, though I do not know anything about your lineage, I see that you have connections with Beaver County, Pennsylvania. There are several well-known Ewing lines in the area, including the lines of a number of the descendants of James Ewing of Inch (Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Group 1b) and some of the descendants of Nathaniel Ewing (Group 2a). If you are indeed CW, your results are more consistent with a relationship to Group 1b than with 2a. Because CW's results are very similar to all of the Ewing men in Group 1 and we do not know his (your?) conventional genealogic connection with the other men in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, we have assigned CW to Ewing Group 1\*. You can see outlines of the lineages of many of the other Group 1\* participants at:

*dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group1starRelationshipDiagram.pdf*

and you can see outlines of the lineages of the men in Group 1b at:

*dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group1bRelationshipDiagram.pdf*.

Links to detailed lineages of the men in Group 1b are in the PDF cited above. Detailed lineages of the men in Group 1\* and all of the other project groups can be reached by going to the *Results Directory* in the project's web site at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/SiteMap\\_YDNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html).

I have repeated this information here because I am trying to illustrate the usefulness of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project for sharing data and putting potentially related lines in touch with one another.

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## **Samuel D. Ewing**

**Query by Eddie Ewing (*GoodwaterGirl at aol dot com*) to Google's *Ewing Family Association Group* ([groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation))**

Does any of the following ring a bell with anyone?

Samuel D. Ewing

born about 1757 in Tyrone, Ulster, Ireland

died 1822 in Brown County, Ohio

married an Esther Caldwell in Tyrone, Ulster, Ireland, in 1785

may have married Rachel Masterson on 22 July 1801 in Mason County, Kentucky

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## **Thomas Ewing, General in the Civil War**

**Query by Thomas Black (*Thos7Black at yahoo dot com*) via rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2001/mb.ashx](https://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2001/mb.ashx))**

I'm trying to tie General Thomas Ewing Jr., born 1829, to Finis Ewing, born 1773. I believe that Thomas's father Thomas (born 1789) – whose father was George (born 1754) whose father was Thomas (born 1722) whose father was Thomas (born 1695) – may be a brother of Findley Ewing who was born 1691 and whose wife is Jane Porter(?). When you get back that far, everyone seems mixed up in generations and who is really whom. Can anyone tie them together with sources?

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## **Thomas Ewing and William Tecumseh Sherman**

**Conversation on Google's *Ewing Family Association Group* ([groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation))**

**From Tennis Smith (*Tennis\_Smith at yahoo dot com*)**

It seems that William Tecumseh Sherman was a foster child raised in the family of a Mr. Thomas Ewing. The General married one of Thomas' daughters, Eleanor (Boyle) 'Ellen' Ewing. Was Thomas Ewing part of our clan too?

**Follow-up by Ted Ewing (*TedAngie at earthlink dot net*)**

Yes. Thomas Ewing was elected to the Senate from Illinois and was head of the Interior Department in the 1830s when my ancestors were Indian traders in Fort Wayne. They had extensive dealings, which are documented by correspondence retained by the Library of Congress. Also I happen to know two of his direct descendants, one of whom is named Sherman.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

This discussion about General Sherman and Thomas Ewing has me looking at my database to see if I can find Ted's Colonel Alexander of Fort Wayne related to General Thomas Ewing. I do not show a link. That is not to say that there isn't one, but it appears to me that their common ancestor must have been several generations prior to Alexander and Thomas.

Ted mentions records at the Library of Congress. I also know there are records in the Indiana State Library relating to Ted's line, but I have not had a chance to view them.

I am quite interested to know if, among Ted's records of the very early history of his line in Fort Wayne, there is any mention of a John Ewing. I believe John and his family were in Fort Wayne perhaps a couple (to a few) years prior to 1811. I believe my John (1765/75 - c. 1812) and your Colonel Alexander (1768 - 1827) are first cousins. My John left Fort Wayne about 1811 due to the coming War of 1812 and took his family to Vermillion, Erie County, Ohio, where he died between that time and 1814.

Should you, Ted, have any information of that time period that might help me, I would appreciate knowing about it.

#### **Follow-up by Karen Avery (BK Avery2 at comcast dot net)**

I made a discovery about a year ago and feel that I have 'found' our common ancestor in Ashford, Connecticut, from at least 1732 to about 1758 when they moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

I hope to make a trip to Windham County and Hartford to see if I can find more information. Then a trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to see what information might be waiting for me there. I plan to write up my findings for the *EFA Journal* when time permits.

If you take a look at the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's 2b chart,<sup>5</sup> you can see what I believe to be fact. As you look at this chart, you see Alexander, John and Thomas as sons of an Alexander, (born c. 1708). Your line comes through his son Alexander and grandson, Alexander, and on down to you.

You can see my line from Alexander (1700/1708 - aft 1755) to John (1) (1739 - aft 1800) to John (2) (1765/75 - c. 1812) to John (3) (1811-1889) to William A. (1839 - 1907) to Albert (1870 - 1938) to Raymond (born 1923).

In the third generation, William 'Charles' (I think he was known as Charles) was a surveyor and I think he probably headed west when his brothers did.

And we know they were in New York for several years. I know (or I'm almost 100% certain) that the Samuel H. (born c. 1773) was Samuel Howe Ewing. The name Howe comes from the wife of Alexander (1732 - c. 1801). His wife was Lydia Howe. I believe Alexander and wife, Lydia, both died in Ontario County, Genesee, NY.

Samuel Howe Ewing (1773-1822) and probably his brother, William 'Charles', settled in Ohio. At different times, I think they were in Wood County, Sandusky County and Lucas County. They were near Bowling Green and Toledo, and could have fought at Fort Meigs. I have a lot of information from these two men. What we need is a Y-DNA test from men of these lines to help confirm this.

There are many who still live in those counties. I did have one man tested, but he proved not to be of our lines ... at least as closely related as so many are.

I won't go into more details of my line of John, except to say that he, his wife and five or six children were in Fort Wayne and 'well settled' prior to 1811. So, he (and a brother or cousin) may have been the

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<sup>5</sup> [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2bRelationshipDiagram.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2bRelationshipDiagram.pdf)

first to settle there. There is no Indiana Census for 1810 to help determine this, nor other early records that I have been able to discover. What is known is that when their safety was in jeopardy, John built a boat, moved his family to Vermillion, Ohio, and he died sometime after that but before 1815 when his widow remarried.

**Follow-up by Eric Ewing (*EFewing at zoominternet dot net*)**

Yes, these are our Ewings, generally speaking, LOL.

The best authoritative reference I have found is *Generals in Blue*.<sup>6</sup>

Thomas Ewing of Lancaster (U.S. Senator, Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of War) had three sons, all of whom served in the Union Army, all rising to the rank of Brig. Gen. minimum. Thomas Jr. , Hugh Boyle and Charles were all union General Officers. William Tecumseh Sherman was adopted by the Ewing family after his father died. He married Ellen Ewing. All the Ewing brothers acquitted themselves well and it is a story I commend to your research.

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## **Thomas John Ewing**

**Query by John Thomas Ewing (*John.Ewing321 at comcast dot net*)**

My father was born near Belfast in Northern Ireland. I do not know when he was born or where he was born. He told me that they didn't keep birth records when he was born.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Your query is very interesting. I wonder if you have searched public records for the birth, marriage and death your parents and grandparents. Using your own birth certificate and the place you were born should provide a starting place for you. If you know the area near Belfast, you should begin there.

Our *Ewing Family Association* is quite active and we would love to know more about you and try to help you find your ancestors. If you were willing to join our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, the results of your Y-DNA test could also help you in your search.

If you need help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and I will try to help. I will need the approximate date of birth of your father and any other relatives.

**Additional Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I suggest that you speak to any and all of your relatives. Take notes so that you can refer to them in the future. Something that means nothing to you today could prove to be a very valuable hint at a later date. Ask who, when and where type questions plus ask for family stories and each individual's remembrances. You need to have timeframes and also given names, name of spouses and their children. Definitely try to discover where people resided. Where were you born and raised? You probably need to start there. Always try to find birth, death and marriage certificates. What about your mother's information? Sometimes you will find information from her surname.

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<sup>6</sup> Warner, Ezra J. *Generals in Blue: Lives of the Union Commanders*, Louisiana State Univ. Press, 2006.

I suggest that you join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. A large number of men have already participated in the project. After your results are known, you will have a better idea of which lines to focus on in your search. You might even closely match other men who have been tested.

The *Ewing Family Association* is found here: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index.html). You can get to information about the Y-DNA Project via the *Activities* menu. Or you may go directly to [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/SiteMap\\_YDNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html). Very good reading material is found here. In particular, you can see Relationship Diagrams and the Lineage Charts of each man for whom we have results.

The following link will take you to where you can join the project:

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

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## **Walter Ewing**

**Conversation between Coleen Coleman (*wyoeagle at webtv dot net*) and Linda Ewing Ziemann on *rootsweb.com*.**

### **From Coleen Coleman**

Who was Walter Ewing? It's said in an old article/news clipping that he worked for the Bassett Rock Co., NE Postal Service. Who were his people? Who were his siblings? How was he connected to the Ewing Family?

### **Follow-up by Linda Ewing Ziemann**

Is this referring to Nebraska when it says 'NE'? There is a Walter Ewing in our family tree who lived in Nebraska, buried at Lincoln.

### **Follow-up by Coleen Coleman**

Yes that is the state I am referring to. 'NE' is the abbreviation for Nebraska. I am just curious because going through some old newspaper clippings I found after my mother and I moved there was one from the *Rock County Leader* (the newspaper that my Moms' folks used to get) when Mom was small and grew up in Nebraska. *The Blizzard of January 22, '82* was the title of the article and had a picture down below of him and another gentleman, Carroll Enzminger.

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## **Whitley T. Ewing**

**Conversation on Google's *Ewing Family Association* Group (*EwingFamilyAssociation at googlegroups.com*)**

### **From Tennis Smith (*Tennis\_Smith at yahoo dot com*)**

My name is Tennis Smith, but my 'genetic last name' (for lack of a better term) is Ewing. In a nutshell, my lineage results from some kind of arrangement with a family physician in the 1800's in Alabama. We

only discovered it through Y-DNA testing. A few years ago, my father explained it all in an article in a previous issue of this *Journal*.<sup>7</sup>

The physician's name was Whitley T. Ewing.

Does anyone know if Dr. Ewing's forefathers were Revolutionary War vets? That would allow us to seek membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### **Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

Tennis is participant TNS in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. He is in Ewing Group 2a, and is descended from Joshua Ewing, born c. 1704, who is the subject of Chapter 25 of Margaret Ewing Fife's book, *Ewing in Early America*.<sup>8</sup> This book is posted in the Reading Room on the *Ewing Family Association* web site at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document\\_Fife.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_Fife.html). You can see a Relationship Diagram for Group 2a at:

[dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf).

Joshua Ewing died in 1753, so would not have been a Revolutionary War veteran. His son, Samuel Ewing (born c. 1740 and died 1817 in Russell County, Virginia) would have been of the right age to have served, but I do not know whether he did so. Samuel's son, Samuel Jr. (DOB unknown, but married Mary 'Polly' Davis in 1806), would probably have been too young to have served. Consider that if he was born when his father was twenty and married Polly when he was forty-six, he would have been sixteen in 1776. He was the fourth child of Samuel, so it is more likely that he would have been born when his father was thirty or older, and married Polly when he was thirty-six or younger, so he would have been at most a small child during the period of the Revolutionary War. Fife says that Samuel Jr. is thought to have served in the War of 1812.

For my money, Tennis' question becomes: Did Samuel Ewing (1740/41 - 1817) serve in the Revolutionary War? Of course, Polly Davis' father would probably have also been of an age to serve, but Fife mentions nothing of him.

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## **William Ewing and Son John, National Road Contractors**

### **Query by J. David Ewing (*JDEFFloridaLLC at yahoo dot com*)**

My great-great-great-grandfather, William Ewing and his son John were the contractors for a section of the National Road between Hillsborough and Brownsville.<sup>9</sup> In all of my research, I cannot find where Hillsborough was. Can anyone help me locate it?

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<sup>7</sup> Smith, William R. A Family Story, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (August 2008), pp. 17-19.

<sup>8</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

<sup>9</sup> Ellis, Franklin. *History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania: with biographical sketches of many of its pioneers and prominent men*, L.H. Everts & Co. (Philadelphia), 1882, p. 652. This book has been posted on the Internet by Historic Pittsburgh and may be accessed at [digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/t/text/text-idx?idno=00aft2784m;view=toc;c=pitttext](http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/t/text/text-idx?idno=00aft2784m;view=toc;c=pitttext).

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**William Ewing, born 1790, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland**

**Query by Lars Eighner (*Ewing at larseighner dot com*) via rootsweb (*boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1975/mb.ashx*)**

Does anyone have information regarding William A.(?) Ewing who was born 30 October 1790, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland; emigrated to America at age eight with parents (names unknown); married 11 January 1816 Sarah Mathew (Mathew, Mathews, Matthews?) of Chester County, Pennsylvania; and died 1 May 1883?

Children (all probably born in Pennsylvania):

Thomas: b. 5 February 1818

John: b. 25 December 1819, d. 12 May 1884

William: b. 15 October 1821, d. 1 May 1883

Andrew: b. 22 September 1823, d. 3 October 1891 Fort Lupton, Colorado

Mary Jane: b. 22 September 1825

Margaret: b. 20 August 1827, d. 27 April 1856

David Walker (my line): b. 22 September 1829 in Pennsylvania, d. 25 Jun 1895 in Fort Lupton, Colorado

I am looking for line of descent, parents, and siblings. Also, information on his own siblings.

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**William Ewing's Y-DNA Results**

**Conversation on Google's *Ewing Family Association Group* (*EwingFamilyAssociation at googlegroups dot com*)**

**From William Ewing (*W.Ewing at tesco dot net*)**

Help: I am totally bewildered by all the results I have received from my Y-DNA test. According to them I must have literally thousands of relations in the U.S. (assuming most of the results are from the U.S.). I am a Scots lad whose ancestors came from Ireland around 1810, and I would be really interested in contacting some of the individuals who are Y-DNA-test indicated cousins. If we are connected as suggested by the Y-DNA tests, wouldn't it be to our advantage to collaborate. For example, my great<sup>4</sup>-grandfather was from Tyrone in Ireland. He had a son Samuel, a soldier who died in the Napoleonic wars. My great-great-grandfather Mathew ( an orphan) then left Ireland with his uncle Robert and came to Muirkirk in Scotland. Is there any information similar to mine which ties in with the Y-DNA test results?

**Follow-up by Martin Ewing (*M.Ewing at snet dot net*)**

Yes, the Y-DNA results are generally confusing to us non-specialists. Fortunately, we have our Chancellor, David, to guide the interpretation, although correlating genetics with genealogy seems to be more of an art than a science.

Do you know what your 'group number' is and your two- or three-letter id code? We can judge our cousinhood a little better if we know. (I am MS in group 1\*.)

My earliest known Ewing (Noble) was born in the U.S. around 1783, but we don't know his parentage and so can't tie into any of the groups with known genealogy.

I had an interesting research 'find' recently. Noble's widow applied for a U.S. pension on the basis of his military service in the War of 1812. The law providing for pensions was passed in the 1870s, and she applied at age ninety for it. After an incredible amount of paperwork, she received her pension of \$8 per month and (the valuable part, I think) a warrant for 160 acres of 'bounty land'.

In the course of the application, there was a letter from her son explaining that the widow (Miriam) had, in a period of insanity, torn up the family history records in the 1850s. What an unpleasant revelation for us genealogists!

If anyone is interested in what these pension applications look like, I am happy to share the PDF file.

### **Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

William Ewing writes asking about relatives in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. He is WS in Group 2\* and his results can be compared with others in Group 2 by going to:

[dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2\\_ResultsTable.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2_ResultsTable.pdf).

As you can see, WS very nearly matches the Group 2 modal, differing by only one step at CDYa. Furthermore, since the Group 2 modal differs from the Group 1 modal by only one step at DYS 391, WS is only genetic distance 2 from the Group 1 modal. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA, [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com)) reports 'matches' based only on genetic distance, so WS matches about half the men in the project (and a goodly number in other surname projects, depending on what genetic distance you want to count as a match). We have estimated that the common ancestor of all of the men in the large closely related group of Ewings (including WS) lived about 500 years ago. This is interesting, but not too informative for genealogic purposes because essentially none of our conventional records go back that far. There is a really terrific article by Thor Ewing that will appear in the February 2010 issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* on where this common ancestor may have been living.<sup>10</sup>

Martin says: "correlating genetics with genealogy seems to be more of an art than a science." This is not really true, but trying to explain the science to 'non-specialists' REALLY IS more of an art than a science, and I guess I am not all that good at it. I gave it what I thought was a really good try in Y-DNA Article #18.<sup>11</sup> Any interested person who is willing to spend a couple of hours reading and studying that article and the five references listed there (the whole business only amounts to maybe fifteen pages) will understand way more about what counts as an *interesting* match.

The bottom line is that on the basis of Y-DNA test results alone, WS is equally likely to be related to any of the men in Ewing Group 2 (except those in Group 2a), and even though he may be at closer genetic distance to some of the men in Group 1 than he is to some of the men in Group 2, he is almost certainly more closely related to all of the men in Group 2 than to any of the men in Group 1. There are other considerations, though, such as the place of origin of his earliest known ancestor. We have recently had a new man join the project, Michael Douglas Ewing (MD), who also traces his ancestry to Tyrone. We

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<sup>10</sup> Ewing, Thor. Who Were the Ewings? *Ewing Family J.* Vol. 16, No. 1 (February 2010), pp.1-9.

<sup>11</sup> [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing\\_Y-DNA\\_Article18.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing_Y-DNA_Article18.pdf)

only have 12-marker results on him so far, and I won't add them to the Results Table until I have all 37 markers, but he will also fall into Group 2\*. You can see the lineage he provided at:

[dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/MD\\_Michael%20Douglas%20Ewing.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/MD_Michael%20Douglas%20Ewing.pdf).

#### **Follow-up by from William Ewing (*W.Ewing at tesco dot net*)**

Would you believe it? I received information today saying that I have another match. That's 116 so far, absolutely incredible. Where are they all? Family Tree is telling me I have all these close matches. It's confusing me more and more. Is there really a connection between them all? Are they all members of the *Ewing Family Association*.

#### **Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

Really, the question is what does 'match' mean? And the problem is that it means a lot of different things. FTDNA gives participants options about what sort of matches they want to see. You can choose to see only matches with men of your same surname or with all of the men in their database. You can choose to ignore matches on the shorter marker panels, as I have done with 12-marker matches, because they are basically useless. For the rest of this EMail, let's just talk about 37-marker matches.

FTDNA reports not only exact matches, but also matches with men up to genetic distance four on the 37-marker panel, which means that they are still calling it a match if you match at only thirty-three of the thirty-seven markers. I actually count 120 matches on William's FTDNA Results page, but this includes many different partial matches at both the 25-marker and 37-marker levels. What is more, many of the men shown as 25-marker matches are also shown as 37-marker matches, and these are counted twice in the total. In fact, William Ewing has no exact 37-marker matches; he has four 36/37-marker matches; twelve 35/37 matches; twenty-seven 34/37 matches; and sixteen 34/37 matches.

What does it mean to have a perfect 37-marker match? According to the FTDNA 'TIP' report (which you can get by clicking on the little icon to the right of your matches), a perfect 37/37 marker match means that there is an:

- 83.49% chance of a common ancestor in the last four generations
- 97.28% ... eight generations
- 99.55% ... twelve generations

If you have a 34/37 match, the corresponding numbers are:

- 3.38% chance of a common ancestor in the last four generations
- 24.48% ...eight generations
- 54.32% ...twelve generations
- 77.29% ...sixteen generations
- 90.18% ...twenty generations
- 96.16% ...twenty-four generations

But consider that I (DN) have a perfect 37/37 match with GW and we know from our conventional genealogies that we do NOT have a common ancestor in at least the last nine generations. This 'prior knowledge' changes the calculation, so that we have:

- 83.49% chance of a common ancestor in the last twelve generations

97.28% ...sixteen generations

99.55% ...twenty generations

All of the Ewings in the closely related group (Groups 1 and 2) have lots and lots of matches, because there are a lot of us and all of us have a common ancestor who probably lived in the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, something like fifteen generations ago. Ulster Scots are doggone lucky if we can work out our conventional genealogies back as far as seven or eight generations. You can see that the results we get from genetic distance give us high levels of confidence only at a much deeper time scale than that. This is why I have said again and again that getting our panties in a knot over genetic distance and FTDNA 'matches' is a big mistake. This is not how the Y-DNA project is going to help us with genealogy. Instead, it is going to help us when we correlate conventional genealogy with Y-DNA test results and when we pursue 'off-modal matches', which will help us work out relationships among branches of the family. Genetic distance cannot do this.

Again, let me recommend that every interested person read and study

[dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing\\_Y-DNA\\_Article18.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ewing_Y-DNA_Article18.pdf)

and the five references listed there, including [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/ModalHaplotypesDiscussion.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/ModalHaplotypesDiscussion.pdf) While you are at it, have a quick look at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/GD-BarDiagram.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/GD-BarDiagram.pdf) which will show you how we divided our participants into groups based on genetic distance – the men in Groups 3, 4 and 5 are not related to those in Groups 1 and 2 in anything like a genealogic time frame, though those in Group 3 probably have a common ancestor with those in Groups 1 and 2 a thousand years ago, those in Group 4 probably have a common ancestor with Groups 1, 2 and 3 several thousand years ago, and those in Group 5 probably have a common ancestor with the others maybe thirty thousand years ago. You can learn even more about how the Groups are constituted by reading [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Results\\_Intro.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Results_Intro.pdf).

And, William, you can figure out who among your matches is in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project by going to your personal page on FTDNA and limiting match results to members of the Project. You can also go to [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html) which lists nearly every participant in the project. The men you are most likely to be closely related to are all in Group 2, and their results can be seen in a very tidy table at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2\\_ResultsTable.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2_ResultsTable.pdf) which is also accessible from the Results Directory, as are all of our Results Tables and Relationship Diagrams, and a wealth of other information.

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## **William H. Ewing, his Son John Edgar Ewing and his Brother John Calvin Ewing**

**Conversation among Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*), Bill Ewing (*waejae1 at yahoo dot com*) and William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

**From Bill Ewing (*waejae1 at yahoo dot com*)**

I am fairly certain of the following relationships and am trying to get more information on William H. Ewing's and John Edgar Ewing's wives.

James Ewing of Inch (1665-1708) is my 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather

Alexander Ewing (1695-1752), son of James Ewing of Inch

James Ewing (1732-1825), son of Alexander Ewing

Samuel J. Ewing (1773-1822), son of James Ewing

John Alexander Ewing (1813-1892), son of Samuel J. Ewing

William Hugh Ewing (1849-1921), son of John Alexander Ewing

John Edgar Ewing (1877-1939), son of William Hugh Ewing

William Albert Ewing (1910-1992), son of John Edgar Ewing, married Daisy Alexander

William Albert Ewing Jr. (1939-), son of William Albert Ewing, married Margaret Corliss

William Albert Ewing III, married Janelle Howard

I have a newspaper article about how John Edgar Ewing was shot and killed while in a car in Pittsburgh in 1940.

**From Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I had data down to William Hugh Ewing (1849-1921) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Hart (1849-1928). I added your additional information to my database and also did a bit of census searching. I found the newspaper story (including pictures) about the murders of John Edgar Ewing (1877-1940) and his lady friend, divorcee Carrie Kolb. It must have been a coincidence that his wife's first name was also Carrie. I found someone who claimed his wife's name to be Carrie Edna Carpenter.

John and Carrie must have divorced before 1926 as Carrie married Edward M. Donahue in 1927. She and her four youngest Ewing children were living with Mr. Donahue in 1930 in Palm Beach, Florida. I suspect John Edgar Ewing did not remarry before his 1940 murder, but do not know that to be a fact. I could not find anything more about the murder or a trial.

We at the *Ewing Family Association* would welcome your membership. You share common ancestors with William E. Riddle who is the Editor of the *Ewing Family Journal* and also the *EFA* Webmaster.

**From William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

My records stop with John Edgar Ewing. He and I share Squire James Ewing (1732-1825) as an ancestor and we are third cousins once removed.

I have that John Edgar Ewing's wife was Carrie C. \_?\_. I have no further information about Carrie, her marriage to John Edgar Ewing, or their children. Karen's response to you contains information that seems reasonable to me.

For William H. Ewing, John Edgar Ewing's father, I have:

- born 7 May 1849, Kiskiminitas Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania
- died 8 Jun 1921
- married 24 Nov 1875 to Mary Elizabeth Hart
  - born c. Dec 1849
  - died 8 May 1928
- census records show him living in census districts as follows:
  - 1850: Kiskiminitas Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania
  - 1860: Kittanning Post Office, Kiskiminitas Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

- 1870: Kellys Station Post Office, South Bend Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

I also have that John Edgar Ewing had two siblings:

- Alice P. Ewing: born 1876
- Albert Ross Ewing: born 3 Mar 1883; married Mabel Smith (1900-1978)

### **From Bill Ewing (*waejae1 at yahoo dot com*)**

I came across a book<sup>12</sup> with a John C. Ewing:

John C Ewing was born in the Ewing farm near Olivet, lived near the home farm and Eldersridge most of his life. Farmed, sold farming implements, operated a threshing machine during the fall months. Was in general a very useful man in his community. Was married to Miss Rosa M. Armstrong of near South Bend , Pa. After living a number of years at Eldersridge, where he kept a store, he moved to Apollo where he became proprietor of the Chamber House. Where he continued till a short time before his death, which occurred at Vandergrift Heights in March, 1906. His wife, two sons and a daughter survive him and live in Kansas.



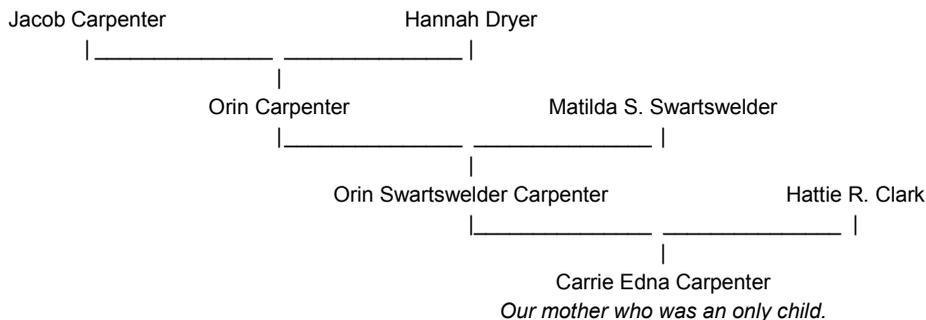
I found John, Rosa and the three children on the 1900 Census and Rosa on the 1925 Kansas Census.

This looks like John Alexander Ewing's son John Calvin. South Bend, Apollo, Young, Olivet (location of father's farm where he grew up), Elders Ridge and Vandergrift are all just a few miles apart. Is this a different Ewing than what is in:

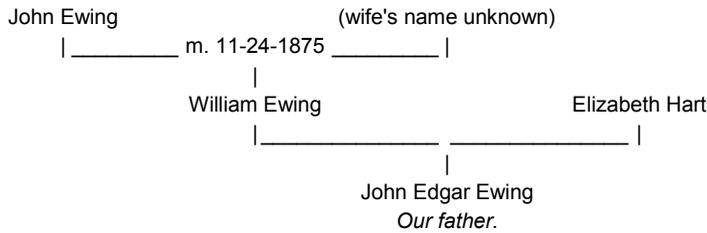
[EwingFamilyAssociation.org/egd\\_project/james\\_of\\_inch/p51.htm#i1580?](http://EwingFamilyAssociation.org/egd_project/james_of_inch/p51.htm#i1580?)

### **From Bill Ewing (*waejae1 at yahoo dot com*)**

I received the following from a cousin. I think Thomas Ewing – son of John Edgar and Carrie, and brother to Jay and William A. Ewing Sr. – wrote it in the late 80s. Nothing official, but this was before the Internet and he was not just clicking on names.



<sup>12</sup> *Shady Plain, Pa., Then and Now*. section: The School and Community, Shady Plain School (Wray's School), p. 21 [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~treasures/pa/armstrong/kiskiminetas/shadyplain/shadyplain10.pdf](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~treasures/pa/armstrong/kiskiminetas/shadyplain/shadyplain10.pdf)



Also of interest:

After death of Orin S. Carpenter his widow (Hattie R. Carpenter) married a John McClure who was our mother's stepfather.

Your father [grandmother?] (Jay E. Ewing) also had a step father whose name was Edward M. Donahue.

### **From Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I've done some more work on the lines of 'Major Sam' (Samuel J. Ewing, 1773-1822). I had wrong information in my files about his grandson, John Calvin Ewing (1852-1906). I appreciate having the mistake brought to my attention. Unfortunately, I had shared that misinformation with Bill Riddle and so it appears in the information you cite on our web site. I know Bill will correct this on the web site.

Corrected information is attached [see below]. Please verify that this information is correct. I have included information about William Harvey Ewing (1806/10-1881), one of William Hugh Ewing's uncles, and his spouse. If you can take a look at this and give me any feedback, I would be most appreciative.

It would be a big plus if you or another living Ewing male from these lines could join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. There are several men of this line who have been tested. A test done by you or a close relative should be good evidence that the conventional genealogy of your line is correct.

### **Abbreviated Descendancy Information for Samuel J. (Major Sam) Ewing Sr.**

*Produced by: Karen Avery, Jan 25, 2011*

- 1 Samuel J. (Major Sam) Ewing Sr. b. Aug 3, 1773, Allegheny Co., Robinson Twp., PA [Father, James willed to Samuel land adjoining Henry Sturgeon and Samuel Ewing], d. Aug 29, 1822, Allegheny Co., No. Fayette, Oakdale, PA [Will written 8-20-1822; probated 11-4-1822, 2:298] [Executors: bro. William and Isaac Walker, 3:125 2-208-227]
- + Letitia Ann McCurdy b. Nov 23, 1774, Adams Co., near Gettysburg, PA, m. Nov 13, 1793, Indiana County, Elder Ridge, PA, d. Dec 18, 1881, Armstrong Co., S. Bend, Elder's Ridge, PA [daughter of Hugh McCurdy (Cir. 1740 – bef. 1826) and Grace Walker (1752-1789)]
- ...
- 2 William Harvey Ewing b. Bet. 1806 and 1810, [Is this William, 76 in 1880 Armstrong, So. Buffalo, p. 26?], d. Aug 7, 1881, Armstrong Co., So. Buffalo Twp., PA [WB 3:478, Est #3818]
- + Sarah Ewing b. Bet. 1829 and 1830, m. Bet. 1851 and 1855, [1<sup>st</sup> cousins, no children], d. Apr 27, 1855, (Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery)
- ...
- 2 John Alexander Ewing b. Abt. 1814, PA, d. 1892, Armstrong Co., S. Bend, PA
- + Elizabeth Wray b. Jan 1, 1820, PA, m. Mar 7, 1839, d. Aft. 1880, Armstrong Co., S. Bend, PA

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- 3 William Hugh Ewing b. May 7, 1849, Armstrong Co., Kiskiminitas Twp., PA, d. Jun 8, 1921
- + Mary Elizabeth Hart b. Abt. Dec 1849, m. Nov 24, 1875, d. May 8, 1928 [daughter of John Douthit Hart and Nancy Lowry]
- 4 Alice P. Ewing b. 1876
- 4 John Edgar Ewing b. Nov 23, 1877, PA, d. Cir. Jul 25, 1940, Allegheny Co., Pittsburgh, PA  
From 7-26-1940 *Clearfield Progress* Newspaper, p. 8, Clearfield, PA<sup>13</sup>

#### **Divorcee, Boarder Slain**

Mrs. Carrie Kolb, blonde divorcee and John Edgar Ewing, a roomer in her home for several years, were shot to death as they sat in Ewing's automobile parked in a sparsely settled section of the Elliott district in Pittsburgh. The killer, glimpsed by several residents of the neighborhood, fled into the brush on a nearby hillside. A neighbor of the woman later was taken into custody for questioning. (Associated Press Photo)



- + Carrie Edna Carpenter b. Cir. 1882, PA, m. Cir. 1902, PA, d. 1958, Beaumont, TX [daughter of Orin Swartswelder Carpenter and Hattie R. Clark]
- 5 Harriet E. Ewing b. Cir. 1903, PA
- 5 John F. Ewing b. Cir. 1905, PA
- 5 William Albert Ewing Sr. b. Cir. 1909, Allegheny Co., PA
- 5 Thomas E. Ewing b. Cir. 1915, Allegheny Co., PA
- 5 Florence C. Ewing b. Cir. 1918, Allegheny Co., PA
- 5 Jay Edgar Ewing b. Cir. 1919, Allegheny Co., PA
- 4 Albert Ross Ewing b. Mar 3, 1883, d. 1933
- + Mabel Smith b. 1900, Armstrong Co., PA, d. Mar 31, 1978
- 3 John Calvin Ewing b. Cir. 1852, Armstrong Co., PA, d. Mar 1906, KS
- + Rosa Marie Armstrong b. Jan 30, 1860, Armstrong Co., South Bend Twp., PA, m. May 1, 1884, d. 1926, Reno Co., Nickerson, KS
- 4 Lloyd A. Ewing b. Jan 1885, PA
- + Grace (Ewing) b. Cir. 1889, KS
- 5 John C. Ewing b. Cir. 1913, KS
- 5 Albert R. Ewing b. Cir. Feb 1915, KS
- 5 David R. Ewing b. Cir. Nov 1918, Reno Co., Grant, KS [probably]
- 5 Marceline Ewing b. Cir. 1922, KS
- 5 Joan Ewing b. Cir. 1927, OK
- 4 James A. Ewing b. Jul 1888, PA
- 4 Inez M. Ewing b. Dec 1891, PA
- ...

<sup>13</sup> Available at: [search.ancestry.com/browse/view.aspx?dbid=7752&iid=NEWS-PA-CL\\_PR.1940\\_07\\_26\\_0008&rc=%C2%A0&pid=493086728&ssrc=&fn=&ln=Record+from+Clearfield+Progress+%28Clearfield%2c+Pennsylvania%29&st=g](http://search.ancestry.com/browse/view.aspx?dbid=7752&iid=NEWS-PA-CL_PR.1940_07_26_0008&rc=%C2%A0&pid=493086728&ssrc=&fn=&ln=Record+from+Clearfield+Progress+%28Clearfield%2c+Pennsylvania%29&st=g)

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## **Margaret Ewing Fife, Pictures**

**Query by Edwina Moody (*FamilyTreeClimber at Yahoo dot com*)**

My cousin was Margaret Ewing Fife. From what I have been told, when she passed away, she gave all her Ewing research to the *Association*. I am trying to locate some pictures given to her by my great-great-uncle when he passed. I would like to obtain copies of these pictures if possible. How can I find out if you have them in your collection? One of them is a photograph and the other is a drawing. I have a very bad photo of each of the pictures and would be very happy with a better picture or scan of the pictures in question. Thank you for your help.




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## **Finegan**

**Contribution by Jerry Finegan (*Jerry at jerryfinegan dot com*)**

On the Fifth Generation page:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD\\_Project/John\\_of\\_Carnashannagh/d5.htm#g5](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/John_of_Carnashannagh/d5.htm#g5)

you mention Mary Howell Finnegan. The spelling 'Finnegan' should be 'Finegan'. Mary Howell Finegan was my great-grandmother. Mary Howell (16 December 1861 - 29 November 1909) married George Thomas Finegan (1 May 1858 - 26 December 1915). George's father Michael spelled the name with two 'n's in the middle. I guess George was too poor to afford the second 'n' and dropped it. ;-)

Of more consequence, I have a mimeograph of Mary Howell's type-written notes of John Ewing Howell's journal kept during a trip along the Oregon Trail. I don't know if you need them, but if you do I will get them to you.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Thank you for your query and the information on your Finegan family. I do not personally have the Finegan family in my Ewing database, but would certainly love to be made aware of your Ewing lineage.

As to making corrections to the web site, that will need to be handled by our Webmaster, William E. Riddle. He is included in this correspondence.

I await further Ewing information.

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## **Julia M. (Ewing) Hitchcock**

**Query by iems1996 via rootsweb.com ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2000/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2000/mb.ashx))**

I show a Julia M. Ewing 1839 as married to Henry W. Hitchcock. I am trying to trace the Hitchcock side, and I am stuck at his father Joel Hitchcock. I need to find Joel's father and mother. Henry is my great-grandfather. Can anyone help ?

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**LDS Site (New, Beta Version)**

**Contribution by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

*beta.familysearch.org* is new and may hold some items of interest to you.

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**Jacob McVey Family of Little Britain, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

**Query by EmmaWA (*cbinred at gmail dot com*) to Google's Ewing Family Association Group (*groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation*)**

I have found that two members of the Jacob McVey (1784-1862) family of Little Britain, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, area married into my Ewing family. I am still unable to tie all of this info into a specific Ewing branch. Does anyone have McVeys from Lancaster or Cecil counties in their tree? All help is appreciated.

**Follow-up by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

I plugged *McVey* into the search engine on the *Ewing Family Association* web site and got a couple of hits. Have a look at those. Find the search engine by going to the *EFA* home page at *www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org* and clicking on *Search Site* at the top of the page.

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**Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

**William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

There are many Ewings buried at the Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The church was established in the 1780s. It was placed on a burial ground that had been used for a decade or so. No record was kept of burials in the burial ground and these 'ancient' graves were not marked. But burial records were kept starting with the founding of the church.

A schematic of the Ewing plots at the Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery is available at:

*www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/SW\_PA\_Ewings/Document\_SWPA\_CemeterySchematic.html*.

This is an extract from a comprehensive Cemetery Census Compilation I did in the 1990s. The basis for the compilation is a comprehensive 'reading' done in the 1940s (when the stones could still be read). The compilation also includes information from other, mostly partial 'readings' and notes inconsistencies among the readings. I have discovered some errors in the compilation but have not produced an updated version. If you would like a copy of the compilation, send me your address and I'll send you a copy.

Additional information about the Ewings buried at the Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery is at *www.interment.net/data/us/pa/allegheny/montour/index.htm*.

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## **Redstone Presbytery-related Histories**

**William E. Riddle** (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

The Redstone Presbytery was established in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in the revolutionary War-era. Many Ewings participated in its establishment and activities. They are identified in three histories of the presbytery:

- Barnett, John M., John C. Meloy and Ebenezer Finley. *History of the Presbytery of Redstone*, (Washington, Pennsylvania) Observer Book and Job Print, 1889. The full text isn't available online. A transcription of parts mentioning Ewings was done by Virginia Okie and is online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/RedstoneHistory/RedstoneHistory.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/RedstoneHistory/RedstoneHistory.htm).
- Smith, Joseph (Editor). *Old Redstone or, Historical Sketches of Western Presbyterianism, its Early Ministers, its Perilous Times, and its First Records*, (Philadelphia) Lippincott, Gambo & County, 1854. Available via Google's Books Project; go to [books.google.com](http://books.google.com) and search for *old redstone joseph smith*. Also available for free download (PDF, 25MB) at [www.archive.org/details/oldredstoneor00smit](http://www.archive.org/details/oldredstoneor00smit). A reprint of the third edition is also available for purchase from Amazon.com.
- Doddridge, Joseph. *Notes on the Settlement and Indian wars Of the Western Parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania from 1763 to 1783, inclusive, together with a Review of the State of Society and Manners of the First Settlers of the Western Country*. Privately printed at the office of the Wellsburg, Va., Gazette, 1824. There's no information about Redstone Presbytery per se in this text, but it describes, somewhat contemporaneously, the nature of the times when the Redstone area was settled. The first edition is available online for free download (PDF, 19MB) at [www.archive.org/details/notesonsettlement00dodd](http://www.archive.org/details/notesonsettlement00dodd). A second edition, with a *Memoire of the Author by His Daughter Narcissa Doddridge* and edited by Alfred Williams was published by J. Munsell (Albany, N. Y.) in 1876. It is available online at [digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/t/text/text-idx?c=pitttext;view=toc;idno=00age8892m](http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/t/text/text-idx?c=pitttext;view=toc;idno=00age8892m). A third edition was published by The New Werner Company (Akron, Ohio) in 1912 "with the addition of new and valuable material. By John S. Ritenour and Wm. T. Lindsey." This third edition is available via Google's Books Project; go to [books.google.com](http://books.google.com) and search for *doddridge notes settlement*. A reprint of the third edition is also available for purchase from Amazon.com.

These histories provide a lot of lives-and-times information about what it was like to settle and live in the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, area in the last three or so decades of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

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## **Research Support Sites**

**William E. Riddle** (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

While surfing around the Internet, I stumbled on two interesting research-support sites:

- [www.BehindTheName.com](http://www.BehindTheName.com) – etymology and history of first names
- [TheLittleList.net](http://TheLittleList.net) – tidbits about Persons, Places, and 'Things' in Pre-1800 Western Pennsylvania

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## **Hazle Stapp**

**Query by Leonard Smith (*papalsmith at yahoo dot com*)**

I am trying to find Hazle Stapp, and her daughters Janice and Dora. My wife is a first cousin to Janice; Hazle Stapp is her Aunt. My wife's name is Teresa Ann Lewis.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

My records do not include these ladies. Is there some connection to a Ewing family? Have you tried using online phone records? If you have some idea of what state where they reside, that might help you find them. So sorry I can be of no help.

**Follow-up by Leonard Smith (*papalsmith at yahoo dot com*)**

Hazel Stapp married Sherman Ewing. I found Hazel Stapp in a Loril Ewing family tree.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

If you could provide a bit more information, perhaps I might be able to help. I have several Sherman Ewing names in my database, some with early dates of birth. We do have one living Sherman Ewing, but I don't think his wife's name is Hazel. Can you provide at least estimated dates of birth or places lived? I googled the name Loril Ewing and found nothing. I also looked at family trees on Ancestry.com and nothing comes up for Loril Ewing. Sorry.

**Follow-up by Leonard Smith (*papalsmith at yahoo dot com*)**

Hazel Stapp married Sherman Ewing on 8 May 1946, in Grady County, Oklahoma. Sherman Ewing's father was John Garfield Ewing, born on 25 September 1879 in Springfield, Bon Homme, Dakota Territory, and died on 28 July 1954, in Pursell Cemetery, Pursell, Oklahoma.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Well, we tried! I can find nothing in my files about John Garfield Ewing or his son, Sherman Ewing. I would love to have more data about this line if you would care to share it. My personal Ewing database contains information for more than 9,500 Ewing individuals; a mere 'drop in the bucket' as the saying goes. Since you originally sent a query to the *Ewing Family Association's Journal* Editor, William Riddle, I presume that you have looked at our wonderful web site at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org). When you find this Ewing family group, it would be a great idea if one Ewing male joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. More than one-hundred men have already joined and the results are very interesting. links to information about this project can also be found on the web site.

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## **Elizabeth Stitzer and John Montelius**

**Query by Donna Wachtel (*WachteIDonna at yahoo dot com*)**

I was just wondering if you have documentation on the marriage of Elizabeth Stitzer to John Montelius. I have some completely different documentation of Elizabeth married to someone else. Was just wondering if you could verify, and clear up the mystery for me.

**Follow-up by Karen Avery (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)**

I do not have either of the mentioned people in my database. If you can explain a Ewing connection and give me a few more details I will take another look.

## ***Upcoming Events***

**2011 April 10:** The UDC Chapter will be having an *In Memory Memorial* for John Ewing for his service in the Civil War. It will be at a small cemetery near Gatesville, Texas, on April 10, 2011, at 2 PM.

**2011 May 11-14:** 2011 NGS Family History Conference, Charlestown, South Carolina. For up-to-date information about this event, visit [www.NGSGenealogy.org](http://www.NGSGenealogy.org).

**2011 September 7-10:** *Pathways to the Heartland*, 2011 FGS/ISGS National Conference, Springfield, Illinois. "The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Illinois State Genealogical Society are pleased to announce the official call for lecture proposals for our 2011 national conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," to be held in Springfield, Illinois, 7-10 September 2011. The conference will explore the resources of America's Heartland through a variety of regional and national topics aimed at engaging genealogists and family historians of all levels and experience. Topics relating to the Midwest, migration patterns, and religious and ethnic groups are encouraged. Wednesday, 7 September 2011 will include "Focus on Societies," with lectures, focus groups, and other special events devoted to assisting genealogical societies, lineage societies, historical societies, and family associations succeed and thrive in their activities." For further information, visit [www.fgs.org/2011conference](http://www.fgs.org/2011conference).

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