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## ***From the Editor***

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### **Progress is Our Most Important Product!**

This issue reflects many advances in the scope and focus of the *Ewing Family Association's (EFA's)* activities and services to its members:

- The *EFA* is now a IRS-approved Educational/Scientific Non-profit organization. How this was accomplished is discussed by Chancellor David Neal Ewing on pages 52-54. Its effect in terms of the tax-deductibility of contributions is explained by David on pages 54-55.
- A better understanding of Ewing roots in Scotland and Ireland is emerging. Partially this has to do with possible connections to 'across the pond' families such as the Orr Ewings; see Christian Orr Ewing's article (pages 3-7), the analysis of Orr Ewing-related results in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (pages 19-20), and the Board of Direction's decision to establish a Chiefship Committee, led by David Neal Ewing, to represent the *Association's* interests in upcoming Lord Lyon-led discussions of a Chief for Clan McEwen (pages 51-52).
- Attention to collateral families has increased significantly as reported by Jill (Ewing) Spittler, Membership Coordinator, on page 59 and as indicated by the contents of this issue.

### **Profuse Thanks**

I have been quite remiss in not acknowledging the assistance of many 'helpers':

- Of course, the authors. I send them copies of my edited versions of their articles for review to make sure I haven't made any mistakes in editing their articles. They've always been careful in their reviews and quick in getting back to me.
- The Chancellor, the Officers and the Activity Coordinators have been similarly conscientious in reviewing my edits of their messages.
- Karen Avery, the *EFA's* Genealogist, carefully reviews next-to-final and final versions of the Ewing Digital Library and Information Exchange sections, making sure that the material is complete, accurate and understandable.
- David Neal Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, similarly helps assure the completeness, accuracy and understandability of genetic-genealogy material.
- Eva Ewing proof reads the final version to catch the typos and formatting errors that my tired eyes have missed and make sure that the material is readable.

I wouldn't be able to get anywhere close to the *Journal's* very high level of excellence without their prompt, valuable and much appreciated help.

*Wm E. Riddle*

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# Down the Ohio and Westward

**Twelfth Gathering  
of the Ewing Family Association**

**Gallipolis, Ohio**

**20-23 September 2012**

***PLAN AHEAD!***

***Pencil It In On Your Schedule***

## ***The 2012 Gathering: Down the Ohio and Westward***

The next gathering of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* will be held in Gallipolis, Ohio 20-23 September, 2012.

Over the years, *EFA* Gatherings have been held in locations pertinent to the arrival of Ewings from 'across the pond' and their subsequent migrations to the west as various pressures made this desirable and necessary and as allowed by the French, then British and then Americans.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering in 1960 and later the 2004's 8<sup>th</sup> Gathering (*Where the Journey Began*) focused on the immigration of Ewings to the Cecil Co., Maryland area. The 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering concerned immigrations to southeastern Pennsylvania, chiefly into the current-day Chester and Adams Counties in Pennsylvania. Migrations to Missouri were the focus of the 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering (*Across the Wide Missouri*) in 2002, and migrations to Indiana were the focus of the 9<sup>th</sup> Gathering (*Making Connections*) in 2006. Early 1700 immigrations to the Shenandoah Valley were the focus of the 10<sup>th</sup> Gathering (*Echoes of the Shenandoah*) in 2008. In 2010, the 11<sup>th</sup> Gathering (*Bridge to the West*) focused on migrations from the Shenandoah Valley across the Cumberland Gap and from the Upper Chesapeake Bay area along Braddock's Road (now known as the National Highway, Route 40) to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Gathering continues to track the westward migration of the Scots-Irish in general and Ewings in particular, this time along the Ohio River, first to lands south of the Ohio and then to lands north of the Ohio.

### **That Ewing Culture, or Why I'm Going to Gallipolis<sup>1</sup>**

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You don't have to be born into a clan to join one. I'm going to Gallipolis, Ohio in 2012 to be part of the Ewing brotherhood, even if Ewing isn't in my blood. I can't claim to be of Scottish descent, but I do have English ancestors. I belong to the Ewings, though, through the backdoor method. Five years ago I married Wallace K. Ewing and changed my last name from 'Livingston' to 'Ewing'. From then on I wanted to associate myself with kilts, bagpipes, and tartans and be linked to a clan.

I was introduced to Ewing ancestors and more lively family members when I accompanied Wally to the *Ewing Family Association* gathering in Ft Wayne, Indiana in 2006.<sup>2</sup> We gathered in the county building to admire portraits and hear legends of aristocratic ancestors who held court there. We visited a cemetery to view impressive monuments commemorating distinguished local Ewings, long dead.

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<sup>1</sup> Gallipolis (from Wikipedia): a chartered village in the U.S. state of Ohio and the county seat of Gallia County. The municipality is located in Southeast Ohio on the Ohio River.

<sup>2</sup> [www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2006\\_Gathering/Document\\_2006\\_Report.html](http://www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2006_Gathering/Document_2006_Report.html)

In 2008, my connection deepened when I attended the gathering in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia<sup>3</sup> where we marveled at a restored family cemetery and paid homage to those buried there. I attended David Neal Ewing's presentation on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project,<sup>4</sup> prepared to be confused, but intrigued by how his project might connect various threads of family members.

In 2010 yet another *Ewing Family Association* gathering,<sup>5</sup> this one in Uniontown, Pennsylvania took me deeper into birth, marriage and death records, artifacts, portraits, journals, and Bibles, centuries old. J. David Ewing told anecdotes about his forebears from the Uniontown area, and Thor Ewing, our keynote speaker from England, gave a narrative on how the Ewing/MacEwen families survived through the centuries in Scotland. I was becoming somewhat familiar with Ewing genealogy and feeling comfortable being a quasi-Ewing.



**Downtown Gallipolis has maintained much of its original character.**  
(from Wikipedia:  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallipolis,\\_Ohio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallipolis,_Ohio))

Last year, on a pilgrimage to visit MacEwen castle in Kilfinan, Scotland,<sup>6</sup> Wally and I traveled two hours west of Glasgow, ferrying from loch to loch, hiking lonely trails into the Highlands, crossing through sheep folds, and climbing bluffs to find and explore the castle ruins. Surely, this gives me some Scottish rites, doesn't it?

Last May, Wally and I visited a historic city in Ohio named Gallipolis (pronounced 'Gallaplice' and meaning 'City of the Gauls'), wandering around to locate historically interesting sites for the *EFA's* 2012 Gathering. We met historians and genealogists, and explored battlegrounds and century-old structures significant to Ewings. The area was once home to many Ewings and a stopping point for others in their migration to the Midwest and West.

In the fall of 2012, I will be an active participant in the Twelfth Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association* in Gallipolis. I don't pretend to be a historian or genealogist, and I am not an Ewing by birth. But I am an Ewing in spirit and no longer feel like an outsider.



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<sup>3</sup> [www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2008\\_Gathering/index\\_Project\\_Gather\\_2008.html](http://www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2008_Gathering/index_Project_Gather_2008.html)

<sup>4</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)

<sup>5</sup> [www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2010\\_Gathering/index\\_Project\\_Gather\\_2010.html](http://www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/2010_Gathering/index_Project_Gather_2010.html)

<sup>6</sup> [www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing\\_Wally/101603\\_Reprint\\_Ewing\\_Wally.pdf](http://www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing_Wally/101603_Reprint_Ewing_Wally.pdf)

## ***Orr Ewing History***

**Christian Orr Ewing, Kelso, Roxburghshire, U.K.**

I am often asked where the Orr Ewing name comes from. The answer is really quite simple, we are Ewings with the 'Orr' added on.

### **The Orr Ewings Through History**

The earliest Ewing we can trace our descent from is William who had a charter of Auchmelon<sup>1</sup> in 1621 and lived in Dunstaffnage, near Oban, Argyll. He is believed to be a descendant of the Ewings of Otter, Loch Fyne. His son, Alexander (I), was alive in 1654 and also had a charter of Auchmelon and appears to have acquired property around Balloch, by Loch Lomond in Dumbartonshire, more to the east.

Alexander (I)'s son, Alexander (II), was born c1630 and his son, Alexander (III) was born c1660, marrying, in 1690, Isobel Ewing whose father Donald Ewing of Bernice was married to Beatrice Campbell, daughter of the ninth Captain of Dunstaffnage.<sup>2</sup> The Ewings of Bernice are credited with writing *An Account of the Depredations Committed on the Clan Campbell and Their Followers During 1685 and 1686, by the Troops of the Duke of Gordon*<sup>3</sup> following the Earl of Argyll's failed revolt in 1685 against the Catholic tyrant James VII and II.<sup>4</sup> The Ewing evidently suffered severely from the ravages and exactions meted out to the losing side and appear to have lost their property in Argyll and settled down as minor landowners around Balloch.



**Figure 1: Alexander Ewing of Balloch, b. c1660, m. 1690**

<sup>1</sup> Charter (from Wikipedia): the grant of authority or rights, stating that the granter formally recognizes the prerogative of the recipient to exercise the rights specified.

<sup>2</sup> Dunstaffnage Castle (from FindTarget Reference): A partially ruined castle in Argyll and Bute, western Scotland. It lies N.N.E. of Oban, ... and is surrounded on three sides by the sea. The castle dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, making it one of Scotland's oldest stone castles. Guarding a strategic location, it was built by the MacDougall lords of Lorn, and has been held since the 15<sup>th</sup> century by the Clan Campbell. To this day there is a hereditary Captain of Dunstaffnage, although they no longer reside at the castle.

<sup>3</sup> Anonymous. *An Account of the Depredations Committed on the Clan Campbell and Their Followers During 1685 and 1686, by the Troops of the Duke of Gordon*, Unknown Publisher. An "exact reproduction," produced in 2010, may be obtained via *Amazon*.

<sup>4</sup> James II and VII (14 October 1633 – 16 September 1701) (from Wikipedia): King of England and King of Ireland as James II and King of Scotland as James VII, from 6 February 1685. He was the last Catholic monarch to reign over the Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

**Figure 2:**

**Susan Ewing  
nee Orr, 1784-1860**

**William Ewing of Ardvullen  
House, Argyll, 1772-1853**

Paisley. The Orrs were a considerable family around Renfrew owning Ralston House – a fine mansion – and several properties.

William and Susanna were not married in Paisley Abbey as one might expect but in a smaller church with less show. This was probably because she was to bear him a son, Robert, a few months later. This child was the first of eight, and all I know is that he died before 1887.

Most of William and Susanna (Orr) Ewing's five sons were christened with 'Orr' as a middle name and went on to use this as a double-barrelled name when they became rich and successful, passing it on to their heirs. Of the five sons, only the fifth son, Sir Archibald Orr Ewing, Bt.,<sup>7</sup> M.P.,<sup>8</sup> and James, the sixth, have living descendants. John, the second son, went into business with Archibald. The family had since 1790 owned a bleach works at Renton and, over time, the two brothers expanded the business to create the United Turkey Red Co.,<sup>9</sup> trading with India. John had said that if ever he made £30,000



**Figure 3: Sir Archibald Orr  
Ewing, Bt., M.P., 1818-1893;  
painting from c1860**

<sup>5</sup> Part-owner

<sup>6</sup> Mayor

<sup>7</sup> 'Bt.' is an abbreviation for 'Baronet'. It is always put after the name of the holder of the title, for example, 'Sir John Smith, Bt.' This distinguishes them from the holder of a knighthood which is not a hereditary title

<sup>8</sup> Member of Parliament (M.P.) (from Wikipedia): a representative of the voters to a parliament.

<sup>9</sup> United Turkey Red Co. (from Grace's Guide): United Turkey Red Co. Ltd, of Alexandria, Dumbarton, Scotland – dyers and calico printers – ... was established in 1898 and was the largest firm in the bleaching, finishing, dyeing and printing industry in Scotland. ... [In] 1898 [the] United Turkey Red Co. was incorporated through the amalgamation of the Dunbartonshire Turkey-red dyeing firms of: John Orr Ewing and Co founded at Alexandria in 1834; Archibald Orr Ewing and Co founded at Levenfield in 1845; and William Stirling and Sons founded at Dalquhurn and Cordale in c1723.

he would retire, and Archibald held him to this. John then set up his own firm in competition with his younger sibling, and so there were two rival firms: John Orr Ewing & Co. and Archibald Orr Ewing & Co.

Of the two brothers, it seems John was more fond of the good life whilst Archibald kept his nose to the grindstone. John built Ceannacroc in Wester Ross for sporting purposes and acquired Ratho Park near Edinburgh. He retired from the business in 1845 but then went back into it. He died childless in Cannes, France in 1878 leaving a fortune of near half a million, then a very large amount, to the sons of the sixth brother James, a ship owner. John's will gave rise to *The History of the Orr Ewing Case*<sup>10</sup> which set legal precedent following a tussle between the English and Scottish jurisdictions over who was to oversee the administration of John's estate as the heirs were minors.

Archibald, the fourth son, went to China as a missionary and the book *Archibald Orr Ewing, that faithful and Wise Steward*<sup>11</sup> is his biography. Archibald went on to become M.P. for Dumbarton in 1860 and he built Ballikinrain Castle<sup>12</sup> set in 6,000 acres. In 1886 he was made a baronet, the most junior hereditary title. The expected peerage<sup>13</sup> did not materialise, and this may have been due to the erratic behaviour of his eldest son, William. When Sir Archibald died in 1893 he was worth in excess of £2 million, a vast fortune. He had looked after his children and – with the exception of William who is supposed to have



**Figure 4: Orr Ewing Company Trade Labels, 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

<sup>10</sup> Spens, W.C. *The history of the Orr Ewing case; with verbatim report of the opinions of the First Division Judges*, Green (Edinburgh), 1884. Copies may be purchased from several online antiquarian bookstores.

<sup>11</sup> Broomhall, Marshall B. *Archibald Orr Ewing, That Faithful and Wise Steward*, China Inland Mission (London), 1930. Copies may possibly be obtained by inter-library loan from libraries in Hong Kong and mainland China.

<sup>12</sup> Ballikinrain Castle (from Wikipedia): The original [castle] was built in 1868 for Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing to a design by David Bryce (1803–1876), best known for perfecting the Scottish Baronial style. The castle is situated in the Parish of Killearn, [one] mile south of Balforn, in Stirlingshire, alongside the Ballikinrain Burn, which rises, at 1250 feet on the Earl's Seat (1894 feet), and runs about [two] miles down Ballikinrain Muir, making in its descent a number of fine cascades.

<sup>13</sup> Peerage (from Wikipedia): a legal system of largely hereditary titles in the United Kingdom, which constitute the ranks of British nobility and is part of the British honours system. The term is used both collectively to refer to the entire body of noble titles (or a subdivision thereof), and individually to refer to a specific title (and generally has an initial capital in the former case and not the latter).



**Figure 5: Ballikinrain Castle,  
Balfroun, Stirlingshire**

Lord of the Admiralty<sup>14</sup> and was himself made a baronet in 1963, not long before hereditary titles more or less ceased to be bestowed. In 1970 he was given a life peerage as Lord Orr-Ewing of Hendon and the baronetcy continues with his eldest of four sons, Simon. The surnames in this branch are hyphenated.<sup>15</sup>

The senior surviving male heir to William and Susanna Ewing is the sixth baronet of the 1886 creation, Sir Archibald Donald 'Archie' Orr Ewing who is a former Grand Master Mason of Scotland<sup>16</sup> following in the footsteps of his father, Sir Ronald, and grandfather, Norman Orr Ewing, Bt., D.S.O.,<sup>17</sup> D.L.<sup>18</sup> The famous pipe tune often used by the Scots Guards,<sup>19</sup> *Captain Norman Orr Ewing*,<sup>20</sup> was dedicated to this man, the fourth baronet, who won his D.S.O. in the trenches of WWI. Sir

married a divorced housekeeper and was given £1,000 a year to be administered by his younger brothers – they went on to marry the daughters of a duke, earl, viscount and baron with the elder and surviving daughter marrying the heir to a baronetcy. There was never a clearer indicator of money allowing upward social mobility!

Ian Orr-Ewing, a great-grandson of the first baronet, was one of four members of the family to serve as an M.P. in the Conservative interest. He held various offices including Civil



**Figure 6: Brigadier General  
Sir Norman Orr Ewing, Bt.,  
D.S.O., D.L., 1880-1960**

<sup>14</sup> Civil Lord of the Admiralty (from Wikipedia): The Board of Admiralty consisted of a number of Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. The Lords Commissioners were always a mixture of admirals, known as Naval Lords or Sea Lords, and Civil Lords, normally politicians.

<sup>15</sup> Properly, Orr Ewing has no hyphen except for Lord Orr-Ewing and his descendants. A peer must hyphenate a double barrelled name. If one calls himself 'Lord George Brown' for example, it indicates he is the son of a duke or marquess, but 'Lord George-Brown' indicates he is a peer.

<sup>16</sup> The Grand Master Mason of Scotland leads the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a Scottish Freemasonry organization founded in 1736 as the Grand Lodge of Antient [sic], Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland.

<sup>17</sup> Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) (from Wikipedia): a military decoration of the United Kingdom, and formerly of other parts of the British Commonwealth and Empire, awarded for meritorious or distinguished service by officers of the armed forces during wartime, typically in actual combat.

<sup>18</sup> Deputy Lieutenant (D.L.) (from Wikipedia): one of several deputies to the Lord Lieutenant of a lieutenancy area: an English ceremonial county, Welsh preserved county, Scottish lieutenancy area, or Northern Irish county borough or county. ... Deputy lieutenants are chosen by the local Lord-Lieutenant, to assist them with any of their duties as may be required. [Norman Orr Ewing was a Deputy Lieutenant of Stirlingshire.]

<sup>19</sup> Scots Guards (from Wikipedia): a regiment of the Guards Division of the British Army, whose origins lie in the personal bodyguard of King Charles I of England and Scotland.

<sup>20</sup> Ross, Pipe Major William. *Captain Norman Orr Ewing*, 1912. Information about this tune and links to sheet music and recordings can be found at [www.TheSession.org/tunes/display/6995](http://www.TheSession.org/tunes/display/6995).

Archie's son and heir Alastair is a serving officer in the Scots Guards. There are now I guess some one-hundred living Orr Ewings who are in every walk of life.

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## Additional Material

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[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html).
- Biographical sketches for many of the persons mentioned in this article appear in Wikipedia ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)).
- Several of the places mentioned in the article are cited on an interactive Google Map provided by David Neal Ewing ([www.tinyurl.com/3flqnbfb](http://www.tinyurl.com/3flqnbfb)).
- Information about the Ralston House near Glasgow appears in a Ewing Digital Library item appears on page 36.
- A detailed report on the descendants of William Ewing of Auchmelon (born 1621) may be found at [tinyurl.com/WilliamOfAuchmelon-Descendant](http://tinyurl.com/WilliamOfAuchmelon-Descendant).
- Christian Orr Ewing is participant CJ in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. His Project Lineage may be found at [tinyurl.com/ChristianOrrEwing-Lineage](http://tinyurl.com/ChristianOrrEwing-Lineage).

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*A chance meeting with a cousin led to his removing to Edinburgh where he initially worked for Phillips (subsequently taken over by Bonhams). Later he joined two friends in a small prawn fishing venture based in Loch Linnhe and hauled up creels in sight of Ben Nevis. They were sole suppliers to Harrods, among others, of Nephrops Norwegicus. After some years at that he was a shipping agent in Leith, Edinburgh's port, and for many years was a regular contributor to Scottish Field.*

*In 1980 Christian was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. In 1985 at the personal invitation of the late Sir Ian Moncreiffe of that ilk, he became a member of Puffins club. The following year his kinsman the 22<sup>nd</sup> Captain of Dunstaffnage appointed him to be his Sergeant-at-arms, to assist with the occasional ceremonies at the Castle. For many years Christian has belonged to the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and was promoted knight in 1997, receiving his accolade from the Duc de Brissac in St. Mary's (Episcopalian) Cathedral in Edinburgh. Last year he was the latest Orr Ewing to matriculate arms at the court of the Lord Lyon. Also last year he moved to the attractive old Border town of Kelso where he enjoys going to the racecourse with its 1829 grandstand and there is excellent fishing on the Tweed.*



**Christian Orr Ewing**

# ***The Long Walk of 1914: Grand Haven to Mackinaw City***

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In the summer of 1914, Burke Ewing and his young brother Walkley decided to walk the Lake Michigan shoreline from Grand Haven to Mackinaw City, on the northern tip of the lower peninsula of Michigan. The map below shows their beginning and ending points as well as many of the towns they visited along the way.

## **A Summary of Stops Along the Way**

July 28	Tuesday	Leave Grand Haven
July 29	Wednesday	north of Muskegon
July 30	Thursday	Ludington
August 1	Saturday	Manistee
August 2	Sunday	Portage Lake
August 8	Saturday	Frankfort
August 11	Tuesday	Sleeping Bear Point
August 12	Wednesday	Northport
August 22	Saturday	Harbor Springs
August 22-35	Monday - Tuesday	Mackinaw City
August 26-27	Wednesday - Thursday	Return to Grand Rapids by train; and then on to the Wilderness, south of Grand Haven.

## **A Modern Highway Map Showing the Lakeshore Communities that Walkley and Burke Visited on their Walk**



Burke had just turned twenty, and Walkley was thirteen in June. In her diary for July 28<sup>th</sup>, their mother, Carlotta Ewing, wrote "Burke and Walkley start on walk north on shore. Riford [their cousin] and Doris [sister] went w/ them as far as Muskegon." The boys departed from the Ewing cottage at the Wilderness, about two miles south of Grand Haven.

Hiking was a family tradition. A 1913 article in the *Grand Rapids Press*, with a Benton Harbor dateline, reads:

**EWINGS AND WORTHS GO ON LONG WALKING TOUR**

Five well known Grand Rapids persons arrived here, dust-covered and tired, after a walk from Grand Haven, where they have a summer cottage [called Wilderness]. They had been on the road since last Saturday. The party consisted of Mrs. A. E. Ewing, daughter Doris, and son, Walkley, and Mrs Sara Worth and her son, Riford.

A letter from their father to other family members, dated August 8, 1914 provides an overview of the hike:

On Tuesday, July 28, the boys started out with packs on their backs for the north, hiking on the shore, bound for Mackinaw City. They reached Mr. Jewell's cottage north of Manistee Saturday night and have been there all week. Jewell gave them some work to do and they pitched in to earn a little extra money. They are expected to resume their march today or within the next day or two, and will go on to reach Frankfort for the next stop. We have friends at Benzonia, and at a resort just north of Frankfort the Stonemans have a cottage and quite likely they will spend a few days in that vicinity. Then they expect to push on to Mackinaw City, and from there they will either take the train home, or cross the straits and visit the 'Soo' and inspect the government canal and locks. We had a letter from Burke yesterday and he said they would be home in a couple of weeks.



**Walkley (left) and Burke prepared for their long walk.**

Although not all of the correspondence written during the hike has survived the years, enough is available to follow their trek. The letters and cards are quoted as written, with clarifying items included in [...] brackets. In 1914 Lake Michigan's water level was a little under 579', a few feet below today's level, so the beach would have been fairly wide, flat, and relatively undeveloped, allowing them to walk with few obstacles. Walkley's youth didn't seem to have a serious effect on his ability to keep up with Burke's pace. Years later, Burke commented that his younger brother would lag about a city block behind him, and then maintain that gap for the remainder of the day.

Their first communication is a picture postcard labeled "'The Arcade' Wabaningo P.O. White Lake Mich." It is postmarked July 29, one day after the boys set off on their journey. It is addressed to their sister Doris at the Wilderness:

Dear All,

Made about 8 miles from Musk[egon] before we camped. Breakfast at the Inn after 6 mile walk  
 BE [Burke Ewing]  
 Wed. morn

The next communication is on a picture postcard of Point Sable Lighthouse in Ludington. It is addressed to sister Doris at the Wilderness and postmarked July 31:

Dear Sis.

We didn't get to Pentwater till 2:00 in the after noon. Will make past this Light House tonight.  
 Frankfort Sunday Only a few blisters

Burke

On the same day Walkley also sent a postcard, with the same picture, to Doris:

Fri. Jul. 31, 1913 [postmarked 1914]

Dear Doris,

The day we left we went about 8 mi. beyond Musk[egon] and the 2nd. day we made about 22 mi. Yesterday we went about 33 miles and camped at Ludington pier. We're having a fine time.  
 Lovingly

Walkley Ewing

Two more picture postcards are dated July 31. One is addressed to their father at his law office in Grand Rapids. The picture is labeled "P.M. [Pere Marquette] Carferry Fleet, Ludington, Mich." Walkley wrote:

Friday. Jul. 31, 191[4]

Dear Daddy –,

We are having all sorts of fun. The first day we went about 26 miles. The second about 22, and yesterday we went about 32 MILES with our heavy packs and reached Ludington. Burke's foot looked bad so he consulted a doctor. The doctor fixed it up so its alright to go on. Lovingly

Walkley Ewing

The third card, also with a postmark of July 31, is addressed to their mother, who was with Doris at their cottage in the Wilderness. The card shows downtown Ludington "James Street, looking South." Burke circled one of the windows in a building and added, "Doctor's Office."

Dear Mother,

We left Benona Beach at 8:00 and made 35 miles to the Ludington Pier. We are going slower after this. Averaging better than 25. Foot got sore so I saw a doctor (50 cents) but he said it was all right and to go on

Friday Morning

B. E.

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The boys' first letter, postmarked Northport and dated Sunday, August 2, 1914 is written on stationery from "Portage Point Inn, C.F. Long Manager, Onekema, Mich." Paragraphs are added for reading convenience.

Dear Mother;

I hope you are all O.K. at the wilderness. Burke and I are having a fine time. After we left the kids [Riford and Doris] tues. we went on down to the pier and lifesavers ferried us across. We took a little nap and then went on about seven or eight miles and made camp.

The next morning we got up about seven o'clock and broke camp with the intention of reaching [Whitehall] for breakfast. We did so, but it was an eleven o'clock brea[k]fast. The place at which we got our meal was Murray's Inn, and when we arrived the regular breakfast time was over but the waitress was very nice to us and got us up a special breakfast which she served on the lawn. It was mighty good and only costed us 17 1/2 [cents] a piece. That night we reached Benona beach with a good 24 mi. behind us. We stopped occasionally and ate some dates or took a short nap. At Benona B[each] we had to go back about a quarter of a mile for a bridge.

The next morning we used a rather unsteady plank for a breakfast table and once when I reached over to get some butter I tilted the plank sending my cup of postum (it was quite near the edge) on to my leg and spilling the rest of our condensed milk. It was about 18 mi. from this place to Pentwater and we wanted to get there for our dinner if we could. In order to do this we had to walk right straight through with less than half an hour's rest and then we didn't get there until two o'clock. We would'nt have been tired had we rested on the way, but as it was the calf of my leg and front of my thigh ached like the old Harry and I hardly thought I could walk another mile. I wasn't so tired while I was walking but as soon as I had rested for five minutes I was pretty stiff. We followed the pier into Pentwater and bought a lunch after which we went up to Zeran's house and had a little talk with Helen. Then we bought some provisions and stockings and went back to the beach and started on our way to Bass Lake Hotel [a few miles north of Pentwater] where we had a dandy supper at moderate prices. The people asked us millions of questions and they were all talking about us. Several men tried to tell us the best way from there to Ludington. Two of them disagreed and pretty nearly had a quarrel over it. However, we did not follow the advice of either. We had already gone about 22 mi. that day but some of the people asked us if we intended to make Ludington that night which was about 11 or 12 mi. from here. We told them no. We left there about 6:30 and only intended to go as far as a point about two mi. away. When we go to it we could see the Ludington pier light and we thought we would go a little further untill we reached 28 mi. and then we thought we might as well go two mi. farther and call it a thirty mile day. Then we reached a life-saver on patrol duty who said it was about 2 mi. to the pier. He also said that we might put our tent right by the surf boat house and if it rained during the night we could move into it. So it happened that we made about 33 mi. that day with our packs not counting the extra walking in Pentwater. It seems funny to think how tired I was in Pent. [Pentwater] and then to go to Ludington the same day. From Bass lake on we dared not stop for fear of our joints stiffening.

The surf boat house was only a rod [16½ feet] or so from the pier. Many boats came in that night and all of them whistled about opposite us. Between the boats and rats Burke didn't sleep very well although I slept through pretty well. The next morning our stiffness was'nt entirely gone but felt as well as could be expected. Burke's absess looked quite bad and we decided that we must see a doctor. We each had a couple blisters which we punctured and banded up. they did'nt bother us after that. Before we left camp the lifesaver's Captain came across the river to see if the newly painted boathouse was dry. Burke asked him about a doctor and he recommended Dr. Gray, who is the marine surgeon here. We then went into the city and found

the doctor's office. We were afraid that he would'nt let us go on but he said that it woul'nt do it any harm. He fiddled around with needles and things and got a lot of pus out of it and gave Burke advice as to its treatment. (I hope you are'nt eating). He said it would get better soon and soaked us 50 cents.<sup>1</sup> We then purchased some grub and started on.

We did'nt intend to go very far today after the work of the preceding day. We camped about 10 mi. South of Manistee. It's about 30 mi. from Lud. [Ludington] to Man [Manistee]. We intended to get up early the next morning but we did'nt get started untill about 10 o'clock. We went into Manistee and got stocked up with provisions. Just as we were about to leave a reporter came running up. He took our names, where we were from, where we were headed and all the other things we would tell him. We told him to send a copy to Northport General Delivery. We went on then and reached Portage [Lake] about 5:30 P.M. Several family's wanted to keep us over night but Jewels [family friends] were first.

At first we thought we'd go on to Frankfort Sun. but Mr. Jewel just offered a job. He's going to pay us \$2.00 a day and our board as long as the job lasts. He's got one new cottage still unfurnished and another one being built. Our job consists of clearing sights [sites], trimming trees, unpacking and moving furniture, acting as drag-men, helping build, planting posts, and various other odd jobs. Now what do you think of your noble sons. We begin work tomorrow morning (maybe it ought to be mourning).

Last night I went to bed about 10 o'clock and it felt mighty good to sleep on good bed. Burke went down on the beach with the rest of the young people and had a chicken roast. He got to bed about 2: o'clock A.M. Douglas and Mrs. Clapperton are here at one of the cottages. Douglas and I have just been in bathing. We found no mail at Pentwater but got some at Jewels. The first day of our trip I was hardly tired at all, just quite footsore. Since then most footsoreness has dissapeared, I just get a funny achy feeling on the calf of my leg and front of the thigh. I never knew that was where you get tired on a long walk. I don't feel really tired or exhausted at all, just lame and stiff and even thats worn off now. When we get home we'll walk up to Holland [about 20 miles] and back just to get up an appetite for breakfast. At first my shoulders ached like everything from my load but now either the straps have severed the telegraph wires over which my nerves send messages to my brain or my shoulders are broken in to the work and it does'nt bother me much more. Today Perkinses, Clappertons, Jewels and ourselves took the launch over to Onekema and had a picnic. We had a dandy time. I'll have to go to supper now so I'll close. Give my love to father and the bunch. Lovingly yours.

Walkley W. Ewing

At the bottom of the letter Walkley drew a picture of the sun setting over Lake Michigan, with two stick-figure hikers headed north. Underneath the picture Walkley wrote, 'OUR MOTTO', referring to a banner planted in the sand that said, "On to Mackinaw."

The next letter appears to have been written two days later. It starts out on a penny postcard and it is addressed to the boys' mother at the Wilderness:

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<sup>1</sup> After inflation, 50¢ in 1914 corresponds to \$10.75 in 2010. One can only wonder about how they would have reacted to being charged the \$3.50 (in 1914) which corresponds to a \$75 charge for a doctor-office visit in 2010.

Tues night – Dear Mother –

I am working for a carpenter here and will work through Thursday and maybe Fri. That means 4 or 5 days pay. I am keeping my eyes open on cottage construction and am getting many hints. It will take us one day to get to Stonemans if they ask us so that means 5 days from here to Northport and if we leave Friday we will reach Northport Tuesday so mail your letter accordingly. (This is a complex sentence) This letter will get to you in Thursdays mail so you wont get to mail me here.

I am awfully in need of a shave, – a week ago Sunday was the last time [I] downed the down so send my safety and the shaving cream in the green tube and the brush. You might enclose my tooth brush and some paste.

I will be sadly in need of some clean duds when I get to N.P. (Northport). If you are in G.R. [Grand Rapids] with an extra \$1.50 you can go in to Herpolshimer's [Department Store] new addition, main floor, left aisle and get me a 'Columbia Sporting Shirt' Size 15 or 15½. If you dont feel that I need it badly enough, send me any clean soft shirt. If you sent a shirt with detachable collar, send the collars too and buttons. There is a stiff collar or two in my suit case and the soft collars are in there too in the cover. Maybe there is a clean shirt there too if you are looking for the supply. Dont send the 'Shirt of a Thousand [Pleats]' because I haven't got a coat to wear – still I guess it will do if you cant find another or dont get the Sporting Shirt. If you get me stiff collars in G.R. get clean 'Profile' one of which there are several in my dresser drawers or in the dresser cupboard. For trousers, send me the older pair of the ones to my grey suit. You can tell the pair which has been worn mostly by turning the side pockets wrong side out and comparing them. If we should take the boat trip I should want the grey coat but dont send it unless I write you to unless you think I will need a coat badly at N.P. or Harbor Springs or Mackinaw. If you send the trousers from the Wilderness, pick out good ones with the seat whole – not hole. See that necessary buttons are on and working. If in G.R., send the letter [little?] bottle of tennis shoe 'whiting' which is in a yellow box in my glass showcase or on the dish rail in my room.

In brief I need

Razor – Cream – Brush	}	Frankfort
Tooth brush – paste	}	
Shoe whiting – not necessary	}	
Trousers – (grey if poss)	}	
Shirt – (sporting if poss)	}	North Port
(Coat – ?)	}	General Delivery
Collars – buttons	}	

Maybe father can get the things from G.R. if you write him. You will have to mail them by Monday.

The sore on my foot is getting along in good shape. It doesn't bother me at all and doesn't look bad. I suffered a blister on my little left toe because of the slant of the beach as Doris did on her part of the hike. Our shoulders were broken-in by Fri from the heavy packs and they didnt bother us after that

I carried furniture and bricks all day long Mon and was pretty tired this morning. I actually believe I walked nearly as far as if I had walked to Frankfort. Today I have been hauling and uncrating and carrying upstairs and carpentering other wise made myself busy. Next two days

will be all carpenters work which listens [?] easier. We had spent about 5.75 getting this far and Walkley has had to have new tennis shoes – So we will leave here with as much, I hope, in our pockets as when we left G.H. [Grand Haven] Walk[ley] is the helping hand and he is kept busy too. Tomorrow he splits up old boards into Stove wood. It's now 10:30 and I am tired and must get up a[t] six so I-imagine I should close. Will be home in two weeks, I hope. So long Mother dear – and thanks

Burke

On August 4<sup>th</sup> Burke mailed a picture postcard to his cousin Riford Worth, who was also at the Wilderness. The card, showing a picture of a ship pulling in to port, is titled "SS Pere Marquette #5 Arriving at Dock of Onekema Mich." On it Burke wrote:

Dear Bunch

We are working at Portage for 4 days. Wont be home for nearly two week[s]. Will reach Stoneman's next Fri, I think Write us there

B.E.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> Carlotta noted in her diary that "Boys arr at F[rankfort] 25 mi."

Carlotta's diary entry for August 11<sup>th</sup> notes "Boys left F[rankfort] arr. at Sleeping Bear Point for camp," and the next day, "Boys walked 45 mi and made Northport."

A penny postcard dated August 12<sup>th</sup>, addressed to their mother at the Wilderness, contained this message:

Dear Mother

Wed morn

We left Stoneman's Tues morn and slept on Sleeping Bare point last night after making 30 miles. Feeling fine. Packs dont bother any more, walked nearly 3 hours straight with them on all the time. Mine weighs 40 lbs, Walkley's 25. Hope to make Northport tonight – 30 miles

Burke

Two days later, Burke sent the following card to his father in Grand Rapids:

Dear Father,

We made from Stoneman's to Northport in two stretches, 30 miles and 45. We cleared an easy 45 miles and didnt feel any the worse for it at all. I can work here with Mr Ward for a week so I think we will stay. Send mail to Northport Point Gen[eral] Del[ivery]. I dont believe we can get a boat across Grand Traverse so it means walk around. Cant tell when we will leave here. Got your bundle O.K.

Burke

Friday Morning--Northport Pt

Another card of the same date, this one addressed to his mother at the Wilderness, said much the same thing:

Dear Mother and all.

We walked 30 miles from Stonemans and slept on Sleeping Bare Point. The next day we walked 45 miles. We walked over 12 hours steadily Taking out an hour for dinner and an hour for supper pitching camp at Midnight 2 miles from the [Northport] Point. Send our mail to

Northport Point Gen[eral] Del[ivery]. I am going to work here a week with Mr Ward. Cant tell when we will leave

Burke

On August 19<sup>th</sup> Walkley sent a penny postcard to his mother, still at the Wilderness:

August 19, 1914

Dear Mother --,

Hope you are all well at the Wilderness. We're spending more than we're earning here at Northport Point so we're going on. We've got to go around the bay so we'll reach Charlevoix about Fri. or Sat. We've had hard luck here. We've been here about 7 nights, its rained six. There is no sand beach [either] and there's all sorts of bugs and worms

Lovingly

Walkley Ewing

The last card, mailed August 22<sup>nd</sup> from Harbor Springs, shows a "Bull Moose Steam Log Hauler, Harbor Springs Mich." It is short and to the point, revealing, perhaps, a bit of growing impatience with the whole idea:

8/21/14

Dear Father,

We left Northport earlier than expected. Lost four dollars on our working deal there. Low on cash. Letter latter

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On August 24<sup>th</sup> the boys were sent the following letter from their father:

Dear Burke and Walkley:

Your letter of yesterday was delivered this morning. Glad to hear from you as I had lost track of you. I got home Friday morning and brought with me a bad cold in my head and I felt so mean that I did not go to the wilderness and therefore have not seen any of the folks for two weeks. ... It is a kind of puzzler for me to decide your various plans. In one of my letters to you ... I suggested that you take in Soo Ste Marie [Sault Ste. Marie]. But you have been gone so long and I would almost think it a good scheme to come home the shortest and quickest way. ... It would be cheaper to come home by rail ... than take boat for the reason that on the boat you are so long on the trip that your board bill runs up pretty fast. However, you can figure it out for yourself. I am inclined to favor plan one. Mackinaw Island is historic and interesting and it will not cost you much nor take your very long to go over there and you will never forget it. However, it would look good to me to have you back home for awhile. ... I am putting in \$5.00 more here with. ... Mackinaw Island is an aristocratic place. The Blodgetts [of Grand Rapids] have a summer home there and prominent and rich men from all over the U.S. live there. ...

In haste

A. E. Ewing

Although it isn't clear exactly how or when they arrived at Mackinaw City, the saga was drawing to a close. On Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>, Carlotta wrote in her diary, " Walkley came home fr[om] trip via G.R. [Grand Rapids]" The next day " Burke ret[urned] fr[om] trip."

And that brought the journey to an end, well over two hundred miles and nearly thirty days after its start.

There is a sequel: Fifty-three years later Walkley recalled a particular highlight of the long walk:

... my older brother and I put our packs on our backs and started ... from Grand Haven, destination Mackinac. In those days it was quite a distance between shore towns and summer resorts and we carried on our backs enough food for two or three days as well as a pup tent which we only used if sleeping on the open beach promised to be wet without it. At the creeks and smaller rivers we swam ourselves and rafted our duffle across, while at the larger rivers the men from the Life Saving Stations (later to become the Coast Guard) ferried us over. We had only to mention that we were grandsons of Dr. Walkley [Carlotta's father] of Grand Haven to get the full hospitality of these stations, because every able bodied seaman in them had received physical examinations from Dr. Walkley, whose practice included serving for many years as the District Marine Surgeon for the Life Saving Service.

After crossing the Betsie at Frankfort and hiking on to the cottage of a family friend in the Congregational Assembly we stayed on for two or three days and saw quite a bit of Crystal Lake which we recognized immediately as a very superior inland lake. However, the biggest thrill that our whole trip had in store for us was after leaving the Lake Michigan shore of the Assembly early in the morning of a beautiful August day. As we rounded Point Betsie we came into sight of South Manitou Island. Islands appeal to all boys, I guess, and they were the one thing we had heretofore found missing in 'our' Lake Michigan. In the marvelous beauty that is theirs on a sparkling blue morning there were South Manitou and Sleeping Bear Point. It was love at first sight for me, and those moments and that stretch of beach stayed with me more than anything we saw or felt later in our long hike.

An article in *Links* magazine,<sup>2</sup> picks up the story from there:

Twelve years [after the 1914 hike], in February 1926, Walkley Ewing returned to the Point Betsie area as a real estate developer. Even with a deep cover of snow blanketing the area south of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Ewing knew when he had reached the land he remembered with such affection. 'I had never in my life been so overwhelmed with the beauty of land-and-seascape,' Ewing wrote for the club's history.

Walkley went on to develop that area as the well-known Crystal Downs Golf Club, between the Lake Michigan shoreline and Crystal Lake, a few miles north of Frankfort. Not bad for a boyhood dream. And Burke and Walkley's hike, of course, lives on as part of the family's folklore.

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




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<sup>2</sup> Emory, Pamela. Crystal Downs, *Links*, November/December 1994

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

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Discussing the Y-DNA Project requires using some terms and abbreviations that will be unfamiliar to beginners. Definitions and explanations of these can be found in the early Y-DNA Articles and elsewhere on the project's website. Extensively cross-linked results tables, project participant lineages, group relationship diagrams and network diagrams are also available on the project's website.<sup>1</sup>

### **The Mystery**

One of the most interesting unsolved mysteries in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project arises from the fact that the large, closely related group of Ewings can be divided into two large groups on the basis of a single marker. About two-thirds of these men have the value 11 at DYS-391, while about one-third of them have 10. We have arbitrarily assigned men with DYS-391 = 11 to Project Group 1 and the men with DYS-391 = 10 to Project Group 2.<sup>2</sup> So far, this has resulted in a conflict with conventional genealogical evidence in the case of only one man.

The simplest explanation for the existence of two tidy groups within the closely related group of Ewings is that one of the descendants of the common ancestor of the whole group had a mutation at DYS-391, which he passed on to his male descendants. They will all have the mutated value at that marker and by this can be distinguished from the descendants of other lines in the larger kindred. This means that we can use the mutated value to identify a large branch of the family tree. But the most interesting question to me is: "Where and when did this mutation happen and in whom?" To try and answer that, we need a little more background.

### **Deep Roots in R:M222**

The Ewings in the closely related group constitute a distinct cluster within (or if you prefer, a distinct branch of) haplogroup R:M222.<sup>3</sup> This is the haplogroup that is sometimes spoken of as "NW Irish" and is supposed by some to have originated in Nial of the Nine Hostages, who lived in Ulster in the fifth century AD. Exactly when and where this haplogroup actually originated are matters for speculation and argument. Modern-day members of R:M222 account for something like 20% of men in Donegal and 5% of men in the western Scottish Lowlands. Discussion of the considerations bearing on these questions is mostly beyond the scope of this article,<sup>4</sup> but it would not be unreasonable to suppose that R:M222 is two-thousand years old (give or take five hundred years), and probably originated in northwest Ireland (or was brought to northwest Ireland by some men who reproduced more successfully than the men they found there). This does not cast doubt on the Scottish origin of the Ewing name. Our knowledge of

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<sup>1</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)

<sup>2</sup> The large, closely related group has 86 men: 58 in Group 1 and 28 in Group 2.

<sup>3</sup> R:M222 is the nomenclature I have come to prefer for what was once called R1b1c7, and since the discovery of several new up-stream SNPs has been called R1b1a2a1a1b4b in accordance with the cumbersome old naming convention that has begun generating names no one can remember.

<sup>4</sup> These have to do with assuming mutation rates and generation times, and involve calculations of variance – we expect to see more variance in the haplotypes of members of older haplogroups and less in those of younger haplogroups.

the geographical origin of 'Ewing' comes from history, not from DNA studies, and there are plenty of R:M222 Scots Lowlanders with no known connection to Ulster. In any case, R:M222 originated many hundreds of years before surnames came into general use, and it is all but certain that the first of our ancestors to use the name Ewing came from a long line of men who had Y-DNA haplotypes nearly identical with our own.

The 'closely related' Ewings really do match one another very closely.<sup>5</sup> Many different R:M222 haplotypes characteristic of different families have been identified, and though some of these families are more closely related to one another than they are to the rest of R:M222, this is not true of the Ewings. They form a distinct branch more or less equally distant from all of the other R:M222 families. This has led us to conclude that the branch of R:M222 leading to the Ewings separated from 'the main trunk of the tree' a very long time ago, maybe as much as two thousand years ago, close to the time that we think R:M222 originated. So what value at DYS-391 did these ancient ancestors have?

In R:M222 men of all surnames, 11 is the most commonly found value at DYS-391. Unless we have some other compelling reason not to, we assume that the most commonly found value (that is, the modal value) is the ancestral value. In other words, most R:M222 men have 11 at DYS-391 because that is what their common ancestor had. Any men that have 10 or some other value at DYS-391 have it because they are descended from a man who had a mutation at that marker.

When I began to think about the origins of our Project Groups 1 and 2, I initially assumed that the ancestral Ewing value at DYS-391 would be the same as the R:M222 modal, that is, DYS-391 = 11. But some mathematical experts took a close look at our data and pointed out that there is relatively less variance within Ewing Group 1 than there is within Group 2. We have fewer men in Group 2, but they are 'more different' from one another than the Group 1 men are from one another. Mutations, and therefore variance, accumulate over time, so this suggests that Group 1 is 'younger' than Group 2; that is, the common ancestor of Group 1 is one of the descendants of the common ancestor of Group 2, who is therefore the common ancestor of both Groups. This means that the common ancestor of both groups had 10 at DYS-391 and one of his descendants had the mutation 10-to-11, which he of course passed on to all of his descendants. This means that in the line leading from the common ancestor of R:M222 to the first Ewing there was a mutation 11-to-10 at DYS-391, and then at some point one of the first Ewing's descendants had the 'back mutation' 10-to-11 at this marker. The 'father' of all the Ewings had 10 at DYS-391, one of his descendants had the mutation 10-to-11, and that now identifies his sub-branch (Group 1) of the larger tree. But who was he and where did he live?

## **The Origin of Ewing Group 1**

All evidence we have points to the mutation distinguishing Groups 1 and 2 having occurred after the name Ewing began passing from father to son. On historical grounds we think that was probably around 1500 AD and probably in Lennox. The mathematical experts usually estimate the time to the most recent common ancestor of the men in Group 1 at something like four hundred years ago, so roughly the same time frame. The genealogical records of the southwestern Scottish Lowlands in the sixteenth century are spotty at best, but at least this is a period where there are some written records.

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<sup>5</sup> The closely related group of Ewings is within genetic distance 5 of their own 37-marker modal. Almost all non-Ewing R:M222 members are at genetic distance 10 or more from the Ewing modal.

In the February 2011 issue of this *Journal*, I published a transcription of a Scottish Orr Ewing lineage I found in Burke's Peerage,<sup>6</sup> because it was interesting to me that several members of that family have been awarded Coats of Arms that are virtually identical to those thought to have been once used in several American Ewing families, including the one we have borrowed as the logo of the *EFA*. I was able to find a couple of old addresses on the Internet, and I sent letters to Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing inquiring about whether he might have any interest in our research. To my delight, he answered that he was interested, and he put me in touch with a fourth cousin, Christian Orr Ewing, who is more knowledgeable about the family genealogy than he. Now both men have joined the Y-DNA Project and are AD and CJ, respectively, who together constitute Group 2e, a new subgroup of Project Group 2.

## **Orr Ewing Y-DNA Results**

As expected in fourth cousins, AD's and CJ's haplotypes are almost identical. More interestingly, both are at genetic distance 2 from the Ewing modal haplotype. Both exactly match the Group 2 modal, except that whereas the Ewing modal at CDY is 37,38, AD has 36,38 and CJ has 38,38. Those of you who have followed the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project closely know that we do not like to hang our hats on the CDY markers, the most rapidly mutating of any of the standard markers we test, and the difference between AD and CJ at these markers is entirely consistent with them being fourth cousins. That said it does seem possible that there may be a characteristic CDY signature in Group 2a, the largest sub-group in Group 2.<sup>7</sup> Seven of the nine men in Group 2a have 35 at one of the CDY markers. It would have been rather exciting to discover that the Orr Ewing men also had CDY 35,37 or CDY 35,38, but they didn't. All this means is that the mutation giving rise to CDY 35 occurred sometime after sub-groups 2a and 2e diverged. The R:M222 modal at CDY is 38,39, but I do not think that these rapidly mutating markers are very informative in discussions of the distant past.

So, what of conventional genealogy? Susan Wolfe, who recently published an article on her line,<sup>8</sup> sponsored her brother, William Phillip Ewing, WP in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Their line is descended from David Ewing, probably born in Ireland in 1772 and died in Knox Co., Illinois in 1847. Susan brought my attention to the Addenda on page 5 of E. W. R. Ewing's book,<sup>9</sup> which reports that David Ewing's family had concluded he was the son of Alexander Ewing, born about 1722, and his second wife, Rachel Marshall. This is the same Alexander Ewing that appears in the seventh generation of the AD and CJ lineages, as the older brother of their lineal ancestor, Robert Ewing of Ledrish and Ledrishbeg, born 1724.<sup>10</sup> Christian Orr Ewing has no knowledge of Rachel Marshall or any children she

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<sup>6</sup> Ewing, David Neal. Orr-Ewing Information in Burke's Landed Gentry, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 2011), pp. 3-5.

<sup>7</sup> Group 2a consists of the descendants of Nathaniel Ewing born 1693 and his half-brothers. See a Relationship Diagram at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> Wolfe, Susan (Ewing). My Elusive Ancestor, David Ewing, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 3/4 (August/November 2010), pp. 6-8.

<sup>9</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). The Addenda may be found online at: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingEWR/FrontMaterial.htm#EWRaddenda](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingEWR/FrontMaterial.htm#EWRaddenda)

<sup>10</sup> [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/AD\\_Archibald%20Donald%20Orr%20Ewing.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/AD_Archibald%20Donald%20Orr%20Ewing.pdf), [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/CJ\\_Christian%20James%20Orr%20Ewing.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/CJ_Christian%20James%20Orr%20Ewing.pdf), and [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/WP\\_William%20Phillip%20Ewing%2C%20II.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/WP_William%20Phillip%20Ewing%2C%20II.pdf).

may have had with Alexander Ewing, born 1722, but he has no reason to doubt that they may have existed.

Interestingly, WP has 11 at DYS-391, so is in Group 1. As you can see, there is a problem here. Since AD and CJ have 10 at DYS-391, we would expect that their ancestors had this, including the father of the brothers, Alexander born 1722 and Robert born 1724. But if WP is also descended from this line, there must have been a mutation from 10 to 11 at DYS-391 in or after Alexander, born 1722. This is a problem because two families in Group 1 (1a and 1b) have conventional genealogy leading back to men who were born well before 1700, so cannot have descended from Alexander Ewing, born 1722, or any of his descendants, and suggests that the 10-to-11 mutation at DYS-391 at least three or four generations earlier, in the early seventeenth century or maybe a little before that.

I suspect that this is because David Ewing's genealogists were mistaken about who his father was, but there is another possibility. Though our first assumption is always that two men have the same value at a given marker because they have a common ancestor who had that value, sometimes this arises by coincidence, due to what we call a 'parallel mutation'. This means simply that the 'same' mutation appears in different lines by coincidence rather than because it was inherited from a common ancestor, and it is really the result of two independent mutations at the same marker. Mutations are rare events, so this should not happen too often, but there is no question that it sometimes happens. For example, GR in Group 1b has very a good conventional genealogy tying him to James Ewing of Inch, but he has DYS-391 = 10, and if we accept his genealogy, we are forced to conclude that his line has undergone a back mutation from 11 to 10. We can deceive ourselves by being too quick to adduce parallel and back mutations, but we will certainly also make mistakes if we fail to recognize that these things sometimes do happen.

## **What is Next?**

The genetic connection with folks in Scotland who know their genealogies back to early seventeenth century has given us numerous leads as to names, dates and places where our ancestors or their relatives were living. Recently, we have discovered [www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk), which has numerous Ewing wills from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries available for £10 each. To me, one of the most interesting prospects is to be able to identify and outline several contemporaneous Ewing families living in the same neighborhoods in Scotland, focusing on the years prior to 1800. If we are selective and lucky, we might find a will that mentions identifiable relatives in Londonderry or elsewhere in Ulster.

## **Participating in the Research**

Anyone who may be interested in participating in this research should contact me. We will be determining which documents to purchase, analyzing them and reporting on our findings in the *Journal* and on the website. One can also participate in the research by joining the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, either by submitting your own sample of Ewing Y-DNA or by sponsoring a male Ewing relative in the project.<sup>11</sup> Finally, one can support the research by making a tax-deductible donation to the *EFA*.<sup>12</sup> Please support this work by participating in whatever way makes the best sense to you.

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<sup>11</sup> To join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, please go to [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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### **Paraprosdokians**

Paraprosdokian: Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
6. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
7. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
9. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
10. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
11. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
12. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
13. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
14. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

## **Notes Toward a History of the Ewing Family Association**

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For several years I have been intending to prepare a history of *Clan Ewing in America* and the *Ewing Family Association*. At the 2008 Gathering in Winchester, Virginia I recorded some stories from long-time members about the early gatherings and the organization of *Clan Ewing in America*. I think including those in the history would make for some more interesting reading, but I have not done that, yet. These 'notes' focus on how and when the name 'Clan Ewing in America' was chosen, and on the gradual evolution from a single-family organization to the more inclusive surname interest society that we have become. These notes cover the period up to the death of Reverend Samuel Ellsworth Ewing, the organization's founder, in August 1995 and the formal incorporation of *Clan Ewing in America* a month later.

### **Sources of Information**

The organization that became the *Ewing Family Association* in 2008 grew out of the hobby of Reverend Ellsworth Samuel Ewing (1908-1995). Ellsworth traveled around the U.S. meeting with Ewings he thought to be the descendants of William Ewing of Stirling, born about 1625. He often stayed in their homes and gradually built an informal network of folks who shared his interest in Ewing genealogy and family history. He made a lot of friends, who made friends with one another. Ellsworth's papers are in the Ewing Family Archives, which are presently housed at the Cecil County Historical Society in Elkton, Maryland and are brought to each gathering of the *Ewing Family Association* for the convenience of members wishing to do research. I am preparing this history in Albuquerque, between gatherings, so I am unable to examine Ellsworth's papers, which may include some letters earlier than those I have ready access to.

The early part of this history is based on documents given to me by James R. McMichael prior to his death in March 2009, 'extracts' from the *Journals* from November 1994 to November 1998 that Jim Emailed to me in June 2008 consisting mainly of messages from the Chairs and Chancellors during those years,<sup>1</sup> documents given to me by Doralyn and Robert Hunter Johnson in July 2008 prior to Bob's death, a *Review of Clan Ewing Reunions* prepared by Eleanor Ewing Swineford in August 2008, and a DVD version of a videotape David C. Ewing made of Ellsworth's talk at the first Ewing Family Gathering on October 14, 1988.<sup>2</sup> Jim McMichael's papers include a complete set of 'Dear Cousins' letters from December 1988 through December 1996 and private correspondence with Ellsworth and other organizers between June 15, 1988 and April 2, 1994. Bob Johnson's papers include information on the gatherings the Johnsons attended beginning in 1993 and include lists of members attending.

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<sup>1</sup> [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Journal extracts Nov 1994 - Nov 1998.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Journal%20extracts%20Nov%201994%20-%20Nov%201998.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> You can see this at [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth\\_Ewing\\_video.mp4](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth_Ewing_video.mp4)

## The First Gathering

The earliest document I have examined is the June 15, 1988 letter from Ellsworth to "Cousin James" McMichael inviting him to a family 'Get-Together' in October 1988 at Mont Clair Farm, the home of Rebecca and N. Mark Ewing in Vincennes, Indiana. Mark is the great-great-grandson of Nathaniel Ewing, the original homesteader of Mont Clair farm.<sup>3</sup> This letter has no masthead or formal letterhead, but has a stamped crest labeled 'Ewing Family Arms' that is similar in design to the one appearing presently on the *Ewing Family Association* homepage. The word 'clan' is not mentioned in the letter, and it does not appear prominently in the talk he gave at the gathering. He did use the word a time or two in the talk, apparently interchangeably with 'family'. Ellsworth did not believe the Ewing family he was interested in to be descended from Clan Ewen of Otter or any other Highland Clan, but rather followed E. W. R. Ewing<sup>4</sup> in believing that the Ewings originated among Brythonic Celts of the Scottish Lowlands he referred to as Britons'.<sup>5</sup> Let me quote from an audiotape<sup>6</sup> made by Ellsworth:



**Mont Clair, the Ewing family farm on Monroe City Road.**

[From an article in the *Vincennes Sun Commercial*, 19 March 2009]

The Ewing name is from the lowland Celtic Scots, not the highland Pict-Caledonian Teutonic peoples. ... Our family traces its name back to Glasgow and Loch Lomond more than a thousand years ago. But we are not related to the clan Ewen or McEwen of Otter, of the highlands. They rose in the late 1200's, 1300's and faded out in the 1400's or early 1500's and were absorbed by the Campbells. ... We have little in common racially with the highlanders who were Picts and Caledonians of Teutonic stock.

Ellsworth Ewing was interested in one specific group of Ewing families whose ancestors immigrated to America before the Revolutionary War and were all thought to be descended from one William Ewing of Stirling. I do not have a copy of Jim's response to Ellsworth's June 1988 invitation, but the next

<sup>3</sup> For further information about the Mont Clair farm and the Nathaniel Ewing homestead see:

- Nathaniel Ewing Homestead, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (August 2009), pp. 15-7
- [tinyurl.com/3vcja34](http://tinyurl.com/3vcja34)
- [www.flickr.com/photos/historic-landmarks-foundation-indiana/4904203701/in/photostream](http://www.flickr.com/photos/historic-landmarks-foundation-indiana/4904203701/in/photostream)
- [www.flickr.com/photos/historic-landmarks-foundation-indiana/4904204187/in/photostream](http://www.flickr.com/photos/historic-landmarks-foundation-indiana/4904204187/in/photostream)

<sup>4</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)

<sup>5</sup> This was spelled 'Britins' in the unattributed transcription I found in Jim McMichael's papers of Ellsworth's audio tape, but this includes many misspellings Ellsworth would not have made (for example, Glasgow for Glasgow and Lochomand for Loch Lomond), so I have taken the liberty of correcting the spelling in my quote here.

<sup>6</sup> I am not sure when or where this tape was made, but I think it is probably the tape offered for sale in his December 8, 1988 Dear Cousins letter. I suspect that it is what Ellsworth is referring to at the beginning of his videotaped talk at Vincennes, when he jokes "This was all supposed to have been recorded, and I left it at home on the dining room table. She's to blame for that (pointing to his wife, Dorothy)." You can hear the tape at: [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth\\_Ewing\\_audiotape.mp3](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth_Ewing_audiotape.mp3).

document in Jim's papers is an undated letter from Ellsworth to Jim answering it. Ellsworth begins "Your response to the call for members of the various families of Clan Ewing (who have their origin back in 1620 with William Ewing of Stirling) to get together, has been most encouraging." He goes on to speak about the cost of the meeting, which was to be \$75 per person for the program and three meals, plus lodging. A block of rooms at the Holiday Inn was reserved for \$37.70 per room per night, regardless of how many people stayed in a room. Evidently, Jim sent him some genealogical material on his own Ewing line<sup>7</sup> because Ellsworth wrote on September 10, 1988:

Dear Cousin James: It is delightful to find new relatives ... [he speaks of how Jim's line is connected with William Ewing of Stirling] ... You really should come. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time the various branches have gotten together – and who knows when it will happen again.

He goes on to answer some questions that Jim seems to have asked.

#3 – Sure, I'll be glad to let you know of any Re-unions I hear of. There was one in Lansing, Mich[igan] last Sunday but I haven't found a tie-in with them yet.

I take this to mean that Ellsworth was aware of other Ewing families, but his interest in them was only to see whether he could find a 'tie-in' with William Ewing of Stirling; that is, to prove that they were actual genealogical relatives of this specific Ewing family.

Ellsworth made his talk at the first Ewing Family Gathering in front of hand-drawn wall charts he had prepared for what he took to be each of the descendants of William Ewing of Stirling that had immigrated to America before the Revolutionary War. He began by asking representatives of each of these branches of the family to rise and say a little about the history of their branch of the family.<sup>8</sup>

Ellsworth wrote a letter on December 8, 1988 with the salutation "Dear Cousins" and no letterhead. In it, he reports on the family gathering that had taken place in Vincennes, Indiana that October. He reported that 67 people attended the gathering, representing seven of the fifteen family groups he thought to be branches of this family. He raises the question of what the "Group" should name itself. He asks for suggestions and lists the alternatives that were suggested at the first gathering, which were:

- *Clan Ewing*
- *American Clan Ewing*
- *The Ewing Association*

He asks for people to send a \$50 fee, for which they would receive "A Ewing Family Certificate, properly embossed with the Ewing Coat-of-Arms and stamped with an official seal." He also offers for sale a number of items, including an Audio Cassette of *History of Ewing Family* (or a 9-page "manuscript," which I take to mean a transcript of the tape, a copy of which was also in Jim McMichael's papers), and copies of his twelve Ewing Family Charts for \$75 plus postage.

Ellsworth wrote another Dear Cousins letter on March 24, 1989 in which he spoke of beginning to organize a second 'Reunion' in Cecil Co., Maryland to be held sometime in 1990. He speaks again of membership certificates, and asks what people want it to say: *Clan Ewing of America, The Ewing Clan*

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<sup>7</sup> McMichael, James R. *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) and Descendants*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 1999. Available online at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index\\_Book\\_JimMcMic.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index_Book_JimMcMic.html).

<sup>8</sup> You can see a video of this at the link in footnote 6 above.

of America or something else.<sup>9</sup> He notes that only eleven people who were at the Vincennes gathering had sent in their \$50 dues payment. He speaks of "the video my brother took of the Vincennes Get-together." Since David C. Ewing is not his brother, I assume this means that Ellsworth's brother Harold also made a videotape, but I have not seen a copy of that.

## The Second Gathering

Ellsworth's next Dear Cousins letter was written August 1, 1989. He begins, "May, June and July have been filled with a lot of news of interest to the Family, 'Clan Ewing of America'." He speaks of his trip with Dorothy to Scotland that summer and of preparations for the gathering proposed for Cecil Co..

In his next Dear Cousins letter, written October 24, 1989, he speaks of a scouting trip with Dorothy to Cecil Co. in which he discovered that the group could be accommodated at a Boy Scout camp about ten miles from North East, Maryland, where a bed and meals for four days could be had for under \$50 per person, so that he thought the total "Reunion cost" could be around \$100 per person.

In a letter to Jim dated December 6, 1989, Ellsworth says:

I am finishing up a task I undertook several years ago – to make visible and understandable the Ewing relationship tracing back to Baron William Ewing of Stirling. I now have 11 charts of the 15 emigrants to this country, with about 4500 names. I originally did these by hand, but though I went through 4 editions they still were far from clear and one could easily become confused. So I am reducing them to type-set and they are much clearer and cleaner.

Another Dear Cousins letter was written January 20, 1990 (but may have gone only to the folks in Jim McMichael's line, descended from the immigrant Alexander Ewing) and says in part:

... I have been hunting for you for four years. At that time I undertook, for the family, to chart all of the descendants of the fifteen refugees from Londonderry, Ireland, that were the grandchildren of William Ewing of Stirling, who fled from Scotland to escape the persecution of the English. ...

His next Dear Cousins letter was written March 1, 1990 and included details of the "Reunion" planned for September in Cecil Co., Maryland. He also unilaterally lowered the annual dues to \$25. Ellsworth sent back-to-back Dear Cousins letters on June 25 and July 6, 1990. The June letter contained a detailed description of the accommodations and program for the "Gathering of the Clan" scheduled for September 1990, and the July letter was a last call for those planning to attend.

A letter from Ellsworth to Jim dated July 20, 1990 says:

... You will be getting a letter with information relative to the 'Gathering of the Clan' by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August ... I sent the Charts, indices, and brief history of the family off to the printer yesterday ... so now I'm trying to catch up on correspondence with the Family.

Plainly, Ellsworth is using the words 'clan' and 'family' interchangeably; and, by 'Family' he means a specific family with one common ancestor – William Ewing of Stirling.

The second "Ewing Reunion" was held September 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 1990 at Rodney Boy Scout Reservation, about ten miles from North East, Maryland. The cost ended up being \$125 per person, but

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<sup>9</sup> Roger L. Ewing tells me that his membership certificate from this period says "Clan Ewing of America."

this required attendees to bring their own bedding and most of the accommodations were dormitory-style with many people camped out in the same room. A list of attendants at the 1990 Ewing Gathering sent by Ellsworth to Jim McMichael on November 6, 1990 includes 101 names. Ellsworth's November 7, 1990 Dear Cousins letter speaks of "the William Ewing Clan in North America." He talks about what fun everyone had, in part because of the rustic nature of the accommodations. He also spoke of appointing Jim McMichael to work with John Harrison, a professional researcher in Scotland, and asked for contributions to a Research Fund to pay for that. He announced that Joe Glick of Media, Pennsylvania, had volunteered to begin assembling family stories.

In his November 6, 1990 letter to Jim, Ellsworth also said, "I am thinking about whether I ought to replace my 2-slot 5¼ inch disk 640 k computer with a hard disk 200 or 300 mk one in order to use a Roots III and Roots-Writer program to preserve information that I have on the shelf here but could not put on the charts." In the same letter he speaks of a Research Fund and of corresponding with John Harrison in Scotland. Jim's May 7, 1991 letter to Ellsworth speaks of having received \$830 in donations for research and of having sent \$600 of it to Harrison.

Ellsworth continued to think about interacting with other Ewing groups and, in a December 6, 1990 letter to Jim he says "I am compiling the centers of a number of Ewing family reunions that should be put into a network." Still, he was very clear that he wanted to distinguish 'his' Ewings from the others. In his August 25, 1991 Dear Cousins letter he says, "The Ewing crest and buckle are very distinctive and carry back many centuries—and have nothing in common with the McEwin, Ewin or Highland Ewings..."

Ellsworth's January 21, 1991 Dear Cousins letter asks about where folks think the next 'Gathering of the Clan' should take place. He talks about his feeling that more time should be spent at gatherings sharing stories of our ancestors and less doing tours and such, and he mentions that Joe Glick has organized an editorial committee for "a Ewing Journal or Quarterly," which is supposed to collect and publish such stories. As near as I can determine, nothing ever came of that. He also says:

There will be many Reunions to be held in various parts of the country. ... Most every mail has brought in enquiries about the Ewing Family, people seeking relationships, and many have been found to be part of our Family. ... Any of you that do not have the Certificate of Membership in the Ewing Clan in America and want one, get in touch with me by sending your dues along.

Ellsworth's April 10, 1991 Dear Cousins letter encourages folks to organize branch-specific reunions, for example, an "all-Nathaniel Gathering," and perhaps also some regional gatherings for members living close to one another. He also suggests:

Why not have a 'gathering' of all the Ewings in your county or state regardless of whether they have found a tie-in yet or not? You just might turn up some new relatives.

He proposes holding the 1993 "Gathering of the Clan" in Austin, Texas and perhaps arranging for the use of dormitories at the University of Texas there to help keep costs to attendees at a minimum, and a 1995 gathering at Princeton University to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "First Landing of the Ewing Clan in America." He also complains that only forty people have paid their 1991 dues.

## **Formal Organization Begins Taking Shape**

Jim McMichael apparently first began corresponding with Ellsworth in 1988 and quickly became a central figure in the organization. He served in several capacities through the years – he was one of the principal movers in organizing *Clan Ewing in America* and was elected to the first three-member

Executive Council and served as its Treasurer. He founded the *Journal of Clan Ewing* in 1994 and served as editor until 2002. He was a Board Member, Clan Genealogist, Chair of the Ewing Genealogy Documentation Project, tireless researcher and friend. When Chancellor George W. Ewing awarded Jim a plaque for distinguished service at the 2006 gathering, he referred to him as 'Mr. Clan Ewing'. The *Ewing Family Association* would not exist today if not for the efforts of Ellsworth and Jim McMichael.

Jim was instrumental in helping formalize the structure of the organization. On August 19, 1991 he sent a letter with the salutation "Dear Ewing Clan of America Member," which was sent to 38 members who had contributed to the Research Fund. It consisted mainly of a report on the professional research that had been done in Scotland by John Harrison. It was very clear at this point that the focus was still exclusively on the descendants of William Ewing of Stirling:

Hopefully, enough information can be obtained to prove how the Ewing immigrants were related. There must be more than the three known children, James, Robert and William, of William Ewing of Stirling.

In Ellsworth's September 3, 1991 Dear Cousins letter he talks about places significant in American Ewing history and which of them might be good places for gatherings. He also asks for financial support – to buy a bigger computer capable of holding the Ewing data he has accumulated ("a 40mb hard disk computer and accessories that will cost \$1700 to \$2000"), to help him recoup the \$5400 printing bill for his charts (he needed to sell seventeen more sets – I wonder if he ever did?) and to pay ongoing operational expenditures, mainly postage.

On September 9, 1991, Jim sent a letter to twelve leading members<sup>10</sup> with some of his thoughts. He had two main objectives. One was to prepare an organizational structure and slate of officers to present to the members at the 1993 gathering, and the other was to "get set-up to start putting out a ... newsletter after the 1993 Clan gathering." He suggested that only people with the surname Ewing be considered as officers so that "the name Ewing should be dominant in the organization." He suggested that a good name for the journal would be *Ewing Clan of America Quarterly*. The entire letter runs to four typewritten pages. He asks for responses by October 4, 1991.

He received "five letters and a phone call." His papers include detailed letters he received from William S. Ewing, Joseph H. Ewing, Coleman C. Ewing, Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., Ellsworth Ewing and what appear to be notes taken during a phone call from Hazel Daro. I do not know who wrote the fifth letter. William S. Ewing raises this question:

Clan – a decision has to be made as to who we exclude and who we except. Do we include only the descendants of the early Ewings that were sons of William? If a Ewing ancestor emigrates from ?? in 1850, are they automatically included? If so or not, how do we handle the research and newsletter publication? Are we interested in just the original dozen or so? Just some thoughts.

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<sup>10</sup> They were: Ellsworth Ewing; his brother Harold W. Ewing; Coleman Ewing of Littleton, Colorado; Elizabeth Ewing of Prospect, Kentucky; Evelyn Ewing of Mustang, Oklahoma; Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., of Malvern, Pennsylvania; Joe H. Ewing of Wheaton, Maryland; Joe O. Ewing of Loudonville, Ohio; Dr. William Steele Ewing of Plano, Texas; Nathaniel Ewing Adam of Huntington, California; Hazel Ewing Daro of Fairbanks, Arkansas; and Ramona McNeely of Burkburnet, Texas.

Ellsworth responded in part:

I agree wholeheartedly with this idea of the Ewing name among the officers, like the President, being prominent – though not totally exclusive. ... I think the name should be 'Clan Ewing (in America)'.

As near as I can tell, this is the first time anyone used the exact phrase 'Clan Ewing in America'. I do not know what Ellsworth meant by enclosing 'in' in parentheses.

Joseph H. Ewing responded in part:

As to getting up a slate of potential officers in advance of the next gathering, I think it's not a bad idea. I doubt that there are half a dozen members of Clan Ewing who would have given any thought to becoming an 'officer.' However, assuming that there is general agreement at the next gathering on the slate of officers chosen by the inner circle, there still should be a real opportunity for some 'council members' or 'officers' to be nominated from the floor, so as to defeat any possible appearance that everything was arranged in a 'smoke filled room.

The suggestion of "Ewing Clan of America Quarterly" is probably not the best. Using the word Quarterly locks the editor into a deadline four times a year; and of course it is "Clan Ewing in America."

I agree with your proposal that we advertise in the Genealogical Helper magazine and other genealogical magazines, reaching out everywhere to draw more Ewings into our clan. But this raises a point on which I am unsure. Is every one with the name "Ewing" a potential member or are we an organization only of the Ewings who can trace their ancestry to Castle Sterling? I seem to recall that Ellsworth made this point during the past year, making a distinction between 'Highlanders' and 'Lowlanders' or something like that.

Coleman C. Ewing shared several thoughts on non-profit corporations, and though he did not express a preference for a name for the organization, he did comment:

I am sending the timeline chart on the Ewing's located in Burt parish Ireland. ... You can see that the connections I am referring to are there, but not the William and his kids that we are looking for. As I said on the phone, without hard evidence on William, the next best thing is to build the best case we can using one of the other people that came to this country to pin down a location in Ireland.

Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., addresses the issue of non-profit corporation status, including mentioning 501(c)(6)<sup>11</sup> fraternal organizations, which do not have to pay income tax, but donations to these organizations are not tax-deductible. He does not comment about membership requirements or mention any thoughts about what the name of the organization should be.

On January 27, 1992 Jim sent another letter to the same twelve addressees as his September 9, 1991 letter. He says, in part:

The more I talk about this subject and the future of the organization, and your comments, I am inclined to believe that we are going to need someone to represent each of the 12 groups [that

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<sup>11</sup> I have a hard time keeping all these designations straight. I think that 501(c)(6) is for "Business league" and civic organizations, and that fraternal organizations are under 501(c)(7), but that doesn't make any substantive difference in this discussion.

is, the groups descended from the twelve American immigrants supposed to have been descended from William Ewing of Stirling]

He also now suggests that the Newsletter be named "Clan Ewing in America: New and Histories of Families Printed Periodically." He also says this about membership:

Clan membership. This item generated some good comments. ... [12] ... Does a person have to descend from one of the twelve, or descend from William, to be a member? Now, let's assume you answered yes to [this] question. In 1997 it is proven without a doubt that one of the twelve does not descend from William. What do you do with those 25, 50 or 100 members? Ah, maybe one of them has donated \$10,000 to a trust fund? Can you be a member if your Ewing line goes back to Ireland or Scotland? Can you be a member if your Ewing line goes back to England? Who is in and who is out? Those are some very important questions that have to be dealt with before getting into a formal organization and trying to attract new members. ... Whatever happens, I believe a small group of people will end up doing all the work. Hopefully as many as 10 or 12. More would be better.

Jim included a questionnaire with this letter and also sent a copy of the questionnaire to all members who had contributed to the Research Fund. The questionnaire consisted of questions about what information members might be willing to share, what they think about documentation standards, and such. He did not ask in the questionnaire for input on membership requirements or a name for the organization.

A letter from Ellsworth to Jim dated February 17, 1992, says in part:

As to membership, the guide lines so far have been that ancestry goes back to one of the 15 (not 12) – but associated with us but not tied-in, some whose line goes back to a point that is presumptive of possible tie-in. Other lines back to Ireland, such as Russell Ewing's in Cecil Co., whose ancestor came over in 1795, have not been considered for membership. His line may have been part of the Family that were left behind when ours migrated but we, and they, don't know. And those that have come from England have shown no tie – nor have the Eastern Shore McEwings and Ewings that are Highlanders. They may have intermarried with our Family but who knows?" (This last group has a few who are peeved at us for not accepting them as members, but I can't help that.) The Highlanders and McEwings have definitely been shown to not be Celtic as we are. As to advertizing for membership – I would not be favorable. We are not interested in numbers – but in relationships.

Ellsworth's March 24, 1992 Dear Cousins letter talks about his work in putting his Ewing data into "your" new computer, so I guess some folks must have responded to his request for funds to buy a computer. He also talks about the gathering planned for San Antonio, Texas and the fact that this one is expected to cost \$350 per person. He also says, in part:

...There are several Ewing lines that are probably tied in – but also there are a number of Ewing Families out there that have no evidence of ties to us, especially those associated with the Highland Clan of McEwing of Otter. It is sometimes embarrassing to have to disassociate ourselves from them.

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<sup>12</sup> I have left out a discussion of paying vs. non-paying members and the possibility of creating several levels of membership, ranging from \$25 for an Individual/Family membership to \$2500 for a "Senior Fellow" membership.

A letter from Jim to Ellsworth dated August 13, 1992, says, in part:

For some time I have felt that the Ewing Clan should allow any Ewing to be a member and attend the gatherings but the genealogy records would not be include with your charts. At some time in the future that person or group of people might be able to prove a connection to one of the people on your charts.

Trying to restrict membership in the organization to proven descendants of William Ewing of Stirling was becoming problematic. Ellsworth wanted to restrict membership to just this family, but he wanted to include Ewings who were probably related and couldn't prove it, yet. He often spoke of looking for 'tie-ins'. Further, some members were beginning to question the references for some of the genealogy Ellsworth had accepted, but it seems not to have occurred to Ellsworth to think about what he would do if at sometime in the future a line he had included in the William of Stirling family was proven *not* to be related. Would he ask members of that line to surrender their membership in *Clan Ewing in America*?

Ellsworth published a Dear Cousins letter on January 10, 1993 with a letterhead saying "Ewing Family Newsletter" and showing a crest labeled simply "Ewing" in which he speaks about his progress in setting up the 1993 "Gathering of the Ewing Clan in America" scheduled for June in San Antonio, Texas. His April 1993 Dear Cousins letter had a different letterhead, this one saying "Descendants of William Ewing of Stirling, Ewing Family Newsletter" and it had the same crest as in the January newsletter.

## **The Third Gathering**

The third gathering was held June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 1993 at the Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas.<sup>13</sup> S. Finley Ewing and his sister Carolee Youngblood helped Ellsworth organize this gathering. Rates for the gathering were now down to \$175 per person, half-rate for children under sixteen, which included meals and lodging in dormitory rooms at the College.

One of the events at the gathering was to have been a Texas Boar Roast. Ellsworth reports in his August 4, 1993 Dear Cousins letter:

Also memorable was the unfortunate spoiling of what would have been an outstanding evening at the Home Ranch of Carolee and Hull Youngblood. There was to have been a Texas boar roast (begun the day before) as well as local fiddlers and "rope artists", one of whom must not have been more than 10 years old. It was to have been an outstanding Texan evening. But the rain came just as we arrived. It was a Texas downpour and since we had crossed half a dozen bridgeless streams to get to the Ranch, we were advised to get back to the Highway. It is indeed a night that will be remembered!

A visit to the Alamo to dedicate a plaque to James Lee Ewing, who died at the Alamo, worked out better.

At this gathering, Ellsworth announced that both he and Dorothy were having health problems. Jim McMichael, Joe Neff Ewing, Robert Hunter Johnson and others were aware that Ellsworth was terminally ill and had discussed with him how to keep the organization going into the future. It is at this meeting that *Clan Ewing in America* was officially organized and named. The documents given to me by Bob Johnson include a copy of an undated, unattributed *Memo: To the Ewing Family Gathering* (that I

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<sup>13</sup> Ellsworth produced a list of the 168 people who attended this gathering, with a cover page saying "1993 Gathering of the Descendants of William Ewing of Stirling."

am pretty sure was prepared by Jim McMichael, but I am not positive). It begins with the sentence "It is good that the descendants of William of Stirling can gather for fellowship and sharing this year!!" It goes on to thank Rev. and Mrs. Ellsworth for their efforts and outlines a suggested structure for the organization, consisting of:

1. Family Council: Each of the thirteen branches of the Ewing family select a representative and an alternate to represent their branch on a Ewing Family Council. The EFC meet annually for planning and administrating business relating [to] the Ewing family.
2. Executive: Three persons, selected by the Family Council, will serve with the Chancellor in decision among [sic, must have intended 'making'] and planning in the interim between Family Council meetings and the Family Gathering.
3. Treasurer: One of the Executive Committee will serve as treasurer.
4. Ewing Family Chancellor: At each Family Gathering an administrator should be designated to be known as the Ewing Family Chancellor. Ewing Family Chancellor Emeritus: That in light of his commitment to the Ewing Family genealogy; the research in family history; visiting original family sites in Scotland, England, Ireland and the United States; the development of numerous genealogical charts; the charting [of] more than thirteen thousand records; the collections of voluminous anecdotal material; the enriching of our family relation through bringing the families together at Vincennes[, Indiana], Cecil Co., Maryland and now in San Antonio; and for service far beyond our ability to list WE RECOMMEND that Ellsworth Samuel Ewing be declared Chancellor Emeritus of the Ewing Family!!<sup>14</sup>

Jim asks for everyone to contribute their ideas and speaks in this letter of one of his recurring themes:

I believe, and I think some of you indicated the same, that each line for a family branch is going to have to be maintained by one person. Then a central source can also be maintained.

Ellsworth's August 4, 1993 Dear Cousins letter has no letterhead. In it can be seen that his attitude toward who should be allowed to join the organization was softening. He reports on the San Antonio gathering and says, in part:

... We are finding many reunions, in different parts of the country, usually first cousins and aunts and uncles. Hence the Gathering of Reunions should constitute a Gathering of the Clan, shouldn't it? ... I don't know about you, but I have many times been confused over dates and relationships so that I am no longer dogmatic, insistent upon proven relationships before I will shake hands with another Ewing. So I think we should be outgoing, receptive and generous in

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<sup>14</sup> I do not have copies of the minutes of the meeting where these issues were decided, but it appears that the structure recommended in the Memo quoted above was adopted. On June 18, 1993 Jim McMichael sent a letter with the letterhead "Clan Ewing in America," showing him as Treasurer and his address as Texas, to "Family Council, Clan Ewing in America." He comments that he has enclosed a copy of the "January 1991" letter (this was actually from January 1992) discussed above. He also enclosed a copy of the names and addresses of the people that attended the meeting of the family branch representatives (Family Council), which included 13 names. This list included representatives of lines descended from Nathaniel, John, Joshua, Henry, Alexander and William (A). Interestingly, it also included Jill Ewing Spittler, who represented the "Orphan Group," presumably referring to Ewings who had not been able to connect their lines to any in Ellsworth's charts, perhaps an early effort at becoming at least somewhat more inclusive.

any case of Genealogical correctness. Our value as an organization is the warm, outgoing sense of fellowship, acceptance, love and support we have for each other.

And also (Ellsworth referring to himself in the third person):

Clan Ewing in America, a creation of the developing interest of Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, was finally authorized to become a legal entity. It will relieve him of a great deal of personal responsibility to shift this burden over to an administrative board. Such a board was elected at the Gathering consisting of two representatives from each ancestral family. Joe Neff Ewing was chosen Chair and selected to call the administrative board together as needed.

The last Dear Cousins letter I have that was written by Ellsworth is dated December 11, 1993. Mainly, he speaks of his health and of how glad he is that an "Administrative committee" was elected in San Antonio, this time speaking of Joe Neff Ewing as President and of himself as Chancellor Emeritus.

Jim McMichael sent a letter dated April 2, 1994 to "All Family Line Representatives and Alternates, Clan Ewing in America." This letter is on *Clan Ewing in America* letterhead, using Jim's address, and showing the names of the Chancellor Emeritus and the Executive Council. He attached the following information, which he planned to include in future newsletters:

**Chancellor Emeritus:** Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing

**Executive Council:** Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., Chairman, Robert Hunter Johnson, James R. McMichael

**Treasurer:** James R. McMichael

**Membership:** Please write to Clan Ewing in America, at the above address. [Jim's address in The Woodlands, Texas.]

Clan Ewing in America was organized to foster interest in the Ewing Family; to promote gatherings of the Clan; to publish a newsletter periodically with information that is of a biographical, genealogical, and historical nature; to encourage research identifying the relationship among the many different Ewing families in America; and to share our research finds with others.

**Clan Ewing Council:**

<u>Immigrant</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Alexander (A)	None
Alexander (1677-1738/9)	James R. McMichael
Charles	Alicia Ewing Towster
Findley	Guy Ewing
Henry	Joey Ewing Glick
James	None
John	Coleman C. Ewing Roy C. McClure
Joshua	Hazel Daro Juanita Atteberry
Nathaniel	Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr. Nathaniel Ewing Adam

Robert	Alicia Ewing Towster
Samuel	Rev. Dr. Harold W. Ewing
William (A)	Vickie Ewing Montgomery Janey Smith Patsy Luna William M. Ewing
William (B)	None
OTHER:*	Jill Ewing Spittler
* Immigrant not known.	Robert H. Johnson

The letter speaks mostly about how to maintain genealogical records and respond to queries. Jim mentions that only 30% of the people on the mailing list had paid dues and discussed sending the "Journal" just to members who had paid dues, but to continue sending "Bulletins" or "Newsletters" promoting gatherings, etc., to everyone. He also talks about having met with Ellsworth and the other two members of the Executive Council at Ellsworth's home in Indiana, and says that they "got a lot accomplished," but he doesn't give much in the way of details.

On April 4, 1994 Jim sent a letter to Ellsworth in which he thanks Ellsworth for meeting with him, Bob Johnson and Joe Neff Ewing. He speaks of planning to send out newsletters May 1, August 1 and November 1, and he asks for a family sheet for each immigrant.

## **The Decision to Open Membership to Other Families**

Joe Neff Ewing, Jr. reports in his Message from the Chair in the November 1994 *Journal* that a meeting of the Clan Council was held in Malvern, Pennsylvania the weekend of September 23-25. The most important decision made at this meeting was:

... membership in the Clan will be open to all descendants, male or female, of anyone named Ewing (or one of the name's many forms, such as Ewen, Ewin, or even Eugenius) and to the spouses of all such descendants. Any such person who has a current address on file with the Clan Treasurer will be considered a member. ...all of us are involved in the Clan because we are interested in learning more about our Ewing ancestors and in meeting more of their descendants. Therefore, the various family lines form the heart of our organization. Ideally, we would have one family group for each Ewing immigrant. However, there are many of us who have built impressively bushy family trees but cannot tie them to an immigrant; in fact many cannot find the branches back further than the middle of the nineteenth century. We welcome all the trees and bushes, whether they tie back to an immigrant who descended from William of Stirling, to another Ewing immigrant, or not to an immigrant at all. The hope is that by exchanging information with each other we will be able to unite more and more of those bushes into new immigrant trees or tie them into one of the ones already in our data bank.

In his next Message from the Chair in the February 1995 issue of the *Journal*, Joe speaks about plans for the 1995 gathering in Malvern, Pennsylvania and of plans to incorporate the Clan, "to establish its structure and make it easier to deal with the Postal Service, banks and other organizations."

In his May 1995 Message from the Chair, Joe speaks mostly of plans for the upcoming Gathering and says "Clan Ewing in America has been incorporated as a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, and at the Gathering we will be considering a set of bylaws for its organization and operation."

In his August 1995 Message from the Chair, Joe speaks about the upcoming Gathering in Malvern, which would cost \$150 per person plus lodging – a block of rooms is reserved at *The Desmond* for \$69 plus tax per day for single or double occupancy. He also reports:

Clan Ewing has received approval from the IRS for a 501(c)(7)<sup>15</sup> tax-exempt status, which means that if we should be so lucky as to end a year with a surplus we will not be taxed on it. Unfortunately, an organization such as this cannot be eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. Family organizations such as ours have been held to be more in the nature of a social club than a charitable or educational institution.

Ellsworth died at age 87, on August 17, 1995 at his home in Madison, Indiana.

## **Formal Incorporation of *Clan Ewing in America* at the Fourth Gathering**

Peggy and Joe Neff Ewing planned and organized the fourth gathering of Clan Ewing near their home in Malvern, Pennsylvania, September 28 - October 1, 1995. Seventy-two persons attended, twelve of whom were in 'Unknown' lines; that is, their immigrant ancestors were unknown. Bylaws were adopted on September 28, 1995 and *Clan Ewing in America* was formally incorporated. Margaret Ewing Fife was elected Chancellor and all members of the Clan Council were re-elected (with the addition of Barbara McGuinness). Now that *Clan Ewing in America* was incorporated, the three-member Executive Committee, the Chancellor and immediate past Chancellor became its Board of Directors. Joe was Chair, Bob Johnson was Secretary and Jim McMichael was Treasurer.



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

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<sup>15</sup> A 501(c)(7) organization is a non-profit social and recreational (fraternal) organization.

	Date / Theme	Place	Organizers	Number	Cost
1 <sup>st</sup>	14-16 Oct 1988	Mont Clair Farm Vincennes, IN	N. Mark and Rebecca Ewing; Ellsworth S. Ewing		\$75 per person incl. meals, plus \$38/day for room at Holiday Inn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	27-30 Sep 1990	Camp Rodney Boy Scout Camp North East, MD	Ellsworth S. Ewing		\$125 per person all inclusive, 'bring your own bedding'
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10-13 Jun 1993	Incarnate Word College San Antonio, TX	Ellsworth S. Ewing; S. Finley Ewing; Carolee Youngblood	168	\$175 per person incl. meals and dormitory lodging
4 <sup>th</sup>	28 Sep – 1 Oct 1995	Desmond Hotel Malvern, PA	Joseph Neff and Peggy Ewing	72	\$150 per person incl. meals, plus \$78/day for room
5 <sup>th</sup>	24-29 Jun 1998	Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Nashville, TN	Joseph Neff Ewing; Jim and Lynn McMichael	86	\$150 per person incl. meals, plus room
6 <sup>th</sup>	21-24 Sep 2000	Best Western Hotel Lancaster, OH	Jill (Ewing) Spitler	86	
7 <sup>th</sup>	10-13 Oct 2002 <i>Across the Wide Missouri</i>	Columbia, MO	Roy C. and Jean McClure	51	
8 <sup>th</sup>	30 Sep -3 Oct 2004 <i>Where the Journey Began</i>	Crystal Inn North East, MD	Esther (Ewing) Johnson; George W. Ewing	106	\$150 per person incl. meals, plus \$68/day for dbl room
9 <sup>th</sup>	21-24 Sep 2006 <i>Making Connections</i>	Don Hall's Guesthouse Ft Wayne, IN	Beth (Ewing) Toscos; David N. Ewing	81	\$175 per person incl. meals, plus \$66/day for dbl room
10 <sup>th</sup>	18-21 Sep 2008 <i>Echoes of the Shenandoah</i>	Hampton Inn Winchester, VA	Mary (Ewing) Gosline	99	\$200 per person incl. meals, plus \$70/day for dbl room
11 <sup>th</sup>	23-36 Sep 2010 <i>Bridge to the West</i>	Summit Inn Uniontown, PA	William Ewing Riddle; J. David Ewing	58	\$225 per person incl. meals, plus \$111/day for dbl room
12 <sup>th</sup>	20-23 Sep 2012 <i>Down the Ohio and Westward</i>	Quality Inn Gallipolis, OH	Wallace K. and Jane 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. Some of these have been directly submitted; many have been 'mined' from the Internet.

Also included are 'conversations' which reveal genealogical data and/or sociological information regarding the lives and times of Ewing ancestors. These have been extracted from various sources including: *rootsweb*, the Ewing Forum (*EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com*), and EMail exchanges resulting from queries to Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*), the *Ewing Family Association* Genealogist.

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. In no cases has the Editor – or, for that matter, other *EFA* volunteers – verified the information presented here.

### **The Ralston House Near Glasgow**

Glasgow Digital Library, EBooks ([gdl.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/smihou/smihou084.htm](http://gdl.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/smihou/smihou084.htm))

### **The Old Country Houses of Old Glasgow Gentry LXXXIV: Ralston**

The property of Ralston is situated in the parish of Paisley and county of Renfrew, about six miles from Glasgow. The Ralstons of that ilk were a very old family in Renfrewshire. The name is supposed to have originated in one Ralph or Ralf, who is said to have been a son of one of the Earls of Fife. He came to Renfrewshire, and having obtained lands there, named them after himself, "Ralfstoune" or "Ralstoune."

Be their origin, however, what it may, the Ralstons were undoubtedly of great antiquity in this parish and county.



In the chartulary<sup>1</sup> of Paisley "Nicolaus de Ralphston" is mentioned in 1272. In the Ragman Roll, "Hew de Ralstoune", is a subscriber about 1296, and "Jacobus Ralstoune dominus ejusdem" is a witness to a charter in 1346. A John de Ralstoune appears in 1488, and afterwards a Richard. There was a Hugh

<sup>1</sup> Cartulary/Chartulary (also called Pancarta and Codex Diplomaticus) (from Wikipedia): a medieval manuscript volume or roll (rotulus) containing transcriptions of original documents relating to the foundation, privileges and legal rights of ecclesiastical establishments, municipal corporations, industrial *Associations*, institutions of learning and private families.

Ralston of that ilk in 1560, who "is an subscriver [sic] of that solemn bond entered into by many for manteaning [sic] the trew [sic] evangell [sic]." <sup>2</sup>

From the old Ralstons was descended in a direct line Gavin Ralston of that ilk, who about the beginning of last century sold his lands to John, Earl of Dundonald; and upon the marriage of the Lady Anne Cochrane, eldest daughter of this nobleman, to James, fifth Duke of Hamilton, Ralston passed with her to the house of Hamilton.

In 1755 James, the succeeding Duke, sold Ralston to William M'Dowall of Castleseemple. This gentleman was much connected with Glasgow. His father, Colonel M'Dowall, of an old Galloway family, acquired by marriage large estates in the West Indies, and in 1727 purchased Castleseemple. In the same year he acquired the "Shawfield Mansion" in Glasgow, and was engaged in business there. His house was occupied by Prince Charles Stuart during his residence in Glasgow in 1745. Colonel M'Dowall died in 1748, and was succeeded by his eldest son, who purchased Ralston. He was one of the six enterprising Glasgow merchants who founded the Ship Bank in 1750. This was the first Glasgow Bank, and is now amalgamated with the Union Bank.

In 1800 William M'Dowall sold a considerable part of Ralston to William Orr,<sup>3</sup> who died in 1812, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Robert Orr. After again changing owners, Ralston came into the possession, in 1840, of the late James Richardson, merchant in Glasgow. On his death his eldest son Thomas succeeded. He added to the property by the purchase of Hillington, in the immediate neighbourhood, and dying at Pesth in Hungary in 1872, his son Robert Young Richardson, became the proprietor.

Ralston is described by Wishaw as "the seat of ane [sic] old family; a very pleasant place lyand [sic] near to Paisley. ... Bot [sic] having their residence att [sic] Woodsyde<sup>4</sup> in Cunninghame, westward of this, they neglected this place." About the beginning of this century William Orr built an excellent house upon the property, and in 1864 large additions were made to it from furnished by Campbell Douglas, architect, Glasgow.

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<sup>2</sup> Hamilton of Wishaw.

<sup>3</sup> William Orr of Ralston had a brother, whose descendants, John and Robert Orr, John Orr Ewing, Archibald Orr Ewing M.P., and others, are well known and prominent citizens of Glasgow. [Mr. John Orr Ewing died while this volume was passing through the press.] For more information about this family see the article *Orr Ewing Family* at page 3.

<sup>4</sup> 'Woodsyde' was acquired by Hew Ralston in 1551, and he built a 'strong tower' there, which is part of the present house. He transferred the family residence from Ralston to Woodside, and called it Woodside-Ralston.

Gavin Ralston, who succeeded in 1691, and who sold Ralston, had, with other children, a daughter, Jean, who married in 1732 John Shedden of Ruchwood; the eldest daughter of this marriage married John Patrick of Treehorn. The estate of Woodside is now in the possession of Robert William Cochrane Patrick, the great-great-great-grandson of Gavin Ralston, who sold Ralston.

Gavin Ralston, the grandson of the last laird of Ralston, died at Edinburgh in 1819, aged eighty-five, and as he left no sons, he was the last male representative of this ancient family.

**Brinkley Ewing's Bible Record**Contributed by Sarah Voll (*jospVoll at aol dot com*)**Brinkley Ewing Bible**

Delaware Public Library, Bible Records Collection, Folder #41

**FRONTISPIECE**

*The New Testament of Our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST, Translated Out of the Original Greek; and with the Former Translations diligently compared and revised, by the Special Command of King James I of England. Philadelphia: Printed and published by M. Carey, No. 122, Market Street 1813*

*Handwritten: Brinkley Ewing his Bible December 1816, price \$9.50*

**MARRIAGES p. 677**

Brinkley Ewing and Mary Powders was [sic] married January 23, 1780.

Sarah Ewing the daughter of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was married August 5<sup>th</sup> 1799

James Ewing the son of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was married March 180\_

Gustavus A. Ewing the son of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was married November the 22 181\_

**BIRTHS p. 678**

Brinkley Ewing was born January the 29, 1754

Mary Powders his wife was born February the 27 1748.

William Ewing the son of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was born September the 3, 1780

Mary Ewing and Sarah Ewing the daughters of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was [sic] born December the 29 1781

Abi Ewing and Esther Ewing the Daughters of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was [sic] Born November 27, 1783.

James Ewing the son of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was born February the 14, 1786.

James [died?] California 1847.

Gustavus A. Ewing was the son of Brinkley Ewing and Mary his wife was born April 21, 1788

Abraham Hargis the grandson of Brinkley Ewing and son of John M. Hargis and Sarah his wife was born June 5<sup>th</sup> 1800.

William Powders Hargis the son of John M. Hargis and Sarah Hargis his wife was born October 15 1801

Mary Row Hargis the daughter of John M. Hargis and Sarah his wife was born December the 11 1803

Nancy Ewing daughter of G. A. Ewing and Chloe his wife was son of February 7, 1812.

Wm Bell Ewing son of G. A. Ewing and Chloe his wife was born June 3, 11.

**BIRTHS p. 679**

[Pulgam] Ewing daughter of G.A. Ewing and Chloe wife was born July the 13, 1817

[Adolphus Purcival] Ewing son of G.A. Ewing and wife was born April 17, 1820.

Mary Ann Ewing, daughter of G.A. Ewing and Chloe wife was born December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Sarah Caroline Ewing daughter of G/A. Ewing and Chloe wife was born January the 6<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Chloe Marvel Daughter of William Marvel and Rachel his wife was born April 7<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Amanda M. Lecats the daughter of William Lecats and Julia his wife was born October the 16 1831

**DEATHS p. 679**

Nancy Ewing daughter of G.A. Ewing and Chloe his wife departed this life July the 11 1813

William B. Ewing departed this life March 27, 1928

Dollie B. Ewing wife of William B. Ewing departed this life on November 1 – 1940.

**DEATHS p. 680**

Brinkley Ewing departed this life January the fifteen Eighteen hundred and twenty nine 1829 at two o'clock P.M.

Mary Ewing widow of Brinkley Ewing departed this life September the twenty eighth 1833.

Gustavus A. Ewing son of Brinkley Ewing departed this life Dec the 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1845 on Monday at 12 o'clock and 39 minutes at nine being 57 years 8 months and one day old.

William B. Ewing son of Gustavus Ewing and Cloa departed this life September 2<sup>nd</sup> AD 1848 on Saturday at 5 oclock [sic] in the evening

Mary A. Ewing daughter of Gustavus Ewing and Chloe departed this life on March 29 A.D. 1849 at half past 12 oclock [sic] P.M.

Amanda M. Lecats the daughter of William Lecats departed this day November the 7, 1856 at half past 4 oclock [sic].

**Rev. Dr. John Ewing's Baptisms and Marriages**

Contributed by Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH –**

**A Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Communicants 1760-1806 – Rev. Dr. John Ewing**

(Family History Library, microfilm F3346)

Annotated by Georgia (Ewing) Morgan

[Communicants] at decease of Dr. John Ewing, 1802

Hannah Ewing, widow of Rev. John Ewing [other E.]

**MARRIAGES:**

1796, Oct. 9	William Davidson and Ann Ewing
1757, Oct. 6	Maskell Ewing and Jane Hunter [should be 1787]
1802, June 3	William Ewing and Mary Elliot
1791, May	Robert Harris to Elizabeth Ewing
[1782, Oct. 2	Jacob Irwin to Mary Irwin]

BAPTISMS: [GEM: I have rearranged the chronological listing into family groups.]

<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Baptismal date</u>	<u>Name of child</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
Dec. 5, 1759	Jan. 7?, 1760	Mary	John & Hannah Ewing	
Oct. 30, 1761	Nov. 29, 1761	Sarah D.	"	
Dec. 21, 1763	Jan. 15, 1764	William	"	b y D. Alison
Jan. 29, 1766	Feb. 1766	Ann	"	
? 1770	Oct. 14, 1770	Jas. Sergeant	"	
Dec. 3, 1772	Jan. 17, 1773	Elizabeth	"	
Aug. 15, 1776	Sept. 1776	John V.	"	
Aug. 16, 1776 ?		Samuel	"	
Oct. 27, 1779	1779	Margaret	Dr. John & Hannah Ewing	by Dr. Sproat
Oct. 22, 1782	Dec. 5?, 1782	Amelia	Rev. John & Hannah Ewing	"
May 13, 1786	June 1786	Hannah	"	"
Sept. 25, 1776	Oct. 12, 1776	James	George & Mary Ewing	
Apr. 22, 1776	Dec. 23, 1776	Putnam	Patrick & Jane Ewing	
Apr. 2, 1778	June 2, 1778	Jane Eleanor	"	
Mar 19, 1780	June 11, 1780	Katharine Elizabeth	"	
Nov. 17, 1789	Aug. 8, 1790	Elizabeth	Patrick & Elizabeth	
July 7, 1792	Aug. 9, 1792	Patrick	"	
Aug. 4, 1778	Sept. 20, 1778	Katharine Ann	Samuel & Sarah Ewing	
Oct 27, 1778	Nov. 6, 1778	William	Alexander & Jane Ewing	
Nov. 1, 1780 ?	July 27, 1781	Nathaniel	"	
Apr. 22, 1785	Aug. 29, 1785	John	"	
June 23, 1788	Aug. 13, 1788	Alex'r	"	
Jan. 18, 1766 [82?]	Aug. 4, 1781	Elizabeth	John & Eliza Ewing	
Aug. 5, 1788	Oct. 12, 1788	Eleanor	Maskell & Jane Ewing	
Jan. 6, 1789	Feb. 22, 1789	Eliz. Wallace	William & Elizabeth Ewing	
June 12, 1791	July 10, 1791	Thomas Wallace	"	
July 1793	Aug. 10, 1795	Hannah	"	
Mar. 23, 1792	May 21, 1792	John Ewing	Robert & Elizabeth <u>Harris</u>	
Sept. 16, 1792	Aug. 16, 1793	Patrick	Robert & Esther Ewing	
Oct. 7, 1796	Nov. 5, 1796	James	Js. & Eliza. Ewing	
Oct. 30, 1802	June 1802 ?	John Otto	Jas. Sergeant & Katherine Ewing	

[Dr. John Ewing died September 8, 1802 at age 70.]

An item in the Register adds: Admitted May 1807: Margaret Ewing

Rev. John B. Linn baptized:

Nov. 30, 1802	Mar. 7, 1803	Sarah	Jno. & Magdalene Ewing
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An earlier baptism in this church, published in an item appearing in the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Bulletin Vol.XIX, titled *First Presbyterian Church, A Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Communions: Marriage 1701-1746*,<sup>1</sup> shows:

1732, December 11. Anne, Born 26 past. Daughter of John Ewan.

Much additional information about Rev. Dr. John Ewing may be found in a book by Lucy E. Lee Ewing, *Dr. John Ewing and Some of his Noted Connections* (Philadelphia: The John C. Winston Company, 1930).

## **Peter Ewing and Mary Bayne Kirk Monument in Kinross** Contributed by Cheryl to rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2031/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2031/mb.ashx))

Today I was at the Church of Scotland in Kinross, Scotland and took some pictures at the cemetery. I hope someone finds this burial meaningful to their family.

IN MEMORY OF  
 MARY BAYNE KIRK  
 WIFE OF PETER EWING  
 BORN 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 1852  
 DIED 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC. 1899

THEIR DAUGHTER AGNES  
 BORN 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 1883  
 DIED 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1884

ALSO IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 PETER EWING  
 OF THE FROND UDDINGTONSTON  
 BORN 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1849  
 AND WHO DIED 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 1913  
 "HE IS MADE ONE WITH NATURE"



<sup>1</sup> Family History Library, microfilm F3346

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## Robert Patterson's Ciphers

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In his new-member profile in the February 2011 issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* (Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 2011), pp. 57-59), Bruce Frobes reports that his great<sup>4</sup>-grandfather, Robert Patterson, was a friend of Thomas Jefferson, sharing with him, among other things, an interest in ciphers.

A cipher developed by Robert Patterson turns out to be a critical part of Steve Berry's most recent novel – *The Jefferson Key*.<sup>1</sup> The book mixes historical fact with fictional fancy. As always with his books, Berry bases this book on careful historical research. Berry also includes Author's Notes explaining which elements are factual and which are fictional as well as where some minor facts have been changed to tie the story together. In one review, it's noted that "there is a great deal of fascinating historical tidbits closely integrated with the plot, demonstrating an enormous amount of relevant research done by the author which went into this writing."

This short note uses factual material from the book to explain Patterson's cipher and encryption development and their eventual 'cracking' some two centuries after their development.

## Background

The basis for the story is the U.S.'s use of privateers as offensive forces during wars:

A privateer is a private person or ship authorized by a government by letters of marque to attack foreign shipping during wartime. Privateering was a way of mobilizing armed ships and sailors without having to spend public money or commit naval officers. They were of great benefit to a smaller naval power or one facing an enemy dependent on trade: they disrupted commerce and pressured the enemy to deploy warships to protect merchant trade against commerce raiders. The cost was borne by investors hoping to profit from prize money earned from captured cargo and vessels. The proceeds would be distributed among the privateer's investors, officers and crew. It has been argued that privateering was a less destructive and wasteful form of warfare, because the goal was to capture ships rather than to sink them. ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privateer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privateer))

In the days of fighting sail, a Letter of Marque and Reprisal was a government [license] authorizing a private vessel to attack and capture enemy vessels, and bring them before admiralty courts for condemnation and sale. Cruising for prizes with a Letter of Marque was considered an honorable calling combining patriotism and profit, in contrast to unlicensed piracy which was universally reviled. The French used the term *lettre de course* for their letters of marque, giving rise to the term *corsair*. Letter of Marque can sometimes describe the vessel itself: a 'Letter of Marque' generally refers to a lumbering square-rigged cargo carrier that might pick up a prize if the opportunity arose, whereas a 'privateer' was a fast and weatherly fore-and-aft rigged vessel heavily armed and heavily crewed, intended exclusively for fighting. ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letters\\_of\\_marque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letters_of_marque))

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<sup>1</sup> Berry, Steve. *The Jefferson Key*, Random House Pub. Group (New York), 2011.

In the U.S., privateers have immunity from prosecution (unlike pirates) as long as the Letter of Marque is approved by Congress; the letter can be granted by the president but does not provide privateers with impunity unless the grant is approved by Congress.<sup>2</sup> An approved Letter gives privateers the permission, without fear of prosecution, to attack the freighters of countries deemed enemies of the U.S., confiscate their freight and sell it, and otherwise disrupt the shipping of these enemy countries.

In Berry's book, Quentin Hale (a fictional character) explains:

"During the American Revolution," Hale said, "there were but 64 warships in the Continental navy. Those vessels captured 196 enemy ships. At the same time, there were 792 privateers, sanctioned by the Continental Congress, which captured or destroyed 600 British ships. During the War of 1812 it was even more dramatic. Only 23 navy ships, 254 enemy vessels captured. At the same time, 517 congressionally authorized privateers captured 1,300 ships. You can see the service we performed for this country."

About this, Berry, in his Author's Notes, says:

Privateers are a historical fact, as is their contribution to both the American Revolution and the War of 1812. ... What Quentin Hale [says] ... is true: Both the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 were won thanks to their efforts. The roots of the U.S. Navy lie squarely with privateers. George Washington himself acknowledged our great debt to them.

## **Synopsis**

Berry's story concerns a (fictional) group called the Commonwealth granted a Letter of Marque by George Washington which was subsequently approved by Congress. Founded by the scions of four of the nation's founding families, the Commonwealth continues to function into the current day, managed by the current family 'godfathers'. But their efforts have turned to questionable activities leading to extensive personal gain and sometimes at odds with the interests of the U.S.

According to the story, several presidents had tried, over the years, to disband the Commonwealth. A fundamental (but fictional) premise underlying the plot is that the Commonwealth arranged the assassination of the presidents who opposed them: Abraham Lincoln in 1865, James Garfield in 1881, William McKinley in 1901, and John F. Kennedy in 1963.

The story's kickoff is the attempted assassination of the (fictional) current-day president, Danny Daniels. Surviving the assassination attempt, Daniels engages the services of a former Secret Service agent, Cotton Malone, to 'bring down' the Commonwealth with the help of a team of a hand full of interesting characters.

It turns out that the key is to find the congressional record pages approving the Letter of Marque granted to the Commonwealth by George Washington. Whoever possesses these congressional record pages controls the Commonwealth: if it's the Commonwealth, then they can continue their activities with impunity; if it's President Daniel then he can blackmail them into non-existence; if it's the leader, Andrea Carbonell, of a fictional government office, NIA, then she can gain total governmental control by using the Commonwealth to support a coup d'état.

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<sup>2</sup> Privateers, properly credentialed by congressionally-approved Letters of Marque, are still possible through Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

Why the congressional record pages aren't available is the twist. According to the story, the Commonwealth had arranged for the assassination of Andrew Jackson because he opposed them. The assassination was unsuccessful, and Jackson punished the Commonwealth by removing the pages with their Letter of Marque's approval from the congressional records, hiding them, and sending the Commonwealth a coded message identifying the hiding place, saying "Succeed in learning its message and you will know where I have hidden what you crave. Fail and you remain the pathetic traitors that you are today."

The story follows the race among Daniels-supported, Commonwealth-supported and Carbonell-supported groups to decode the message and find the missing congressional record pages which, in effect, legitimize both the Commonwealth and its nefarious privateering as well as make them immune from prosecution for their activities.

## **Robert Patterson's Perfect Cipher**

In the book, Patterson's involvement is described by Andrea Carbonell:

"A friend of Jefferson's," she said, "Robert Patterson, a professor of mathematics, conceived what he called the perfect cipher. Jefferson was fascinated with codes. He loved Patterson's so much that, as president, he passed it to his ambassador in France for official use. Unfortunately, there is no record of its solution. Patterson's son, also named Robert, was appointed by Andrew Jackson as director of the U. S. Mint. That's probably how Jackson learned of the cipher and its solution. It's logical to assume that the son knew Old Hickory was a big fan of Thomas Jefferson."

Later in the book, there's a report by Dr. Gary Voccio, a (fictional) mathematician employed by an unnamed government intelligence group, who has finally broken the cipher just over two-hundred years after its development by Patterson:

DURING MY PRELIMINARY RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, I found correspondence that Robert Patterson, a mathematics professor at the University of Pennsylvania, wrote to Thomas Jefferson in December 1801. By then, Jefferson was president of the United States. Both Patterson and Jefferson were officials at the American Philosophical Society, a group that promoted scholarly research in the sciences and humanities. Both were also enthusiasts of ciphers and codes, regularly exchanging them. Patterson wrote, "The art of secret writing has engaged the attention both of the statesman and philosopher for many ages." But Patterson noted that most ciphers fall "far short of perfection." For Patterson the perfect code came with four properties: (1) It should be adaptable to all languages; (2) be simple to learn and memorize; (3) easy to read and write; and (4) most of all, "be absolutely inscrutable to all unacquainted with the particular key or secret for deciphering."

Patterson included with his letter an example of a cipher so difficult to decode that it "would defy the united ingenuity of the whole human race." Bold words from a man of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but that was before the existence of high-speed computer algorithms.

Patterson made the task especially difficult, explaining in his letter that, first, he wrote a message text vertically, in column grids, from left to right, using lowercase letters or spaces, with rows of 5 letters. He then added random letters to each line. To solve the cipher meant knowing the number of lines, the order in which those lines were transcribed, and the number of random letters added to each line. ...

The key to deciphering this code is a series of two-digit number pairs. Patterson explained in his letter that the first digit of each pair indicated the line number within a section, the second digit the number of letters added to the beginning of that row. Of course, Patterson never revealed the number keys, which has kept his cipher unsolved for 175 years. To discover this numeric key, I analyzed the probability of diagraphs. Certain pairs of letters simply do not exist in English, such as dx, while some almost always appear together, such as qu. To ascertain a sense of language patterns for Patterson and Jefferson's time I studied the 80,000 letter characters contained in Jefferson's State of the Union addresses and counted the frequency of diagraph occurrences. I then made a series of educated guesses such as the number of rows per section, which two rows belong next to one another, and the number of random letters inserted into a line. To vet these guesses I turned to a computer algorithm and what's called dynamic programming, which solves massive problems by breaking the puzzle down into component pieces and linking the solutions together. The overall calculations to analyze were fewer than 100,000, which is not all that tedious. It's important to note that the programs available to me are not available to the general public, which might explain why the cipher has remained unbroken. After a week of working the code, the computer discovered the numerical key:

33, 28, 71, 12, 56, 40, 85, 64, 97.

To utilize the key, let's return to the cipher rows themselves [and apply the key to the message to get the message:]

JEFFERSONWHEEL  
GYUOINESCVQXWHTZPKLDEMFRH  
ΔΦ:XΘ

The typically-Berry twist here is that the decoding of the message encoded using Peterson's 'Perfect Code' results in a message encrypted using yet another cipher, Jefferson's Wheel.

## Thomas Jefferson's Wheel

The Jefferson disk, or *wheel [cipher]* as Jefferson named it, ... is a cipher system using a set of wheels or disks, each with the 26 letters of the alphabet arranged around their edge. The order of the letters is different for each disk and is usually scrambled in some random way. Each disk is marked with a unique number. A hole in the centre of the disks allows them to be stacked on an axle. The disks are removable and can be mounted on the axle in any order desired. The order of the disks is the cipher key, and both sender and receiver must arrange the disks in the same predefined order. Jefferson's device had 36 disks.

([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson\\_disk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson_disk))



Peterson helped Jefferson develop his Wheel Cipher as indicated in the following from Berry's book:

"Nearly everything Jefferson owned was sold after his death to pay his creditors. Robert Patterson, the son of the man who was Jefferson's longtime friend, bought the wheel then from the estate. His father had helped Jefferson make it, so there was a sentimental attachment. The elder Patterson and Jefferson shared a love of codes."

[Cotton Malone] made the connection with what [President] Daniels had told him. The son Robert Patterson had worked for the government and provided Andrew Jackson with his

father's cipher. Apparently, he'd also suggested incorporating the wheel into the decoding process. Since there was only one [wheel] in the world, which Patterson himself owned, Old Hickory probably rested easy knowing that the Commonwealth would never decipher a thing.

In his Author's Notes, Berry says:

Jefferson's [wheel] cipher ... existed and was created by Robert Patterson. Jefferson himself considered it unsolvable, and it remained so from 1804 until 2009 when it was finally cracked by Lawren Smithline, a New Jersey mathematician. How the cipher was solved in this story ... mirrors Smithline's efforts. Patterson's son, also named Robert ..., was indeed appointed by Andrew Jackson as director of the U.S. Mint.

Along the way to decoding this second-level encryption, Monticello is destroyed and many 'bad guys' are killed. Such is the nature of this type of historical novel.

## **Resolution**

In the end, and as always, the 'good guys' win: President Daniels isn't assassinated, Cotton Malone's team beats the other teams to finding the congressional-record pages; Daniels' administration isn't overturned by a cote d'état; and the Commonwealth is destroyed.

It's left as an 'exercise for the reader' to find out how this resolution plays out.

## **William and Jane (Milford) Yewen Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiMorgan at att dot net*)**

We have often heard that William Ewing and his wife Elizabeth Milford were early ancestors, allegedly, of many Ewings that immigrated to America.<sup>1</sup>

I found a marriage that might be relevant to this possible heritage. In *First Presbyterian Church, A Register of Marriages, Baptisms and Communion: Marriage 1701-1746*,<sup>2</sup> is listed:

William Yewen married Jane Milford, 12 January 1738.

This church is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Reverend Dr. John Ewing (1732-1802) was a minister at this church in the mid-1700s. He was also Provost of the University of Pennsylvania and contributed to the determination of the Mason-Dixon Line.

<sup>1</sup> From Karen Avery: This could be true although many now question the name 'Milford'. My records reflect that William was a Baron and a merchant in Londonderry who was born about 1625. The place of birth is disputed. He married Elizabeth \_?\_ about 1647 in Scotland and they were the parents of John of Carnashannagh (c1643-1745) and Robert, William, and Patrick. We do have several men who follow their lineage down from this couple. The son, William, previously mentioned, is the father of Nathaniel and his half-brothers and sister who came to America and settled in Maryland and Virginia about 1725-1727.

<sup>2</sup> Family History Library, microfilm F3346

## ***Meet the People***

The *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* exists and functions only because of the considerable time and effort contributed by many volunteers. These volunteers have significantly contributed to making the *EFA* what it is today. They are responsible for making the *EFA* 'bigger and better'. They all welcome any and all suggestions you may have to increase the *Association's* scope and value.

Genealogist,  
BoD<sup>1</sup> Member at  
Large

Karen  
Avery

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Karen Avery began genealogical research in 1995. Her mother's Ewing family ancestry has eluded numerous researchers for over sixty years. Recently some ancestors have been found who were residing in Connecticut as early as the 1730s. Sisters Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Jane (Ewing) Weippert are 1<sup>st</sup> cousins of Karen. Beth and Jane's father is participant RC in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

Karen's Ewing database continues to grow and now totals over 9,500 Ewing-born individuals. Karen will be happy to search her database and help others in their search for ancestors.

Born and raised near Ft Wayne, Indiana, Karen is the wife of Commander Robert Avery, USN, Retired. Duty stations during twenty-four years of service included tours on both the east and west coasts, Gulf of Mexico, Guam and Hawaii before the family retired to northern Virginia in 1984.



BoD Member at  
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Daniel C.  
Ewing

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Daniel C. Ewing has belonged to the *Ewing Family Association* since the Gathering in Ft Wayne in 2006. His interest in family genealogy goes back to a childhood story that his ancestor came from Ireland. Dan didn't really pursue the story until perhaps twenty years ago when he began his search at the Ft Wayne Library's Genealogy Center. There he documented the arrival of his great-grandfather, George Alexander Ewing and his brother Robert Shaw Ewing in 1850. These boys stayed with their Shaw uncles in Michigan, where the family stayed for four generations. Dan has studied his branch of the Ewing family and a few other related families. George Alexander Ewing's father, Samuel, was born c1790 in Londonderry, married Jane Shaw c1830 and died March 1845 in Londonderry.

Dan lives in Ft Wayne, Indiana, married Lois, has four children and five grandchildren and is active in a Consulting Engineering Practice with his former employer. This year Dan and Lois will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Chancellor, BoD  
Member

David  
Neal  
Ewing

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David Neal Ewing has been a member of the *Ewing Family Association* since 1996 and has served as its Chancellor since 2006. He previously served as Chair of its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006. He is Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, which he founded in 2004, and he is a regular contributor to the *Association's* journal.

Dr. Ewing has a private practice in clinical geriatric neuropsychiatry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his M.D. degree from the University of New Mexico and did his residency at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.




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Member

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George William Ewing – Past Chair and Past Chancellor of the *Ewing Family Association* and great<sup>6</sup>-grandson of John of Carnashannagh – is a native of Muncie, Indiana and has been a resident of Battle Creek, Michigan since 1963. Now retired, he and his wife Marilyn spend the winter months in Boca Raton, Florida.



Former  
Chancellor  
1998-2004

Joseph  
Neff  
Ewing, Jr.

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Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr. is a former Chancellor of the *Ewing Family Association* (1998-2004). He is descended from Hon. John Kennedy Ewing's son, Samuel Evans Ewing, and a frequent contributor to the *Association's* journal providing valuable information about his ancestors and Ewings in general.



*EFA* Forum  
Coordinator,  
Webmaster

Martin S.  
Ewing

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Martin S. Ewing is the great-great-great-grandson of Noble Ewing (c1783-1846). He has been a member of the *Association* since about 2008. He established the *Association's* Forum. His computer has data on over 3,000 forebears, only a tiny number of whom are Ewings or Scot-Irish.

Martin is retired from careers in astronomy, engineering, and information technology. He received a Ph.D. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.A. from Swarthmore College. He maintains an active interest in amateur radio.



BoD Member at  
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Melvin A.  
Ewing, Jr.

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Mel Ewing is retired from a career in Law Enforcement and resides in California with his wife, Paula.



BoD Chair

Wallace  
K. Ewing

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Wallace K. 'Wally' Ewing considers himself a lifelong resident of the Grand Haven, Michigan area, although his schooling and career has taken him to many other places around the world.

Wally's pre-college education was in schools in Grand Haven and Chicago. He attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and received his bachelor and master degrees from Michigan State University in 1962 and 1964. He completed his doctoral studies in English at the University of Illinois in Champaign in 1971. He has taught at Michigan State University, Iowa State University and the University of Illinois. He was a Fulbright Lecturer in Tehran, Iran; he worked for the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, West Africa; and he supervised English teachers in Puerto Rican public schools. Wally was Dean of the College at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. It was upon completion of his work there that he returned to his hometown for good.

Upon retirement from the Red Cross in 1995, Wally worked as Curator of Education at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum for two years and subsequently became a volunteer for the Museum. In recognition of his work, the Museum twice named Wally 'Historian of the Year'.

In August, 2006, Wally married Betty Jane Pickel Livingston, and, after a two-week honeymoon in England, the newly-married couple flew to Dalian, China where Wally taught English writing and literature to Juniors at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics.



Wally and Jane eventually returned to Grand Haven, where Wally continues to research and write about local history and family genealogy. He has co-authored several books and articles on local history, including *Grand Haven Then and Now*, released in late 2009, and *Poet in Repose* an article about the dozen or so summers that the poet Edgar Lee Masters spent in the Grand Haven area. In 2011, Wally published three more books: *Ace in Spoken English*, a text book for Chinese university students learning English; *Slaves Soldiers Citizens, African Americans in Northwest Ottawa County*; and *From Home to Trench, the Civil War Letters of Mack and Nan Ewing*.

Archivist

Mary  
(Ewing)  
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Mary Ewing Gosline coordinated *Echoes of the Shenandoah*, the Association's 2008 Gathering.

A member of the *EFA* since 1990, she has been interested in family history since 1970 and is a descendent of John Ewing of Carnashannagh and his son Samuel. In 2005 she wrote a booklet on her great-grandfather's family, Joseph Henry Ewing (1837-1925) and Ann Louisa McDonald (1841-1918), Coles County and Douglas County, Illinois. Future plans are to extend this work to include ancestors and children of Joseph and Ann.

With a B.S. degree from DePauw University, she taught mathematics at the middle-school, high-school, and community-college levels.



Archivist

Esther  
(Ewing)  
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Esther Johnson claims a dual Ewing heritage through her mother, Lula Ewing Jackson (1888-1947). Well-documented research by Margaret Ewing Fife on Ewings who settled in Cecil Co., Maryland in the mid-1720s traces her line to a granddaughter of Nathaniel (1693-1748), Margaret 'Peggy' Ewing, who married Robert Ewing, a grandson of John Ewing (1698-1754) of East Nottingham, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, from the James Ewing of Inch line.

Esther joined 'Clan Ewing' in 1990 and has missed only one gathering since then. In 2004 she helped plan and coordinate the gathering in Cecil Co. Maryland.

Since retiring from Federal Government service in 1991, she has carried on a very busy tax practice as a Maryland CPA.

Merchandise  
CoordinatorVirginia  
Ewing  
Okie*VOkie at digital dot net*

Virginia Ewing Okie was born Virginia Ewing Hustead. When she married, she kept her middle name, Ewing, to recognize that she was named after her maternal great-grandmother, Belle Kennedy Ewing, a daughter of Hon. John Kennedy Ewing. Her genealogical research concerns the Evans, Hustead, Loudon, McClelland, Rowe, Willard and Willson families

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William Ewing Riddle is a great-great-great-grandson of Squire James Ewing (son of Alexander who was son of James Ewing of Inch Island). Bill is a Webmaster for the Association's website and Editor of its *Journal*.

Outside his genealogical work, Bill helps organizations certify that their software development procedures satisfy regulatory requirements and lead to high-quality products. He holds advanced degrees from Cornell and Stanford and has worked in academia, industry and government.



Membership  
Coordinator

Jill  
(Ewing)  
Spitler

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Jill joined the *Ewing Family Association* in 1998 when Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing and his wife Dorothy visited and stayed with her and her brother Joe in Loudonville, Ohio. Ellsworth had written to Joe a couple of times thinking we might be related, because Ellsworth's family came from Hayesville, just a few miles down the road in Ashland Co., Ohio.

Jill has, until recently, been a Board Member since the Board was first formed in San Antonio, Texas. She has also been Board Chair, the organizer of the Lancaster, Ohio Gathering, instrumental in starting the Research Room as a get-acquainted and find-information resource for gathering attendees, and Editor of the *Ewing Family Journal* for four years. She continues to be the *Association's* Membership Coordinator.



BoD Member at  
Large

Eleanor  
(Ewing)  
Swineford

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I have been a member of the *Ewing Family Association* since 1990 when the biennial gathering was held in Cecil Co., Maryland. My father was Rev. Dewey Ewing born in Ashland Co., Ohio while my mother, Edith Merrill, was from Westerville, Ohio. They met while students at Otterbein College in Westerville. My father served in the ministry for 48 years and he passed away just a few years after he retired. He was called upon to preach at many family funerals and officiate at family weddings. He knew many of his ancestors and had kept a large collection of hand-written records.

Since 1950, I have extended our family records. I have thousands of records and documents in my library on both sides of my family. My mother's ancestors include some of the early-settler Ewings in New Jersey. I have worked many years from military records, birth records, cemetery inventories, and many courts records from several states. My first Ewings – who came from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, in 1814 – were John and Anna Maria (Heichold) Ewing. John and his brother, William, were the sons of James Ewing who died in 1776 in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

I retired, after 32 years, as Payroll Manager and Supervisor of a large company and live in Arkansas. From January until April I work for H and R Block.

I am working with the DAR on its Historical Preservation Project and preserving old bible records. My Patriot was from New York. I volunteer at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History. This is a great pleasure; every day is a new adventure in my genealogy research as I continue to find more and more interesting information.



Secretary, BoD  
Member

Beth  
(Ewing)  
Toscas

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Beth (Ewing) Toscas has belonged to the *Ewing Family Association* since 2004. Her interest in genealogy reaches back to the early 1970s when she first visited Scotland. More recently she embarked on a genealogical search for her earliest Ewing immigrant. After extensive research with the assistance of her sister, Jane (Ewing) Weippert, and cousin, Karen Avery, that vital fact still remains elusive. However, Beth has learned a tremendous amount about her father's family. The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project has confirmed her family's place within the larger Ewing group.

In 2006, Beth assisted with the *Association's* Gathering in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

Beth and her husband, Michael, reside in Ft Wayne. Beth has a B.S. from Purdue University and has worked as a Human Resources professional for the past thirty years.



Treasurer, BoD  
Member

Jane  
(Ewing)  
Weippert

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Jane and her husband, William, live in rural Cecil, Ohio where they raised three daughters. Jane worked for over thirty years as a bookkeeper for her Ewing-family landscape business. She now keeps busy with helping her 88 year-old father and babysitting her two grandsons. She frequently fills in at her husband's chiropractic office. Jane has been interested in genealogy for nearly a decade.



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

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

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

The Board of Directors of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* had some difficulty deciding on an official position to take in the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland regarding Clan Ewen. This was mainly because of our unfamiliarity with the process and what constraints the Lord Lyon may be operating under. The Board agreed that the best way to deal with this would be to establish some general guidelines and to authorize formation of a small committee to participate in the *derbhfine*<sup>1</sup> on behalf of the *EFA*. This is the motion adopted by the Board of Directors on July 23, 2011:

The Lord Lyon in Scotland has invited participation of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* in a *derbhfine* he is convening to determine whether he should formally recognize Clan Ewen. The Board of Directors (BoD) feels that this decision will have an impact on many members of the *EFA*, so the *EFA* should represent their interests before the Lord Lyon, recognizing that not everyone has the same interests.

The BoD realizes that the meeting will probably proceed as a kind of negotiation, so rather than establish a detailed official position, the BoD has decided to establish some general guidelines and to create a *EFA* Clanship Committee to develop and negotiate the details.

The BoD feels that the official position of the *EFA* shall be:

- in favor of maintaining cordial and collegial relations with all persons participating in the discussion,
- in favor of respecting the beliefs and sensibilities of others even when there are disagreements as to matters of fact,
- in favor of respecting historical evidence,
- in favor of welcoming all interested persons to full participation in whatever Clan or Clans may be formed, and
- in favor of adequate recognition of the fact that the Ewings of Lennox have a distinct history, identity and armorial tradition.

The BoD hereby designates David Neal Ewing to lead this committee and arrange for additional *EFA* members of his choosing to participate. Keeping the general principles outlined above in mind, they are to seek agreement with the other participants in the meeting, and to support whichever candidates for Chief or Commander may seem appropriate at the time.

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<sup>1</sup> A *derbhfine* is a 'family convention.' For details about this, see [www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html](http://www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html).

In a separate motion, the Board also authorized the expenditure of up to a total of \$500 to support travel expenses of committee members who attend the *derbhfine* in Edinburgh, though until we have a firm date for the meeting, we cannot determine whether any of us will be able to attend in person. Some or all of us may participate rather via a videoconference link of some kind. I have appointed *EFA* Board Chair Wallace K. Ewing, former Chancellor Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., and John Thor Ewing to the committee. The Lord Lyon has still not announced a date for the *derbhfine*, but we will post news about developments on the *EFA* Forum and keep all members informed of progress in future issues of this *Journal*.

## **EFA Tax Exempt Status**

As the last issue of this *Journal* was going to press we received word that the IRS had officially approved the *EFA* as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity organization, retroactively to December 8, 2008, the date we officially reincorporated as the *Ewing Family Association*. This means that from that date forward, contributions to the *EFA* are tax deductible for the donor.

*Clan Ewing in America* was first incorporated in 1995 as a 501(c)(7) tax-exempt organization. This section of the IRS code applies to social and fraternal organizations. The IRS has repeatedly determined that organizations formed primarily to do genealogical research on a single family and to foster social gatherings of the family are governed by this section. At its inception, *Clan Ewing in America* was focused on a 'single family', the American descendants of William Ewing of Stirling. Organizations of this kind do not have to pay taxes on their 'profits' (not that there is any danger that we will ever earn a profit), but they are not eligible to receive tax-exempt donations, and they are not exempt from paying sales taxes or getting certain discounts on postage, etc., that are available only to 501(c)(3) organizations.

Gradually, the focus of *Clan Ewing in America* broadened to include other Ewing families and also families with names similar to Ewing, to welcome international participation and to provide educational resources to the general public. This process culminated in the name change to *Ewing Family Association* in September 2008, and we officially incorporated under the new name in New Mexico on December 8, 2008. The Bylaws of the *EFA* were last amended on January 12, 2010, to make explicit that the primary purpose of the organization is now educational. As you can imagine, it took some explaining to convince the IRS that this was sufficient to justify a change in our tax-exempt status.<sup>2</sup>

As this 'explaining' includes a rather clear statement of the purpose of the *EFA*, I will quote most of the letter here:

You [the IRS Exempt Organizations Specialist assigned to our case] quoted an IRS Headnote under 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 to help establish whether the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* may fall under the category "Genealogical research; private interest." [which is explicitly excluded from 501(c)(3) eligibility] I will address the numbered criteria in order.

1. The *EFA* does NOT limit membership to descendants of a particular family. When we spoke, you commented about the History paragraph that appears at

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<sup>2</sup> The IRS initially thought we should still be classed under 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 as an organization for "Genealogical research; private interest," and so not eligible for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Most of my letter to the IRS that convinced them to reconsider is copied in the next paragraph, but if you want to see the whole letter, it is available at: [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/IRS\\_Exempt\\_Organizations\\_110320.pdf](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/IRS_Exempt_Organizations_110320.pdf).

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index\\_About.html#purposes](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/index_About.html#purposes).

Please notice that this says that the founder of our predecessor organization (*Clan Ewing in America*) thought he was founding a single-family organization, but the following paragraph says that we realized that in fact many different, unrelated families were already members of the organization, and we changed the name and purposes of the organization to reflect much more general interest. This partly explains why we were originally organized as a fraternal organization and are now applying as an educational organization. Please refer to Section 3.1 of the Bylaws, Qualification of Members, which clearly states that membership is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the organization. This article also speaks about persons with the surname Ewing, but says nothing about descent or relatedness. Though it does not explicitly mention other surnames, in fact we are also interested in studying numerous other surnames. Please refer to the website at;

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

where you can see in the first paragraph that we are analyzing Y-DNA data from men of many different surnames, "including Ewan, Ewen, Ewin, McEwen..." and many other surnames. Finally, you can refer to the Results of our Y-DNA Project, which demonstrate that we have collected and analyzed Y-DNA samples from no fewer than 40 different biologically unrelated family lines, and another 11 different family lines that appear to have a biological relationship with one another, but we have no conventional documentation of a genealogical relationship. Only a fraction of the members of the *EFA* have had Y-DNA testing; surely if all were tested the number of unrelated lines would be found to be larger. Interpreting the Y-DNA Results requires a fair amount of study, but if you would like to look at the results, please go to

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_ProjectResults/ResultsIntroduction.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_ProjectResults/ResultsIntroduction.html).

In addition to data on Ewings and a long list of orthographically but not biologically related surnames (McEwen, etc.), you will find results on men named Smith, Young, Jerney and Hodges, who have joined the project in hopes of finding a family in the project they might be related to.

2. In fact, though we do not "compile" modern genealogical data, we do provide a mechanism for members to post the genealogical data they have compiled. This and all information that we gather is accessible free of charge to members of the general public; access is not restricted to members of the *EFA* and there is no charge to members or non-members. Members of the *EFA* are of many different religions and nationalities, and of many different unrelated families. Our organization has nothing to do with religion. And again, we do NOT collect genealogical information on a single family, but rather on many families.
3. I do not understand what is meant by "presents the data to designated libraries." Numerous libraries all around the country subscribe to our *Journal*, but there is no "presentation" of data to "designated" libraries. Of course, all of our data and other resources are freely accessible on-line from any library in the world that has Internet access.
4. We do not publish volumes of family history. The only thing we publish is a quarterly journal, which contains some articles on the family history of different, unrelated families (some including substantial amounts of information on non-Ewings), but also scholarly

articles on topics as diverse as anthropological genetics, European pre-history, and demographics such as those pertaining to surname distribution. Though we do not publish volumes of family history, we have posted electronic copies of some volumes of various family histories that are either in the public domain or we have obtained permission from the authors to do so. Just as with the genealogical data of our members, these resources are available for free to the general public.

5. We sponsor a biennial gathering of the *EFA*, but this is a business and educational meeting attended by members of many different families. To be sure, many of our members have become friends and they socialize with one another at the gathering every other year, but this is not the main purpose of the gatherings. We do not sponsor any other kind of social activities.

I understand that our name, the *Ewing Family Association*, can be misleading. In fact, we are a Surname Interest Society and not a Family organization. We mean by the name an association of Ewing Families, where "Ewing" is a shorthand way of referring to all of the names derived from the Celtic name usually transcribed in English as Eòghainn. There are dozens of such names and almost certainly several hundred unrelated families bearing the names. We think this is interesting to many members of the general public. Indeed, I was invited to address the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Genetic Genealogy in Houston in March 2009 because the results of our project and the methods we have developed to display them were of general interest to numerous Y-DNA studies. We have been at the forefront of developing this emerging science.

## **Please Consider Making Tax-deductible Donations to the *EFA***

Any amount donated by individuals to the *EFA* that is in excess of the value of goods or services received is now tax deductible as a charitable donation. *EFA* annual membership dues are \$25, which includes a subscription to the *Ewing Family Journal*. The subscription is worth \$20 and that portion of the dues is not tax deductible, but the remaining \$5 of the dues is deductible, beginning with any payments made after December 8, 2008. That's nice, but the amount of tax savings from this hardly makes it worth entering the deduction on your tax form. Of course, larger gifts will result in larger tax deductions.

The \$25 per member annual dues barely covers the operating expenses of the *EFA*. We would like to be able to support more records acquisition and research into topics of general interest to our members. This has long been a tradition in the *EFA*; thirty-eight members contributed to a Research Fund in 1991, which allowed Jim McMichael to hire the researchers in Ireland and Scotland that prepared the reports posted on our website.<sup>3</sup> Others contributed to a 'Special Activities Fund' in 2006-2007.

On July 18, 2011, the *EFA* Board allocated \$1000 from the *EFA*'s Special Activities Fund to the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project to support testing of carefully selected individuals whose results may be of general interest to the project, and \$500 to the purchase of some 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century Scottish records, including especially some wills that we hope might allow us to document the Scottish origins of some

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<sup>3</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/research/index\\_Research.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/research/index_Research.htm)

Ulster Ewing families.<sup>4</sup> Tax-deductible donations from our members will allow us to continue and expand our tradition of supporting research efforts of this kind. Proposals for new research projects and volunteers to help conduct projects in progress are welcome.

Anyone wishing to support this work can send a check to our treasurer, Jane Weippert.<sup>5</sup> One can also contribute directly to testing in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project by going to [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/ewing](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/ewing), and then under *General Fund* clicking on *Click here* and following the directions that come up on the next page.

*David Neal Ewing*

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

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

In May Jane and I drove to Gallipolis from our hometown of Grand Haven, taking about nine hours to travel the 465 miles. When my Ewing ancestors ventured westward with all their possessions along the Kanawha River and into the Ohio Valley during their migration to Gallia County<sup>6</sup> in 1810, I imagine they traveled for at least a week. Their temporary destination, Gallipolis, stretching along the north side of the wide Ohio, was made up mostly of displaced Frenchmen and their families. In fact, the name Gallipolis means 'City of the Gauls'. 'Gaul', as you may remember, is how the Romans referred to the geographic area we now call France. The adjective 'Gallic' comes from the same Latin stem. The name of the county where my ancestors settled in Ohio, Gallia, is a derivative of the same Latin word.

The Ordinance of 1787, establishing the Northwest Territory and encompassing six eventual states, had been implemented and the westward expansion of the United States was well underway by 1810. In spring that year William 'Swago Bill' and Mary McNeill Ewing joined 'Indian John' Ewing and his family and many of their neighbors who had settled nine years earlier in the western region of Gallia County, where government land could be bought for \$2.00 an acre. William's aim was to leave the mountains and procure more arable land for his ever-growing family. He may have been attracted there because of his participation at the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.

The Ewing train covering the 160 miles consisted of three covered wagons fitted out with living quarters, twelve horses, and several head of sheep, swine, and cows. They carried the provisions necessary for the overland trail, as well as the equipment and tools they would need to build a new home. They fashioned rafts at Point Pleasant, Virginia (now West Virginia) and made several trips to ferry their train across the Ohio. The journey was not over when they regrouped on the northern shore; their final destination was a bend on the Raccoon River in Section 11 of Huntington Township, about 20 miles farther west. There my eleven-year old great-great-grandfather, Enoch, the son of William and Mary, once again was surrounded by McNeills, Radabaughs, and other members of the extended family,

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<sup>4</sup> A number of interesting records are available on [www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](http://www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk). Some of the indexes on this site can be searched at no charge, but images and transcriptions of original documents are available only on a paid basis. I have been discussing with Thor Ewing which of these documents might be the most informative. We would welcome the participation of any interested person in making decisions about this and in analyzing the documents we purchase and reporting what we learn in the *Journal* and on the website.

<sup>5</sup> Jane Weippert, Treasurer, *Ewing Family Association*, 17721 RD 123, Cecil, Ohio 45821

<sup>6</sup> A map of Gallia County appears on page 57.

including his best friend, Billy McNeill. Billy, the son of Enoch's uncle Gabriel McNeill, was four months older than Enoch. As boys, they played together on Swago Creek in Pocahontas County and continued their friendship after both families moved to Ohio. In nearby Jackson County, Enoch in 1821 would meet and marry the love of his life, Susannah Radabaugh.

Swago Bill and Mary had left their Swago Creek home without selling it, but on December 1, 1812 it passed into the hands of Sampson Matthews for "\$1,200 current money of the State of Virginia." Two pieces of red sandstone from the chimney of the house on Swago Creek are in my garden today. Swago Bill and his family were settled in by early July 1810, the date of the first meeting and election of the newly formed Huntington Township, which William and his son Thomas attended.

Swago Bill had bought the entire northeast quarter of Section 11, 160 acres in all, for \$2.00 an acre, payable at a rate of \$80 down and \$80 a year until settled. On July 22, 1817 he received a grant, signed by President James Monroe, which acknowledged payment in full. Son Thomas bought an adjoining eighty acres. The task that faced William and Thomas was daunting, but typical for frontier settlers: to convert 240 acres of dense woods to land for planting. Trees were felled, stumps pulled, brush burned, and the job was done – except for tilling, seeding, cultivating, and harvesting. They fashioned the trees into usable lumber for homes, outbuildings, and fences. Over time, the forest became meadow and the meadow became farmland. The Swago Bill house was ready for occupancy by the spring of 1812, allowing the family to vacate the temporary structure they had lived in for two years. Their new two-story home was built with hewn logs, stones for a chimney, and muscle. It was on this site, Section 11 of Huntington Township, Gallia County that Enoch spent his formative years, neighbor to many relatives and friends.

As Jane and I approached Gallipolis some weeks ago, I had a feeling akin to what affected me the previous year, when we traipsed across meadows near Kilfinan, Scotland and climbed a rocky crest to find the remains of Castle MacEwen.<sup>7</sup> Gallia County and Kilfinan were my ancestors' haunts. A year from now, we will have our 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis. Might Kilfinan be next?

*Wally Ewing*

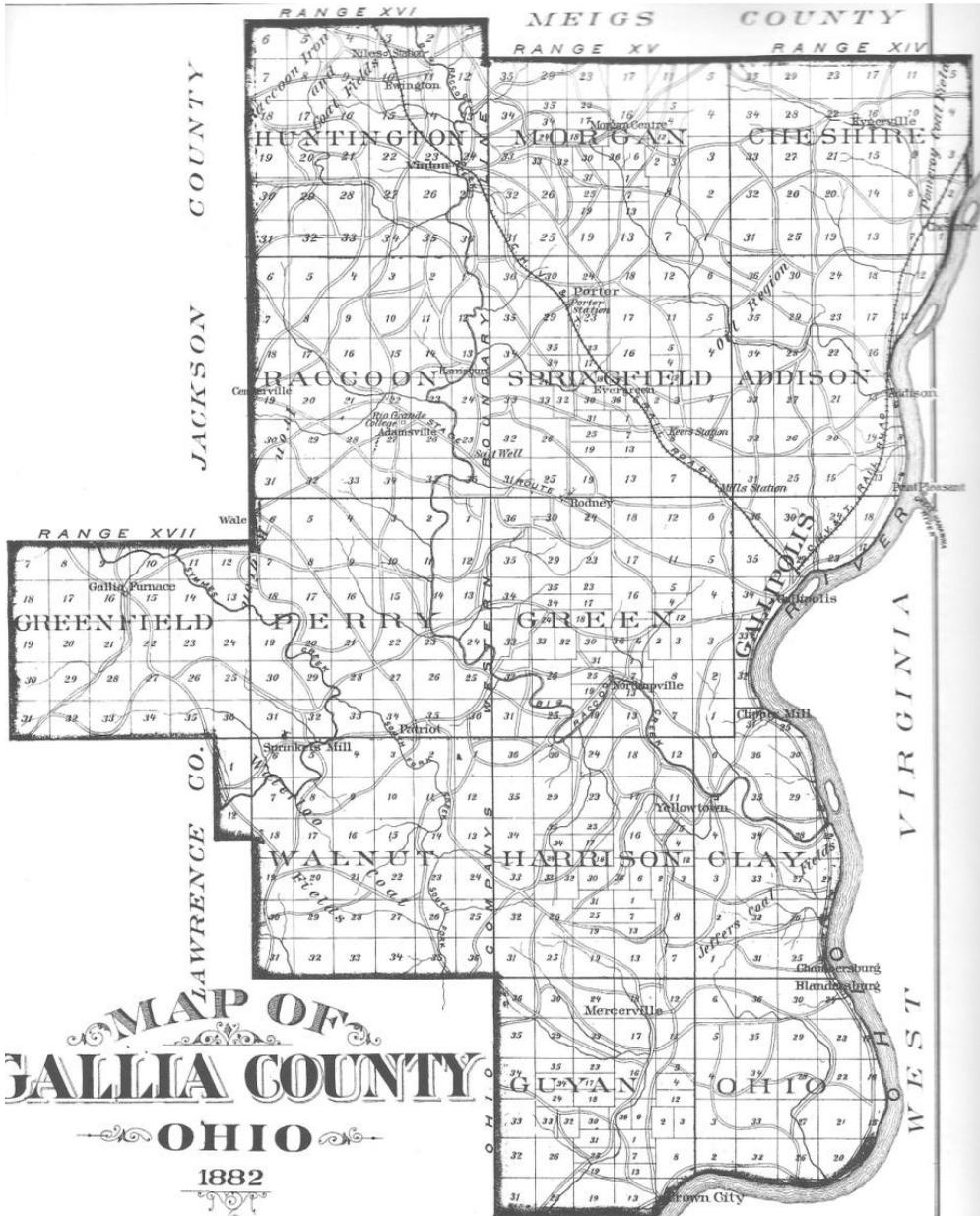
## ***Archivists' Message***

**Mary (Ewing) Gosline (*Mary at gosline dot net*) and Esther (Ewing) Johnson (*EJohnson30 at verizon dot net*), EFA Archivists**

Daniel Ewing and Beth Toscos (Members of the Archives Committee) visited with Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center and Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL), Ft Wayne, Indiana on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 to discuss the possibility of the ACPL holding the *Ewing Family* Wayne, Indiana on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 to discuss the possibility of the ACPL holding the *Ewing Family Association's (EFA's)* Archive and what this would mean to the EFA. Wally and Jane Ewing also attended to discuss the donation of Wally's family memorabilia and genealogy-research materials to the ACPL.

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<sup>7</sup> Ewing, Wallace K. *Walking With Ghosts Near the Shores of Loch Fyne*, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 3/4 (August/November 2010), pp. 1-5



1882 Map of Gallia County. Gallipolis is on the Ohio River. Pt. Pleasant is across the river from Gallipolis and slightly north. The small town of Ewington is in Huntington Township in the upper left corner. (From: *History of Gallia County*, Hardesty & Co., 1882, reprint May 1976)

Beth Toscos reports:

Wally and Jane generously and graciously handed over Wally's family archives, complete with photos, bibles, diaries and copies of his Civil War letters to the ACPL for permanent archiving. The ACPL will digitize everything that they can. They will store the very precious documents in their sub-basement 'dark room' which is atmospherically controlled. When Wally produced Swago Bill's Bible, I think we almost lost Curt Witcher. He was so excited! I can't speak for Wally, but I believe he feels he has made a very good choice for housing his materials.



(left to right) Wallace K. Ewing, Curt Witcher, Beth Toscos, Daniel C. Ewing.

If the Board of Directors, the Archives Committee and the general membership are willing, Wally's dedication of materials will form the basis for the *Ewing Family Association* Archives being housed at the ACPL. Their digitization process is lengthy, and Curt Witcher told us that Wally's materials will be ear-marked for completion by the time our gathering in Gallipolis begins in September of 2012. Knowing the quantity of materials we have housed in Cecil County makes this a multi-year project if we decide that we wish to undertake a project to either move materials to the ACPL and/or digitize them and then return them to Cecil County. There will be no cost to the *Association* for digitization, and, in fact, CDs would be available to members free of charge. (Of course, everything would be on-line as well.)

I asked Curt if we could remove the Archives periodically. He was less excited about this and said it could be a discussion point. His concern is that if there are very old documents then once they are housed in an atmospherically controlled environment, removing them can cause a great deal of damage to the paper. I couldn't address with him how much of our Archives are original documents as opposed to research copies. Mary (Ewing) and Esther (Ewing) can perhaps help us out with some information regarding this. Failing periodic removal, the 'dark rooms' can be made available for researchers, but those documents would never be housed in the open stacks.

Some of our materials might be bound and stored in the stacks. We saw an extensive collection belonging to the Ellingham family (same stack as the current Ewing collection) which has been suitably bound. You can see digitization of this family's documents by visiting [www.acpl.info](http://www.acpl.info) and clicking on Family Files and Collections. Another Family collection that Curt referenced is the Pence family of Virginia.

The ACPL will not digitize any copyrighted material without permission of the authors or heirs to the copyright. They will digitize any books deemed to be in the public domain.

I hope this answers some questions and gives us a basis for moving forward with a discussion on the disposition of the *Association's* archival material. I believe we are expecting Jim McMichael's collection. I don't know, but would expect it to be quite extensive. This might be a good collection to place at the ACPL.

Curt Witcher indicated that the organization of the materials is critical to the ACPL's ability to 1) make sense of genealogical relationships, and 2) digitize the material in an organized and

efficient manner. The Cecil County Archives are wonderfully organized so digitization would be smooth and orderly.

Final decisions about moving the *EFA* archives won't be made for some time, but we should encourage our members to take a look at the [www.acpl.info](http://www.acpl.info) website to see what the ACPL has done with other family's records.

## ***Membership News***

**Jill (Ewing) Spittler, Membership Coordinator (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*)**

I've been contacting our long-time members to find out what they are up to so the membership-at-large can hear about it through an item in the *Keeping Up With the Ewings* section.

Please don't wait for me to contact you. For example, send me postcards from the places, on both sides of the pond, you visit to conduct your genealogical research, visit your Ewing cousins and other relatives, or take an R&R vacation. Failing that, let me know about births, deaths, birthdays, get-togethers, new-cousin discoveries, accomplishments, graduations, recognitions/awards, retirements, volunteering, etc. within the 'you and yours' part of the Ewing 'forest'. Each of us keeps up with our immediate family and close cousins. Some of us publish a family newsletter or aspire to do this. Please let me help you create such a newsletter and give it a broad circulation by sharing your what's-happening information to include in the *Keeping Up With the Ewings* section. As an incentive, Bill Riddle, the *Journal's* Editor, promises to send you a reprint of the *Keeping Up With the Ewings* section that you can distribute to your family, cousins and friends.

New members have been joining at a very noticeably increasing rate; we now receive two-to-three new-member applications every month. A few of them come from people mistakenly filling out the Membership Form rather than the Query Form to pose questions about their Ewing heritage. These people send in the Membership Form with their questions but then never follow-up with a check for the Membership Fee to 'seal the deal' and make them a paid-up member who benefits from associating with us and receiving the *Journal*. Some new members start by sending in a query and then finding the high value they receive through interactions with Karen Avery, the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* Genealogist, and the others she gets involved in answering their questions and supporting their research. Others attend a gathering, make friends, enjoy the camaraderie, and continue their association by joining. Others discover the *EFA* through our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, first joining the project and then joining the *EFA* in order to broaden the exploration of their heritage beyond the dozen-or-so Ewing lines currently represented in the project's 130-or-so participants. Still others, it appears, find us by surfing the Internet and then realizing they have a strong affinity with the *EFA*; this includes many with surnames other than Ewing. Whatever the reason, the broadening of the *EFA's* scope and visibility over the past few years is apparently having a very positive effect.

I wouldn't be able to do my membership coordination work without the most welcome and very valuable help of others: Jane Weippert, our Treasurer, helps me focus attention upon people whose memberships are about to lapse and need reminders about paying their membership fee; Karen Avery, our Genealogist, helps me welcome new members by sending them information about their heritage that she finds in her incredibly large Ewing genealogy database and subsequently interacting with them to sort out the inevitable 'discrepancies' and move their genealogical research one or two steps further; and Bill Riddle, our Webmaster and *Journal* Editor, by assembling, organizing and 'beautifying' the large number of little pieces that constitute every Membership Message. I am profusely thankful for their help.

*Jill Spittler*

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

**Daniel Todd 'Dan' Ewing** (Member #1111) lives in Fleming Island, Florida and may be contacted at *Dan.Ewing at sanofi-aventis dot com*.

My name is Daniel Todd 'Dan' Ewing. I was born in Washington, D.C. in 1968. I am married to Katherine Marie (Ogle) Ewing (born 1970 in Ft Knox, Kentucky) and we have two daughters, thirteen and ten years old. We live in Fleming Island, Florida. I grew up with my four brothers: Douglas III, Darren, Dean and Dale. All of us were born and raised in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

My lineage is:

great<sup>3</sup>-grandparents: George Ewing; born 1808, West Indies (This information is from census data but it is not confirmed.)

great-great-grandparents: George Ewing, born 1848, Philadelphia, PA; m. Emma Augusta Krieger (born 1847, Germany)

great-grandparents: Clarence Washington Ewing; born 1878, Philadelphia, PA; died 1966; m. Cora Catherine Decker (born 1878, Bethlehem, PA; died 1922)

grandparents: Douglas Trissillian Ewing, born 1908, Philadelphia, PA; died 1992; m. Thelsa Hennis (born 1913, Philadelphia, PA; died 2003)

parents: Douglas Trissillian Ewing II; born Philadelphia, PA; m. Francine Silver (born New York City)

I have a good family history for my father's maternal side, but unfortunately my father's paternal side is missing much needed pieces of the puzzle. One of my many lifetime goals is to find out more information about my paternal lineage. My grandfather's (Douglas Trissillian Ewing's) mother died when he was only fourteen years old, and shortly thereafter he left home, and I am left with little known about the history of my paternal Ewing lineage.

Not only am I in pursuit of my paternal Ewing heritage but also my specific Y-DNA haplogroup. To find out if there are any known 37-marker matches, I decided to participate in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. What I found out was interesting in that I was a 37-marker match to about ten people, all in the Orr family distributed all over the U.S. I was only a 37-marker match to these Orrs, and currently to no one named 'Ewing'. In fact, with one of the Orrs I was a perfect match and we have over a 90% probability that by the eighth generation we have the same great-grandfather, who he tells me is his eighth generation grandfather, John Orr. John Orr, he says, was born about 1700 in Northern Ireland and he advised me that there is an entire book about the Orrs in the Uhr area of Ireland. It shows that John's son James came to the U.S. from Ireland between 1725 and 1770. As you might expect, this posed many, many more questions for me than answers. In reaching out to most of these Orrs, they shared with me that they are all related in some fashion (cousins, etc.) and they trace their roots to Northern Ireland and Scotland. What makes this even more interesting is the article on page 46 of the *Ewing Family Journal*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011) regarding Orr-Ewings in Scotland. Is this a coincidence or is there a relationship?

David N. Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, suggested that I broaden the scope of my Y-DNA investigations:

Christopher McCown has started a Eòghainn/Eòin/Còmhgh project. These are Gaelic surnames that are or may be ancestral to Ewing and numerous other modern-day surnames, and Chris is looking for patterns of connection in Y-DNA results. He would appreciate you joining the project. This costs nothing and is easy to do. If you want to

participate, just go to your FTDNA Personal Page, click on 'Join Projects' on the left-hand side of the page, and then select the Eòghainn/Eòin/Còmhgh project.

This Y-DNA project expanded my knowledge about and understanding of my haplogroup, and I was able to connect with the famous scientist Anatole Klyosov (the author and editor of many DNA Genealogy texts and articles) on my R1a1 results along with my subgroups. He has told me:

You undoubtedly belong to the 'Young Scandinavian lineage' (YS), which some people call 'the Norse' lineage. That lineage arose approximately 2300 years ago (2300+/-300 years before present), at the end of BC. It split from the 'Old Scandinavian lineage' which has a common ancestor about 3500 years ago. It came from the Russian Plain (East European Plain) either those 3500 years ago or some [time] later. A characteristic 'signature' of the Young Scandinavian lineage is a pair 19-21 in YCAII markers.

It seems that this lineage was carried to the British Islands by the Vikings in the 8-11<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. The Donald Clan lineage (McDonalds) belongs to the same 'Young Scandinavian' lineage; however, it arose only about 650 years ago. They also have [the] 19-21 'signature'. However, your haplotype does not belong to the Donald Clan lineage, which was originated by John, Lord of the Isles in the middle of 1300s.

So, [the] history of your ancestors is that they belong to the R1a1 tribe, which came to Europe from Central Asia (though they were Europeids anthropologically, as well as R1b1, who also came from Central Asia and now take about 60% of Western and Central in Europe) about ten thousand years ago. When R1b1 came to Europe (as Bell Beakers) 4800 years ago, they pushed R1a1 to move from Europe to the East, to the Russian Plain. From there R1a1 [have] moved in all directions, and, among other things, came to India as the Aryans, 3500 years ago.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC the R1a1 had re-populated Europe, and that was your ancestors [who] moved westward, to Europe, apparently to Scandinavia. There they became the Vikings, moved to the Isles, and brought there your haplotype.

You can read the story in more detail on my website [aklyosov.home.comcast.net](http://aklyosov.home.comcast.net). Go to the end, find a gallery of *Proceedings of the Russian Academy of DNA Genealogy*, download the issue of 2010 August, Vol. 3, No. 8, and read the article on pp. 1325-1358. The paper is about some lineages of the Young Scandinavian branch, particularly in Scotland.

Your 37-marker haplotype differs from the YS base haplotype by nine mutations, from which only three mutations are 'solid'. The rest belongs to 'fast' and 'jumpy' mutations. At any rate, it places your direct ancestors to the 'bottom' of the YS lineage.

As to the 'matches', never mind. They are practically all non-informative. Plain coincidences. Products of statistical games.

David Neal Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, subsequently commented:

Anatole Klyosov is well known in the genetic genealogy community and has in fact published a fair amount on the subject of anthropological genetics, mostly in Russian but also in English. He has strong opinions about many issues, and he often takes positions that are controversial. I am sure he would agree that this brief discussion of the interactions of men from haplogroups R1b1 and R1a1 is much oversimplified. Still, it is

true that your Y-DNA matches a pattern that is commonly thought to represent 'Norse' Y-DNA. Scottish men of many surnames have Y-DNA similar to this, especially those with deep roots in the western Highlands and Islands. It is actually a little surprising to me that you are the first Ewing we have found in this haplogroup. An important point to remember is that we cannot equate Y-DNA haplogroups with ethnic or national groups, or even family groups. All human groups of any size (including certainly the *EFA*) include representatives of several different haplogroups.

**Lisa Diann (Ewings) Finstein** (Member # 1121) lives in Lubbock, Texas. She may be contacted at *Lisa.Finstein at att dot net*.

My earliest Ewing ancestor is William Ewing (1604-1718). I live in Lubbock, Texas. I descend from Maine-immigrant Ewings, in particular, Deacon Joseph Ewing, Sr. (1719-1790) and Elizabeth Merryman (1716-1794). 90% of my genealogy research thus far has been through Internet sources. I have been researching my genealogy since 1998, and I currently have approximately 7,300 individuals in my genealogy database, spanning all branches of my ancestry.

I'm interested in all aspects of genealogy research, and I have professional clinical research experience, which probably explains it. My major current problem is finding time to verify and document my Internet discoveries. I am working on my masters degree but devote a majority of my free time to my passion, genealogy.

**Message from Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*):**

It is my distinct pleasure to send out a big welcome to you.

You are in luck in that we have a member of the same lines of which you speak who has participated in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project: Darrell Francis Ewing (DF, Group 1\*). You can view the results about his and other groups in the project by going to:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/SiteMap\\_YDNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html)

and clicking on the links to the various groups' diagrams and tables. You can view the personal lineage for Darrell Francis Ewing by clicking on the DF link in the 'Lineage Charts' part of this page.

There seems to be incorrect information on the Internet about the parents of Deacon Joseph Ewing (1719-1790). I can't confirm that your line goes back to William Ewing (1604-1718) via John of Carnashannagh. This part of your lineage needs some additional investigation.

**Response by Lisa (Ewings) Finstein**

Thank you for your EMail and the information. I look forward to reviewing the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's information.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help out with research activities.

**Response by Karen Avery**

Thank you for your offer to help on research. We will happily take you up on that offer. We are all volunteers and are often a tad bit overwhelmed by the work load!

I am sure you will have some questions when you have had a chance to read the February and May issues of the *Ewing Family Journal*. We are a very active group, and there are several subjects of interest at the moment. We welcome each new member in the *Journal* and would like for you to prepare a little something about your lineage to share with the entire membership.

In addition to your heritage, I'd like to hear why the 's' appears in your 'Ewings' surname.

### **Response by Lisa (Ewings) Finstein**

Here is what I have regarding when and why the 's' was added to our name. Granted it is family legend but that's where half of history comes from, right?

Most of David Ewing's (1815-1878) children added the 's' to 'Ewing' to separate themselves from some of their 'Ewing' surnamed siblings because of an argument that split the family:

<b>Stayed 'Ewing' surnamed</b>	<b>Added 's' to make their surname 'Ewings'</b>
Sally H. Ewing (1848-?_?)	Frank Charles Ewings (1860-1917), my great-great-grandfather
Hannah E. Ewing (1859-?_?)	Mary J. Ewings (1837-?_?)
Bethany Ewing (1840-?_?)	John W. Ewings (1843-1877)
	William M. Ewings (1846-?_?)
	David F. Ewings (c1860-?_?)
	Timothy Ewings (c1836-?_?)

### **Follow-on Message from Lisa (Ewings) Finstein**

A detailed report on my heritage is available at [tinyurl.com/Lisa-Finstein-Lineage-pdf](http://tinyurl.com/Lisa-Finstein-Lineage-pdf). In brief, my lineage, as I currently understand it, is:

great<sup>7</sup>-grandparents: John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) and Janet McElvaney (1652-?\_?)

great<sup>6</sup>-grandparents: Deacon Joseph Ewing, Sr. (1719-1790) and Elizabeth Merryman (1716-1794)

great<sup>5</sup>-grandparents: Deacon Joseph Ewing, Jr. (1760-1846) and Sarah Merryman (1763-1849)

great<sup>4</sup>-grandparents: William Ewing (1787-1823) and Mary Bishop (1783-?\_?)

great<sup>3</sup>-grandparents: David Ewing (1815-1878) and Hannah T. Hall (1818-?\_?)

great-great-grandparents: Frank Charles Ewings (1860-1917) and Martha Charity Morrison (1863-1916)

great-grandparents: Charles Ray Ewings, Sr. (1898-1974) and Velma Mae Lewin (1903-1990)

grandparents: Charles Ray Ewings, Jr. (1923-2004) and Mildred Estelle Poston (1927-1999)

parents: Terry Wayne Ewings and Linda Darlene Reynolds

me: Lisa Diann Ewings m. Edward Wendell Finstein

### **Response by Karen Avery:**

My records of and proofs for the earliest Ewings in America are a bit sketchy. However, I very much doubt your citation of John of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) as an ancestor. You show him as the father of Deacon Joseph Ewing, Sr. (1719-1790). However, it's quite certain that John of Carnashannagh came to America in 1729 and settled in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania for a while before moving to Frederick Co., Virginia.

**Robert Ewing 'Bob' Milbourn** (Member # 1123) lives in Pinole, California and may be contacted at [MilbournB at comcast dot com](mailto:MilbournB@comcast.com).

Bathsheba Kincaid Ewing was my paternal grandmother. Her parents may have been Robert S. Ewing, Sr. and Mary (Miller) Ewing. Her grandparents may have been William Ewing, Jr. and Sarah Hix (Wynn) Ewing. Questions and clues about Bathsheba and her relatives and ancestors may be found in a record of a conversation I had with Karen Avery, the *EFA* Genealogist, which appeared in the last issue: Bathsheba (Ewing) Milbourn and Her Relatives, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pp. 76-80. This conversation between Karen and

me is continued on page 69 of this issue. I welcome any facts you may have to offer in this research.

## Keeping Up With the Ewings

Klemann Lee Ewing's EMail address was incorrectly cited in the last issue. The correct address is *Lee\_Ewing at sbcglobal dot net*.

Wally Ewing writes:

I have received copies of my newest book, *From Home to Trench, the Civil War Letters of Mack and Nan Ewing*. It is done in the same format and by the same printing company as *Slaves Soldiers Citizens, African Americans in Northwest Ottawa County* released two weeks ago. I am pleased with the quality of the books and eager to make them available to the public. They are stacked on storage shelves, waiting to be added to someone's library.

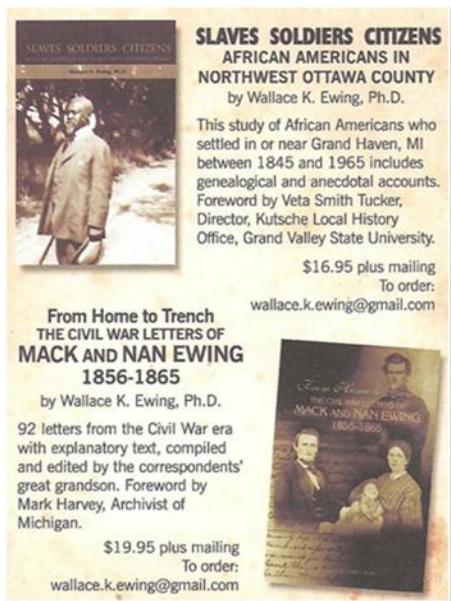
As publisher of the books, I am responsible for nearly everything, from text to images to layout and editing. However, I must acknowledge that my wife Jane's sensitivity to thorough proofreading has helped carry the manuscripts to their final polish.

Self-publishing also means that I am in charge of publicizing and distributing the books. I hope that you know people who are interested in the Civil War and would benefit from the insight provided by the Ewing family letters, written at the battle front and at home between 1856 and 1865. Others may find my study of African Americans who settled in the Grand Haven area between 1845 and 1965 applicable to the history of their location. I wish I personally could deliver the two books to everyone's mailbox, but I have to rely on mail carriers to do that.

Would you help me by letting your friends, colleagues, Civil War buffs, and historians know about these books? Perhaps we can make these two books 'best sellers'. Orders can be sent to me at *Wallace.K.Ewing at gmail dot com*. I will respond with payment instructions.

Wally Ewing also writes:

Recently, in May, I met with Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center and Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library, Ft Wayne, Indiana to see if his Center was interested in my Ewing archives. He and it were. I left boxes of old photographs, correspondence, diaries, my ancestor Alvin Enoch Ewing's novels and plays (manuscripts), and a digital file of the 291 family Civil War letters (I had donated the original letters to Michigan Archives a year-and-a-half ago). That was the first installment. This fall, probably in September, I will take another batch of photographs and correspondence and add a box full of



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text books, most of them used by Alvin Enoch Ewing in elementary school. I also am turning over my collection of Lincoln biographies. I am delighted to have found a permanent and safe home for these plentiful items that have been handed down through several generations.

William M. Ewing writes:

A relative of my wife had a question about a tick bite on her cat. I Emailed my niece, Dr. Patty Ewing, Director of Pathology, Angell Animal Medical Center, Boston, who answered the question and then added a bit of Ewing trivia: "An important piece of trivia for our Ewing clan is that one of the tick-borne diseases was named after a Ewing. The organism is called Ehrlichia ewingii. One of my veterinary professors at Oklahoma State University, parasitologist Dr. Sidney Ewing [Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Participant SA], discovered the organism and characterized the disease. Like Lyme disease, it can occur both in people and animals (most commonly in dogs). It causes symptoms similar to Lyme disease (mostly arthritis in dogs)." So, beware of the Ehrlichia ewingii.

## Deaths

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

### **Edward Leon Ewing (1938-2011)**

([www.vindy.com/news/tributes/2011/jul/06/edward-leon-ewin](http://www.vindy.com/news/tributes/2011/jul/06/edward-leon-ewin))

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Mr. Edward Leon Ewing, 72, who went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 4, 2011, at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Ewing was born Nov. 3, 1938, in Birmingham, Alabama, a son of James, Sr. and Emma Ewing.

He attended Campbell Memorial High School. He had been employed with Valley Mold and St. Elizabeth Health Center. A member of St. James COGIC, Edward served as a Deacon and trustee for many years.

He enjoyed watching golf, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and helping others in whatever capacity was necessary. His life was a flicker of hope for many who needed assistance financially, physically, or just someone to talk to.

He leaves to cherish his beloved memory, his wife, the former Sally M. Waller, whom he married March 9, 1974; six children, Cheryl (Anthony) Simpson of Wisconsin, Charmaine (Darnell) Bracy, Cina (Manuel) Dubose and David Ewing, all of Youngstown, Ohio and Kevin and Eugene Fuller, both of Atlanta; a sister, Odell Wilson of Birmingham; 12 grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Ewing; a daughter, Carla Waller; and a brother, James Ewing, Jr.

### **John Edward Ewing (1927-2011)**

([www.legacy.com/obituaries/shreveporttimes](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/shreveporttimes))

SHREVEPORT, LA - A memorial service honoring the life of John Edward Ewing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1 at Frost Chapel of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.





Officiating will be Raymond Boswell. Following the service the family will receive friends in the church parlor.

John was born May 24, 1927 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 following a brief illness.

He was a long-time member and active deacon at First Baptist Shreveport. He served for many years as Bible teacher of the Timothy Men's Class. John was first ordained at the age of 25 in First Baptist Church Childress, Texas. He also served as Minister of Music for both First Baptist Church, Childress, Texas and Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas. His faith and love of Christ was always evident as was his love for family.

John was a graduate of Texas Tech University and played the French horn in The Red Raider's Marching Band. He served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II.

John moved to Shreveport in 1975 as Branch Manager of Burroughs Corp./Unisys. He was a loyal employee for 38 years. He then worked for Warren Williams Business Forms.

Preceding him in death were his father and mother, Herbert Edward and Gladys Ella Ewing. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Helen Somers Ewing, and his daughters: Marihelen Ligon and husband Tracy of Ft Worth, Texas; Johnette Jameson and husband Wesley of Duncanville, Texas; and Leslie Espinosa and husband Raul of Kingwood, Texas. In addition he is survived by his grandchildren: Raul, Andrew, and David Espinosa and Leslie and Lauren Jameson.

From Karen Avery: John was an early member of the *Ewing Family Association*; he was member # 547. I believe his ancestors go back to Joshua and Jane (Patton) Ewing. Joshua (c.1704-1753) was one of the half-brothers of Nathaniel (1693-1748) whose father lived in Londonderry, Ireland and was thought to be named William.

### **Marjorie Ryland (1914-2011)**

([www.legacy.com/obituaries/signonsandiego](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/signonsandiego))

Marjorie Ryland was born on May 17, 1914 to Dr. Isaac and Addie Sanders in Richland, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Max, sister Ruth, brother Isaac Newton and daughter-in-law Rachel. Marjorie spent her early childhood in Halfway, Oregon before moving with her family to Salem, Oregon at age 12. She was one of the first graduates of the Oregon School of Beauty in Salem, Oregon. Until her retirement in 1979 Marjorie worked as a beautician at several San Diego salons. Marjorie was an avid world traveler. By way of her many trips she and husband Max, and later with her sister Ruth, explored every continent except Antarctica. She was a multi-tasking volunteer with over 20 years of recognized service at the San Diego Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Center, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Senior Citizen Services and Travelers Aid San Diego. Marjorie was an active and longtime member of Scott Memorial Baptist Church, Claremont Emmanuel Church and Women of Purpose Ministry. Family members celebrating her life include two sons, Sheldon and Ray, daughter-in-law Phyllis Ryland, grandchildren Rachelle, husband David Munz, Sheldon Ryland 11, Raymond Ryland, Michael, wife Deborah Tofflemire and Cailin



Fonseca, great-grandchildren, Emily, Neil and Samantha Munz, Grant, Blake, Conner Tofflemire and Marina Fonseca and many nieces and nephews. Marjorie's smiling personality will be gravely missed by her family, many travel buddies, Costa Viva Condominium neighbors, fellow volunteers, Women of Purpose member's and her church families. Services will be held at El Camino - Cypress View Chapel Mausoleum & Crematory, on May 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

From James M. Arlandson: Her maiden name was Sanders, and her middle name was Celestine. She m. Max Ryland, son of Frank Rucker Ryland, son of William, Jr., who m. (1) Sarah Baird and then (2) Hannah Jane Vickers; Wm, Jr. was the son of William, Sr., who m. Catherine Ewing; Wm, Sr. was the son of John Ryland (m. Susannah Kiesinger), son of Paul Ryland (m. Louisa). She lived to be 97 and was the last of the older generation, now gone. I was asked to read Psalm 133 at her memorial service.

## ***Merchandise Coordinator's Message***

Virginia (Ewing) Okie (*VOKie at digital dot net*) Merchandise Coordinator

**PLAN AHEAD:** Believe it or not, Christmas is less than a half-year away. It's time to think ahead and consider giving Ewing-logo-emblazoned Coffee Cup and T-, Golf- and Sweat-Shirt gifts to your Ewing relatives. See the inside back cover, or go to:



[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial%20EFA/Merchandise.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial%20EFA/Merchandise.html)  
for more information.



**GET 'EM WHILE THEY LAST:** Baseball caps with our previous name, *Clan Ewing in America*, are still available. Adult caps in Stone with Black Trim and White with Black or White Trim are available. Youth caps are available in White only. All caps are \$15.



**'BLUE LIGHT' SPECIAL:** The price of Sweat Shirts with a Ewing logo has been reduced 30% – \$25 rather than \$35. They have the Ewing logo and come in the following sizes: Adult – XXL, XL, Large, Medium, Small (only two left); Youth – 14-16 (Large Youth) and 10-12 (Medium Youth).



## ***Information Exchange***

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 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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### **Baileys, Ewings and Makensons**

**Query by Ann Baughman (*abaugh9618 at aol dot com*) to Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

My earliest known Ewing ancestors are James and Esther (Bailey) Ewing. I would like to connect with anyone having data either about them or any connection of Ewings to Makensons.

#### **Response by Karen Avery**

I have data for Elijah Ewing (1797-1869) and Elizabeth Makenson (1800-1878). It appears both were born in Pendleton Co., Kentucky and died in Clark Co., Missouri. We have one man from this line in our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project: Rowe Burton Ewing, participant RB. His sister is Janet Deaton, and she may be reached at *JanetDeaton at knology dot net*.

I also have information about James Ewing (1806-1854) and his marriage to Esther Bailey. For them, I record four possible children: 1) James, 2) John C. (died young), 3) John, and 4) Samuel Huston Ewing.

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### **Ezekiel and Jane/Jean (Ewing) Calhoun**

**Query by Elizabeth Wyche (*Bess.Wyche at gmail dot com*) to Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I'm trying to find information about Jane/Jean Ewing who married Ezekiel Calhoun near Cumberland, Pennsylvania about 1742. I'd like to know about her birth and death as well as parents and any related family history in the area. Looking forward to hearing back.

#### **Response by Karen Avery**

I am so sorry to say that I have no answers to your questions. I do have the couple in my database, but no other information, and I'm not certain where I obtained what I do have. There is a tree on *Ancestry.com* which focuses on the Calhoun family and does include Ezekiel and Jean but gives nothing more about Jane/Jean Ewing.

## **Bathsheba (Ewing) Milbourn and Her Relatives (continued)**

Continuation of a Conversation Between Robert Ewing 'Bob' Milbourn (*MilbournB at comcast.net*) and Karen Avery, *EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)* – *Ewing Family J.* Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 76-80

### **Message from Bob Milbourn**

Apparently Robert S. Ewing (born 1824, Lee Co., Virginia) had another wife before (or after) Mary Miller. Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn's obituary<sup>1</sup> references two half siblings: Mrs. Emma Jones of Houston, Texas and John Ewing of Sikeston, Missouri. Do you have any data about that second wife?

### **Response by Karen Avery**

Are you sure of the obituary's publication date as 1933? The statement that Bathsheba would have been 68 had she lived until April does not add up. In order for the age to be correct (67y 10m 6d) either her date of birth is incorrect or the date of death is incorrect. (Or there is a typo somewhere!) I have her date of birth as April 5, 1864. Perhaps it was actually 1865. This would mean that Bathsheba was born a few months after the death of her father, Robert.

I also have a Robert S. Ewing, Jr. with no dates. Did you give me his name?

I do list a possible first wife of Robert S. Ewing, Sr. named Mary White. I'm not sure where I got that information. Perhaps Emma Jones was a child of his marriage with this women. As to John Ewing, don't you list a full brother named John born January 8, 1858? Research in Missouri in both Scott and New Madrid Counties might give you some information about John Ewing. It seems that the town of Sikeston is part of both counties.

**PIONEER LAID  
TO REST HERE  
MON. MORNING**

Helpless to summon aid because of paralysis, William Milbourn, living on a ranch three miles north of Dos Palos, waited for eight hours to tell someone that his wife had been stricken and was lying in the chicken yard.

When their son, Robert, came at 6 o'clock Thursday evening to milk the cows and look in on his aged parents, he heard calls from the house, and was informed by his father that the mother had gone to the chicken yard at 10:00 o'clock that morning, but had never returned. Hastening to the yard, Robert found his 68-year-old mother lying on the ground. She had been dead for hours, probably having died instantly from heart trouble as she carried feed to the chickens. Altho it was known she suffered mild spells with her heart, the family never suspected anything serious, and for the past three years she had been taking full care of her helpless, invalid husband.

Funeral services were held at the family home Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. Burial was in the Dos Palos cemetery, with Welch & Medlin, funeral directors in charge.

**Bathsheba Milbourn's Obituary, Part 1**

<sup>1</sup> This obituary was published in the *Dos Palos Star* on March 10, 1933. Dos Palos is in Merced County, California.

Mrs. Bathsheba Kincaid Milbourne was born in Lee county, Virginia, April 5, 1864, and had she lived until April, would have been 68 years of age. The family moved to Dos Palos in 1904 and have lived on the same farm ever since. She was a woman of wonderful courage and christian fortitude. For years she has been taking care of invalids in her home. One of her sons suffered for years with an ailment that rendered him almost helpless. He passed away four years ago, and almost immediately following the son's death, the father was stricken with paralysis and had been wholly dependent for his physical needs upon his loyal helpmate up to the time of her sudden death. The father is now at the home of his son.

Besides the son, Robert, and his wife, and their little daughter, Mrs. Milbourne is survived by her husband; one half-sister, Mrs. Emma Jones, of Houston, Texas, and a half-brother, John Ewing, of Sikeston, Mo.

During the service at the house, Mesdames E. R. Gaerte and A. B. Neese sang, in duet, hymns beloved by the deceased, Mrs. Bob Chapman accompanied at the organ.

Pallbearers, all long time friends of the departed, were: E. R. Gaerte, W. A. Campbell, W. P. Hatcher, J. B. Buckman, George Aplin and William Ely.

The sympathy of an entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and son in the loss of the faithful, consecrated, wife and mother.

**Bathsheba Milbourn's Obituary, Part 2**

### Message from Bob Milbourn

The date of my grandmother Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn's obituary is correct. Bathsheba died March 2, 1933 as evidenced by the death certificate to the right. I'm still trying to sort out her parentage. The death certificate says her father was Albert Ewing and her mother was Mary. The *EFA* records led me to believe her father was Robert S. Ewing, Sr. According to the obituary my grandmother had a half-sister named Emma Jones and a half-brother named John Ewing. I'm trying to figure out if that half-sister was by her father's previous marriage or her mother's and if so, what were those persons' names. Who within *EFA* should I contact to pursue this further?

### Additional Message from Bob Milbourn

Here are transcriptions of some original letters I have; scanned copies of the originals are available upon request to me.

These letters reveal more about the mystery of my grandmother Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn's parentage:

- A letter to her from her half-sister Emma:  
Sikeston, MO

Dear Sister [Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn],

I will try and write you. Oh Bash I'm so poorly. I can't hardly life. I do have asthma so bad. I'm just as poor as can be.

Finnis said he never did see me so poor as I am now. Bash, what can we do about our little land? I wrote one of the bankers there. He said our land like it is sold for \$150.00 per acre. It looks like he could sell my part for 100. That looks like would be reasonable enough. Oh I'm so nervous. It does worry me so. I don't know how or what to do about it. Mr. McCray wrote me this was valuable property and he wants me to sell for \$35 an acre. Well Bash I do hope your man will be better. I know you are worn out from long has he been sick. Well I will have close.

Bash I just received your letter. I don't think you can read this anyway. Al the rest of family is very well.

Good bye,

Sister Emma

Oh Bash, I did not know of Ellen and her man death. They never let me know about. I wrote Bro. John ask him to come live with me. Will Miller said he was in a terrible condition. He wrote me he would not leave Texas. Wish I could see you this morning.

Bye,

Emma

- A letter from Emma's daughter May.

Alto Pass, ILL  
Dec. 17, 1906

My Dear Aunt Bash  
[Bathsheba Kincaid  
(Ewing) Milbourn],

I shall write to you this evening as I have just finished up one letter. I

shall write to you for Mamma. How are all of

you folks? We are all well and fat as pigs but Mamma. She has been sick all summer long but is in a better condition now than she has been the Dr. says. He called to see her Friday. She has been awful bad off several times this fall.

You know we were living in Missouri at Oran but in August we moved to Alto Pass Ill's. We got your letter when we first came and I answered your letter the next morning for her and sent you all of us kids pictures and we never hear from you yet. We supposed you hadn't gotten it. I do hope you are all well.

I found your envelope yesterday and saw where it was from and Mamma said, "Well I believe that letter which we wrote to her wasn't addressed correctly so we shall write again." So I will write just a few lines this time.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**  
**COUNTY of MERCED**  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. Place of Death: Alto Pass, Ill.  
2. Full Name: Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn  
3. Residence: Alto Pass, Ill.  
4. Sex: Female  
5. Age: 34  
6. Date of Birth: Apr 15 1872  
7. Date of Death: March 2 1907  
8. Cause of Death: Married  
9. Place of Birth: Alto Pass, Ill.  
10. Name: Albert Ewing  
11. Name: May Kincaid  
12. Name: John Kincaid  
13. Name: Will Miller  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MERCED-RECORDER  
This is a true and exact reproduction of the document officially registered and placed on file in the office of the MERCED COUNTY RECORDER.  
DATE ISSUED: FEB 26 2010  
KENT B. CHRISTENSEN  
MERCED COUNTY RECORDER  
This copy is not valid unless prepared on an engraved border, displaying the date, seal and signature of the Recorder.

**Bathsheba Milbourn's Death Certificate**

Well I will close, hoping that you will receive these few lines all OK and we hope to hear from you at once. Good bye to all. We send our love and best wishes one and all.

I remain as ever your niece,

May Jones

- And a letter from Emma. This and the previous letter reveal May's siblings' names

Aunt Bash,

I am past 16 years (almost a young lady) you know and Mamma tells me you have a son [William "Willie" Ewing Milbourn] almost my age and I would like to hear from him. Please tell him to write to me. I would love to see all of you so well.

Good bye. Hello to all, XXXXX

Mamma said write to her or kiss her foot one or the other.

Bye bye,

Emma Jones

Previously you helped me determine that Charles H. Ewing (1858-1927) was my grandmother's brother. Now I am hoping you and other members of the *EFA* can help me determine my grandmother's Ewing lineage and how Emma Jones came to be her half-sister.

### **Response by Karen Avery**

How lucky you are to have so many precious treasures about your grandmother and her family. Perhaps the names and locations cited in the letters will help shed more light on your family and relationships. You never know, we could possibly discover a living relative of whom you are not aware! Wouldn't that be fun?

### **Response by Bob Milbourn**

Here are transcriptions of two more letters. These letters provide enticing clues about where my grandmother Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn fits in the Ewing family tree.

Wills Point Tex

Feb. 2, 1914

Dear Aunt [Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn],

I received your letter yesterday and was more than glad to get it. Yes I am a daughter of John Miller Ewing your brother. I am sorry your boy is sick. Hope he will be well when this reaches you. We did not know where Uncle Charlie was. I am sure glad you told me where he was. I am 15 yr old. Guess your boys are older than me. Do you know where Aunt Emma and Aunt Ellen is? We do not know where any of his folks are. Be sure and send me one of your pictures next time as I never did see you. Here is one of Papa pictures taken a good while ago but it is just like him. I would send you one of mine if I had any. Will have some made. Yes Papa is still living. Hope you will come to see us some time. Would be glad to see you. I am the only child Papa has so I will close.

Your niece,

Emma Ewing

Alto Pass III  
Aug 13, 1906

Dear Aunt Bash [Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn],

As we got a letter from you yesterday eve. and she [Mamma, Emma Jones] is writing this morning, I will write some too.

I am the oldest kid in our family. I am 16 years old and I guess you know my name is Maye. We have just moved over here in Ill. [Illinois] since last week. I have been sick in bed almost had the fever since Thursday. I sat up a little Sunday. I suppose Mamma has told you about all the news so I don't want to tell the same things twice. Brother went out in the woods the other day and fell from the swing and broke his arm. But it is getting along very well. We are having a good deal of misfortune. Some have sore feet and Mamma and I have been sick.

We are sending you some of our pictures. The largest single picture is Pearl. She is our baby now as our sweet little baby girl Dollie died last April. We have 2 or 3 little pictures of her but we want to keep them. Mamma takes her death so hard. The one where [with] 2 little girls here are Blanch and Maggie. Blanch is 14 in Dec. Maggie 12 in Sept. They are so near of the same size people think they are twins lots of times. I will send you one of my pictures and my friends. They are not very good but the best I had. The one sitting is me. We have on our graduating waists. There were 6 girls in our class. I finished the 9th grade at Oran [Missouri]. Well Mamma wants to send the letter so I must close so good bye.

Maye

## **Brinkley Ewing<sup>1</sup>**

**Conversation between Sarah Voll (*jospVoll at aol dot com*) and Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

### **Message from Karen Avery**

I just found the transcription<sup>2</sup> you posted for Brinkley Ewing's Bible on *Ancestry.com*. I am the *Ewing Family Association* genealogist. Do you know of us? We are a very active group with around 130 men in our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Please, let's correspond via EMail.

### **Response by Sarah Voll**

Do you know anything about Brinkley Ewing's origins? The early records I have show him:

- marrying Mary Powders in Lewes, Delaware in 1780 (according to the family bible),
- in the 1782 census (as Brinkley Hewin),
- registering a mark for his cattle on 14 September 1787, and
- holding half of pew #28 (as Brinkle Ewing) in St. Peters Protestant Episcopal Church as of 10 June 1789.

<sup>1</sup> This item relates to a 'conversation' among John Ewing, Carrol Powders and Sarah Voll reported in the previous issue of the *Journal*: Brinkley Ewing (circa 1875 - ?), *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), p. 64.

<sup>2</sup> The transcription appears on page 38.

**Additional Message from Sarah Voll**

Just so you know, I have been corresponding for several years with my cousin Rachel Mackin, a better genealogist than I am, on our Delaware Hargis family. John Martin Hargis married Sarah Ewing, the daughter of Brinkley and Mary Powders Ewing. John Martin Hargis is the son of Abraham Hargis, a Pennsylvania revolutionary soldier and the keeper of the Henlopen Lighthouse, from 1783 to 1813, in Lewes/Rehobeth, Delaware.

My cousin Rachel had received an EMail from a Rick Ewing containing some information from the Ewing Bible, and I had seen similar information posted around 2002 on a Ewing family chat by someone who said she had the Brinkley family bible. However, genealogically it was all very third hand. I tried to contact her but had no response.

A few weeks ago, my husband and I visited the Delaware Archives in Dover, Delaware and I found the copy of the bible's genealogical pages. Since it is now in the public domain, feel free to post my transcription on the Bible page of your wonderful *Ewing Family Association* site.

**Response by Karen Avery**

Thank you for allowing us to share the transcription of the Brinkley Ewing Bible; I have added this information to my Ewing database. I've prepared a report from my database about Brinkley (1754-1829) and his wife Mary (Powders) Ewing. Please check it for errors and/or additions. [*Editor's note: This report, with corrections and additions subsequently suggested by Sarah Voll, appears at the end of this Information Exchange item.*]

I am quite interested in the fact that there are probably living Ewing males from this line. To help place where this line is most closely related in our ever growing Ewing 'forest', if one of them would submit to a Y-DNA test by joining the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, I think you would be amazed at just where the test results might lead you.

**Response by Sarah Voll**

You are very welcome. As I said, if the actual bible ever surfaces, a couple of the illegible dates may be easier to read in the original.

I have a couple of corrections and additions to the descendency information you sent:

- #2 Sarah Ewing married John Martin Hargis on August 5, 1799. John Martin was born December 10, 1777 and died before April 13, 1811 (the date of his probated will).
- #3 In addition to Abraham, Sarah and John Martin's children are William Powders Hargis, b. October 15, 1801, and Mary Roe Hargis, b. December 11, 1803, d. August 21, 1851, and married to Willin Warren on July 28, 1825.
- Mary Roe Hargis and Willin Warren had four children: George H., b. 1827; William W., b. 1830; Sarah M., b. 1833; and Anna Mariah, b. 13 November 1843, d. 17 November 1905, and married to Benjamin Burton Deputy (b. December 22, 1833) on November 26, 1861. (This is my line. My genealogy appears at [trees.ancestry.com/tree/26632347](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/26632347).)

I find the recurrence of the given name 'Benjamin Burton' intriguing. The story in my family was that Benjamin Burton was the name of a well-known family doctor in Sussex Co., Delaware who was particularly adept at delivering twins. If so he had an active practice just delivering Ewings.

**Descendants of Brinkley Ewing (1754-1829)**

- 1 - Brinkley Ewing b. Jan 29, 1754; d. Jan 15, 1829
- + Mary Elizabeth Powders b. Feb 27, 1748; m. Jan 23, 1780; d. Sep 28, 1833
  - 2 - William Ewing b. Sep 3, 1780
  - 2 - Mary (twin) Ewing b. Dec 29, 1781
  - 2 - Sarah (twin) Ewing b. Dec 29, 1781
- + John Martin Hargis b. Dec 10, 1777; m. Aug 5, 1799;
  - d. bef. Apr 13, 1811 [the date of his probated will]
  - 3 - Abraham Hargis b. Jun 5, 1800
  - 3 - William Powders Hargis, b. October 15, 1801
  - 3 - Mary Roe Hargis, b. Dec 11, 1803 Sussex Co., Lewes, DE;
    - d. Aug 21, 1851, Sussex Co., Milford South, DE
- + Willin Warren b. Oct. 2, 1800, Ireland; d. Aug. 5, 1876, Sussex Co., Milford South, DE;
  - m. July 28, 1825
  - 4 - George H. Warren b. Jul 8, 1827
  - 4 - William W. Warren b. Jun 25, 1830, d. Jan 8, 1886
  - 4 - Sarah M. Warren b. Oct 20, 1832, d. Aug 14, 1866
  - 4 - Mary Ann Warren, b. Apr 22, 1837, d. Jul 13, 1840
  - 4 - Henry C. Warren, b. Mar 23, 1839, d. Mar 23, 1839
  - 4 - Frances Ann Warren, b. Aug 1840, d. Nov 24, 1842
  - 4 - Anna Mariah Warren b. Nov 13, 1843, Sussex Co., Milford South, DE;
    - d. Nov 17, 1905, Sussex Co., Milford South, DE
- + Benjamin Burton Deputy b. Dec 22, 1833, Sussex Co., Cedar Creek Hundred, DE;
  - d. Dec 26, 1919, New Castle Co., Newark, DE; m. Nov 26, 1861
  - 5 - Anna Helena Deputy b. Sep 5, 1871, Sussex Co., Milford South, DE;
    - d. Oct 27, 1940 in New Castle Co., Newark, DE
- + Robert Patterson Potts b. Nov 4, 1871, Chester Co., PA;
  - d. Aug 19, 1949, New Castle Co., DE; m. 1894
  - 6 - Robert Curtis Potts b. Apr 18, 1911, New Castle Co., Newark, DE;
    - d. Sep 13, 1989, Baltimore Co., MD
- + Dorothy R. Counahan b. Apr 7, 1917, Orville, OH;
  - d. Feb 3, 2008, Baltimore Co., Catonsville, MD
- 7 - Sarah Potts
- 2 - Abi (twin) Ewing b. Nov 27, 1783
- 2 - Esther (twin) Ewing b. Nov 27, 1783
- 2 - James Ewing b. Feb 14, 1786, DE; [married Mar 180?]; d. CA [1847?]
- 2 - Gustavus Adolphus Ewing b. Apr 21, 1788;
  - d. Dec 22, 1845, Sussex Co., Georgetown, DE [57y 8m 1d]
- + Chloe Marvel b. Apr 7, 1792; m. c1810, [Nov 22, 181?]
- 3 - William Bell Ewing b. Jun 3, 1811; d. Sep 2, 1848
- 3 - Nancy Ewing b. Feb 7, 1812; d. Jul 14, 1813
- 3 - Pulgam (or Sarah?) Ewing b. Jul 13, 1817
- 3 - Adolphus Purcival Ewing b. Apr 17, 1820; d. Dec 22, 1900, Sussex Co., Georgetown, DE
- + Louisa W. Warrington m. Oct 15, 1846, DE
  - 4 - Gustavus Adolphus Ewing b. Jul 17, 1847; d. Jul 24, 1919
- + Hetty Ann Palmer b. Oct 3, 1843, DE
  - 5 - Harry Gustavus Ewing b. Mar 24, 1871, Sussex Co., Lewes, DE [6 children]
  - + Olive Mae Gosley b. Feb 1878, Sussex Co., Lewes, DE; m. c1894
  - 5 - Hall Ewing
  - 5 - Fred Ewing b. c1877, DE
  - 5 - Benjamin Burton Ewing b. Feb 17, 1863, DE;
    - d. Nov 8, 1952, Sussex Co., Rehoboth Beach, DE [5 children]
- + Catherine Lingo

- 4 - Mary Ann Ewing b. c1849
  - 4 - Charles E. Ewing b. Nov 1850
  - + Eliza W. Marshall b. Sep 1857, DE;  
m. Dec 22, 1875, Sussex Co., Georgetown, DE [St. Peter's Church]
  - 5 - Louisa Moss Ewing b. c1876
  - 5 - Adolphus Alven (twin) Ewing b. Feb 12, 1878
  - 5 - John Marshall (twin) Ewing b. Feb 12, 1878
  - + Mary Gesnaecker
  - 5 - Elizabeth Ewing b. Jul 1888
  - 3 - Mary Ann Ewing b. Dec 9, 1822; d. Mar 29, 1849
  - 3 - Sarah Caroline Ewing b. Jan 6, 1828
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## **Catherine Ewing (1715?-1819) of Ireland and Pennsylvania** Threaded Discussion at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1190/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1190/mb.ashx)

**From Richard M. Cochran**

Has anyone made a connection to this woman? I have researched some Ewings in Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

Source: New York Commercial Advertiser, Dec. 24, 1819, vol. 22, issue 60, p. 2  
Greensburgh, (Penn.), Dec. 19

Died, on Tuesday last, in this borough, Mrs. Catherine Ewing, aged 104 years. This venerable matron arrived in America from Ireland, in the year 1793; and in consequence of the yellow fever raging with violence in Philadelphia, the following year she returned to her native country. In 1797, she again arrived in America, where she continued to reside till her death: for the last twenty-one years, she lived in Westmoreland county, and in this borough. During her whole life-time, she enjoyed excellent health. About eight years ago, she walked from her farm, on the Loyalhanna, to Greensburgh, from here to New-Alexandria, and from their [sic] back to this place, in one day; the distance estimated at thirty-one miles. Last summer she walked from this borough to the residence of Esq. Shields, about eight miles; and the week previous to her death, she attended to her business, through this place, as she had been accustomed to do. Her sight always remained good, and she was never known to wear spectacles, until a few days before her death. Mrs. Ewing was born in the parish of Deboyn, county of Donegal. She has left ten children, 35 grand children, and upwards of twenty great grandchildren.

**From Rimell**

I am descendent of a woman named Isabella Ewing (1764-1847) from Pennsylvania who married Manassah Coyle in Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania, September 29, 1785. Her parents were William Ewing and Elanor Thompson.

The Coyles were from County Donegal, Ireland originally. Perhaps there is some Ewing relation here, but I do not have information connecting any of these.

**From pmdvs1**

I am also a descendent of Isabella Ewing. She had a daughter, Eleanor, who married Andrew James Hollenbaugh. Their son, Allen, was the father of my great-grandfather, James Elmer Hollibaugh. I have a lot of information on that line.

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

While I'm not a descendant of Isabella, I'm quite interested in someone with this name. I work on the Ewings who settled Southwestern Pennsylvania. Among them, I have an Isabella who was a daughter of Samuel Ewing (1751-1805) and Jean Neal (c1758-??). Samuel and Jean (Neal) Ewing settled in Moon Township just to the West of Pittsburgh (where Samuel died). In my information, however, Isabella was born in Sherman Valley, Cumberland (now Perry) Co, PA. Any information from you (or anyone else) that helps me sort this out would be appreciated.

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**George Preston Ewing**

**Query by Brian Ewing (*dlvrd at yahoo dot com*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

George Preston Ewing married Lucinda Emmaline Vaughan. Their son Laurence George Ewing married Faye Edna Faynara Wright. Laurence and Faye are my grandparents and lived in Wayne Co. Illinois. I know no more, and after searching for years the trail stops here.

**Response by Karen Avery**

Thanks for sharing your brick wall with me. I am happy to tell you that we can jump over that wall! I can take your lineage back to at least the early 1800s and collect some cousins along the way. Your line is quite easy to follow in the Federal Census.

The really good news is that two of your third cousins – Mark Edwin Ewing and Stephen Lee Ewing – are members of *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* and have also participated in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. You should consider joining the *Association* and the Project also. Results should show that your conventional genealogy is correct and aligns with these two gentlemen. These men descend from two of your George Preston Ewing's brothers.

You can view your cousins' lineages by first going to:

[www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/SiteMap\\_YDNA.html](http://www.ewingfamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html).

Then go to the lineages for ME and SL. These men are your third cousins and their lineages give vital information regarding their common ancestors Charles Alonzo Ewing (1836-1877) and his wife, Mary Ellen Funkhouser (1843-1907).

After you have digested all of this and have questions or need more help, please do not hesitate to contact me

**Response by Brian Ewing**

Thank you Karen so very much. How do I find out how George Preston Ewing is related to Charles Alonzo Ewing?

**Response by Karen Avery**

George Preston Ewing was born in June, 1868 and is the next-to-youngest son of Charles Alonzo Ewing, Sr.

The 1930 census is the last one that is available to the public so I cannot follow your lineage forward. If you would care to share your data, I would love to include it in my database. Be sure to include full

names, dates of birth, marriage and death. Also very helpful is the location where these events happened. By the way, the 1940 census comes out next spring.

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## **John C. Ewing**

**Posted by Laura White to the Ewing List at rootsweb**

My ancestor, John C. Ewing, was born April 8, 1874 in eastern Tennessee and married Elizabeth Dillard (born February 15, 1788 in North Carolina) on July 29, 1804 in eastern Tennessee.

The couple moved to Logan Co., Illinois and raised their family there. The children are: Nancy, Mary, Leathy, Finese, Osburn, Rachael, James, Christopher C., Sidney A., Christany, Gasena, William D. H., Ebba and Tabitha L.

Any information about John C. and his wife, Elizabeth, would be greatly appreciated.

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## **John Franklin Ewing, born 1877**

**Query by Mona (Ewing) Atfield (*Mona at pixelfuel dot com*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I would like to know where my family came from. I would like to trace my Ewing ancestors back to Scotland so I can accurately complete my family tree.

I know that J. Franklin Ewing was born October 4, 1877. I think that his father was Nicolas Ewing. I found some census records but have not been able to verify that.

### **Response by Karen Avery**

I believe you are correct in thinking that J. (John) Franklin Ewing was the son of Nicholas E. Ewing (c.1855-1901) and his wife, Mary Etta Wheaton. This family resided in Holmes Co., Prairie Township, Ohio. If my records are correct, the parents of Nicholas were Thomas Ewing (1821-1907) and Rachel Dawson (1825-1901). I believe that Thomas was born in Beaver Co., Pennsylvania.

I have a contact who also descends from these lines and will write to her regarding your query. She has done considerable work on these lines, and I am hoping she can give you a more complete picture along with sources. Just as soon as I hear from her, I will forward her contact information to you.

In the meantime, would you care to share your lineage forward so that I might add that to my database?

### **Message from Karen Avery to Judy (Harding) Warth (*JudyGen at bellsouth dot net*)**

I'm checking to see if this is your current EMail address. I have a query from a lady who descends from Nicholas E. and Mary Etta (Wheaton) Ewing. Their son, John Franklin (J. Frank), born October 4, 1877 is her ancestor.

Your relationship with this person will not be near, but perhaps you could share with her and at the same time, add another line to your database. It appears that you and this John Franklin Ewing are third cousins twice removed.

**Response by Judy (Harding) Warth to Karen Avery**

The EMail address is still good. I would like to have information on John Franklin Ewing. All I have on him is a birth date. He probably left Holmes Co. I do have information on his sisters, brothers and parents as well as other family members. I'd be glad to share what I do have with your correspondent. Happily for Ewing Research, I have more Ewings in my files than any of the other surnames! And growing steadily!

**Response by Karen Avery to Judy (Harding) Warth**

I'm glad I reached you and you are willing to help your distant cousin. In the process I also would like to add all the information to my database. I last counted about two years ago and had 9,500 Ewing born folks. I can't imagine what the number is today, but I haven't stopped adding!

You are aware of *Ewing Family Association* (formerly called *Clan Ewing in America*) aren't you? If not, be sure to spend some time at our website: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org). Access is free and you do not need a password or the like. You can spend days and days there looking at everything. We have posted almost every book published about Ewings. Also of exciting importance is the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. All the results for the participants (over 130 so far) are posted and for many we have the direct lineage for each participant. What is so very exciting is that we recently had two gentlemen from Scotland join the project and they are fall into the 'closely related' groups. I think we have one man from the line of Samuel and Nancy Jane (Cotton) Ewing. He is participant CW in the project. Perhaps as we work with Mona (Ewing) Atfield, we can recruit another man for the project to represent your line.

I would really like to double check my data with yours for your line for the earliest generations. I know I had some conflicting information and I'm not sure I have it straightened out yet. I have your line beginning with Samuel and Nancy Jane (Cotton) Ewing and his second wife, Isabella Hunter

**Message from Karen Avery to Mona (Ewing) Atfield**

One of your distant cousins, Judy (Harding) Warth, is quite happy to share her Ewing genealogy with you. She may be contacted at *JudyGen at bellsouth dot net*.

We, at the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)*, would welcome both of you as members of our group. The yearly membership fee is only \$25. The group is quite active and you will want to be aware of all the new information that is being discovered. Our *Ewing Family Journal*, received by all members, is published in February, May, August and November. We will be holding our Twelfth Gathering in September 2012 in Gallipolis, Ohio. This weekend-long visit with cousins is a wonderful experience.

**Response by Mona (Ewing) Atfield**

Thank you so much for your reply. I was so excited to get it! I would love to be a member of the *EFA*, please let me know what I need to do. I will definitely contact Judy as well. And I am looking forward to the gathering in 2012!

**Response by Karen Avery**

It is easy to join the *Ewing Family Association*. Begin at the home page for the *Association's* website: [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

Look on the right side of the page and click on 'Become a Member Online'. You may fill in the membership form online or print a copy. You will need to SnailMail a check for the membership fee to: *Ewing Family Association, c/o Jane E. Weippert, Treasurer, 17721 Road 123, Cecil, Ohio 45821*.

On your form, be sure to tell us if you want to receive a printed hard copy or would rather receive copies electronically in PDF format. In any event, if you join now you will receive the February and May 2011 issues. The August 2011 issue is going to press soon and it would also be sent to you.

Have you made contact with Judy Warth yet? As you two work together, please 'cc' me on your correspondence so that I will be able to put it in the large Ewing genealogy database which I keep. If I can help in any way or you have more questions, please let me know.

When you fill out the Membership Form, please be sure to give as much information as you know. Always needed are complete names and dates of birth, marriage and death. Locations of these events, if known, are also very important in identifying people.

### **Message from Judy (Harding) Warth**

Most of my family information on my Ewing line has been gathered since the early 1980s. I inherited from my parents information about my great-grandmother (Emmaline) and her father (James). I have contacted many cousins and met quite a few of them. Whenever possible I have obtained actual documentation on events. Some information is speculative, especially in the matter of the Irish ancestors of my great-great-great-grandfather, Samuel Ewing who first married Nancy Cotton and later married Isabelle Hunter. This is documented to some extent in letters and old family charts.

My great<sup>5</sup>-grandfather is Thomas Ewing (1650-1745, spouse unknown) and he is the great<sup>4</sup>-grandfather of John Henry O'Donnell Ewing of London. Most of the early information was developed by John and in charts left to him by his father and grandfather plus materials exchanged between Irish and U.S. Ewings in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Another cousin on John's line is Kathy Kimball Peacock Terry of Utah. She is of John Ewing's line. Also Ted Kaufman of Ohio, a descendant of Samuel, my ancestor, and his second wife Isabelle. Another researcher, John Salter of Cumming, Georgia (where I live) is researching his wife's line. In doing so, he has also documented a great deal on our line and is trying also to tie in the two Samuel Ewings, of different generations, in Huntingdon Co. and Beaver Co. I believe his ancestors are the Huntingdon Co. Ewings who also went to Beaver and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania.

I am not exaggerating when I say the Ewing line is the most confusing in my 'stable' of approximately 10,000 ancestors. I literally get a headache when I start trying to organize them. But, I will probably continue to do so as long as able.

By the way, Samuel Ewing and the other Ewings born Ireland in my line were from Ballibophay,<sup>1</sup> parish of Stranalar, County Donegal. I was told years ago there were no longer Ewings in the village, however I do not know if this is so but I'm almost positive.

One interesting fact we've turned up is that in some of the above mentioned letters, etc., there are notes indicating that some other of our Ewing ancestors from this line also settled in America, and I have

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<sup>1</sup> From my notes: Ballibophay, a village, in the parish of Stranalar, barony of Raphoe, county of Donegal, and province of Ulster, 10 miles (W. by S.) from Lifford, and 118 miles (N. W. by N.) from Dublin; containing 168 houses and 874 inhabitants. It is situated on the river Finn, [JW: noted now as a fishing area] and on the road from Donegal town to Strabane (County Tyrone), and consists principally of one street. A market for grain and provisions is held in a market-house every Thursday; and cattle fairs are held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Here is a chief station of the constabulary police.

found a couple whom I believe to be related in census records. With names like Thomas, John, James, Charles, Samuel, etc. repeated in every generation, it's difficult to tell for sure.

I am particularly interested in finding out if the Samuel Ewing of Barea Township, Huntingdon Co., Pennsylvania is an ancestor as well. My Samuel Ewing lived near him before going to Beaver Co. Pennsylvania and some of the Barea-Township Samuel's descendants also ended up in Beaver Co.. My Samuel and Nancy Cotton were married in Huntingdon Co. in 1796.

Among other things, I have Samuel's Naturalization paper witnessed by his father-in-law John Cotton from Beaver Co. Pennsylvania.

I have been hesitant in adding my information to the mix. Much of it has been used and mixed up with other researchers even though the dates, etc. are totally wrong. Notifying these people has been fruitless. Not all of my information is documented but I have to have a pretty good reason for including it in my database.

I am looking forward to hearing from Mona soon and getting information about her part of our Ewing 'clan'!

### **Response by Karen Avery**

Many thanks for sharing all of your knowledge about so many Ewing folk. Many of us need to work together to try to sort them out. I know what you mean about getting a headache when trying to get people in the proper place. I think we probably need to get a few more folks of these lines into our discussions.

From what you tell me, it looks like you can be a wonderful source of new information. All of the *EFA* will be interested in see the letters between people living in Ireland and America in print! Bill Riddle, our *EFA* Webmaster and Editor of the *Ewing Family Journal*, is also a skilled researcher and will help in our quest to finalize proper family placement and present the data to our membership.

Be sure to send Mona copies of what you have sent to me to catch her up on all the discussion so far. She will hopefully have a male of her Ewing family who will join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Y-DNA tests are the latest tool we have of helping to determine where lines connect.

Of course the next question is whether you also know of a living Ewing male who could join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Three or four men of the same line who are very distantly related brings very good results when their Y-DNA test results show them to be closely related. This also helps confirm the conventional paper trail.

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## **Joseph Wallace Ewing**

Threaded Discussion at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/13.47.56/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/13.47.56/mb.ashx)

### **From Kathy Cox**

I have information to share on Jos. W. Ewing who was born 4 Mar 1854, died between 1893 and 1896, married 1<sup>st</sup> Anna M. Haymaker, and married 2<sup>nd</sup> Delphia E. Wilson. If this sounds like a match get in touch I'll give you names of parents/children(7).

**From Lyall Sherred**

I do not have the same dates. My data is in Colorado and I am in California until January. My information has Joseph Wallace Ewing as the son of William Ewing and Rachel Long. He married Anna Haymaker and they had four daughters and one son. The son was named William. My grandmother, Mary Elizabeth, was the oldest. Anna Haymaker died of typhoid fever in Greeley, Colorado in 1893. I have visited the cemetery in Greeley where they are buried. What is a major problem is with the ancestry of William Ewing.

**From Don Vatne**

Anna Haymaker had two brothers named John R. Haymaker and George Haymaker who are also buried in the same cemetery at Greeley, Colorado. I am searching for any information on them and any descendants of theirs.

**From Lyall Sherred**

I know that a brother of Anna's died of typhoid on the same day that she died, but I am not aware of the other brother.

**From Jean Hedman (*jeanh28 at yahoo dot com*)**

Joseph W Ewing is my husband's grandfather. Please EMail me any information you have on him, his parents/siblings, his wives, children, etc.

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**Kitty Ewing**

**Posted by Janie Luster at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2023/mb.ashx](https://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2023/mb.ashx)**

Kitty was sister to my great-grandmother, Samantha Ewing Givens. I have a few pictures of Samantha and Kitty as they were very close but having a little trouble figuring out which is which in the pictures. I have been assuming so far but would really like to see what other families have in the way of pictures of Kitty so I can compare and name the pictures correctly.

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**Judge Thomas Ewing and His Son, Dr. James Ewing**

**Query by Thomas Haskins (*ThomasHaskins at comcast dot net*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I am wondering if Thomas Ewing, father of the famous cancer doctor James Ewing and my grandmother's grandfather, was a member of your family? He was a judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Pittsburgh in the mid-1800s. He was considered a leading citizen of the city and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a director of the Theological Seminary. He married Julia Hufnagel of Stockbridge, Massachusetts who graduated in Mt. Holyoke College's first class. If he was a member of your Ewing family, I would like to learn more about him and his family history.

**Response by Karen Avery**

Thanks for your query about your Ewing heritage. I believe I can be helpful in your quest to discover more about your ancestors.

My records of this line begin with Thomas and Esther (McNary) Ewing. According to the data I have found, Thomas was born in Northern Ireland and settled in North Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pennsylvania in 1794. I have not yet searched census records. Some of my data comes from another researcher. And some comes from information available online at:

[www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-crosscreek.html](http://www.chartiers.com/crumrine/twp-crosscreek.html).

I have two sons listed for Thomas and Esther. One is Samuel Ewing (c1797-1862) who married Jane Lyle. The Honorable Judge Thomas Ewing of whom you speak was one of Samuel and Jane's sons.

There definitely were other Ewing families in the Pittsburgh area. Because of this, we held our Eleventh Gathering last September in nearby Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Some of the attendees may be related to Dr. James Ewing, but this didn't arise as an issue to be discussed.

As you can tell, we need to do much more information sharing to determine your relationship to Ewings in our *Association*. I think I can safely say that your Ewing line will prove to be part of our very large Ewing 'forest'. One of the best ways to connect your family to other known lines is to have a living male Ewing relative join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Over a hundred Ewings participate in this project and we are amazed that the majority of lines appear to be closely related.

### **Response by Thomas Haskins**

It's great to hear back from you. A biography of Dr. James Ewing, available at [tinyurl.com/JamesEwing-1866-1943](http://tinyurl.com/JamesEwing-1866-1943), says he was born Christmas Day, 1866 in Pittsburgh, that his father was Thomas Ewing who was a judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Pittsburgh, and that his mother was Julia Hufnagel of Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Here are some answers to your questions and some follow-up questions that occur to me:

- My grandmother's given name is Barbara. My great-great-grandmother's given name is Julia.
- Dr. James Ewing was born 25 December 1866.
- When and where will your next gathering be held?
- Does one's last name have to be Ewing in order to participate in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project? Can non-Ewing surnamed relatives participate in this project?

### **Response by Karen Avery**

What a great contribution Dr. Ewing made to our world! Thanks for sharing his biography.

I am making corrections and additions to my database regarding this line. I would love to include your direct lineage if you share it with me.

Do you know of a living Ewing-surnamed male who would be willing to join the *EFA's* Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project? The results of a Y-DNA test (just a simple cheek rubbing) could help in discovering your earlier ancestors.

A PDF version of the latest (May 2011) *Ewing Family Journal* issue is attached so that you can learn more about our group and all the activities in which we are involved.

**Response by Thomas Haskins**

Here is my lineage:

[great-great-grandparents] Judge Thomas Ewing and Julia Hufnagel

[great-granduncle] Dr. James Ewing

[great-grandparents] Thomas Ewing and Mary J. \_?\_

[grandparents] Barbara 'Babs' Ewing and Lathrop Stanley 'Suppy' Haskins<sup>1</sup>

[parents] Thomas Ewing Haskins and Saralee Patch

[me] Thomas Ellis Stanley Haskins

**Response by Karen Avery**

Many thanks for sharing your lineage.

You previously asked about the criteria for joining the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project: Y-DNA passes only from males to males. So you, yourself, would not qualify to participate in the Ewing surname project; you would rather join a Haskins Surname Y-DNA Project. Do you know of any Ewing-surnamed uncles or (male) cousins who might participate and represent you in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project?

We are holding our next (twelfth) biennial gathering 20-23 September 2012 in Gallipolis, Ohio. This is in southern Ohio where at least one Ewing line once resided. A gathering's attendance is generally 80 to 100 people including spouses and children; many of them are cousins. Folks come from near and far. I've attended previous gatherings in Cecil Co., Maryland; Ft Wayne, Indiana; Winchester, Virginia; and Uniontown, Pennsylvania. You don't have to be a *Ewing Family Association* member to attend, but I encourage you to join so that you are kept up-to-date on all the *Association's* activities. The membership fee is just \$25 per year and members receive the *Ewing Family Journal*, an award-winning quarterly family-association journal of which we are very proud.

**Response by Thomas Haskins**

Thank you for the information you provided. Yes, I do know of some Ewing-surnamed relatives. I will contact them and introduce them to your *Association*. I will not be joining now but may possibly join in the future. Thank you again.

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<sup>1</sup> His father was Henry Stanley Haskins, author of the book *Meditations in Wall Street*, published by W. Morrow & Company (New York) in 1940. A microfilm version is available from the Library of Congress, reel 86/8464. Used copies are available from *Amazon.com*.

From QuotInvestigator.com: Henry Stanley Haskins authored the quote: "What Lies Behind Us and What Lies Before Us are Tiny Matters Compared to What Lies Within Us." ... When the book was originally released the name of the author was kept a mystery although the wordsmith was described as a Wall Street financier. There was an introduction by economics writer Albert Jay Nock, and he is often referenced as the book's, and hence the quote's, author. In 1947 the New York Times printed the author's identity: Henry S. Haskins, a man with a colorful and controversial background as a securities trader.

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## **Ewings in Louisville, Kentucky**

Posted by [alwayshope88](#) at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2025/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2025/mb.ashx)

Attached is a picture from an antique store and on the back it reads:

June 12, 1928

Lucille's wedding

Frances Dick Weber

Joseph Bernard Weber

Helen & Bernard Weber

Also there was a little newspaper article which reads:

Ewing-Weber Marriage

Mrs. John A. Ewing announces the marriage of her daughter Lucille Ewing to Mr. Robert C. Weber of New Albany (Indiana). The wedding was quietly solemnized Tuesday morning, June 17 at the Cathedral of Assumption (Louisville).



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## **Inflation Calculator**

Contributed by [William E. Riddle \(+1 505.988.1092, Riddle at WmERiddle dot com\)](#)

Genealogists often encounter monetary data, and it is often interesting to know the value in today's dollars, accounting for inflation. For example, knowing that 50¢ in 1914 corresponds to \$10.75 in 2010. These monetary conversions can be done using the Inflation Calculator at [www.westegg.com/inflation](http://www.westegg.com/inflation). The calculator may also be used 'backwards', for example, finding that \$100 in 2010 corresponds to \$8.50 in 1815.

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## **Fayette Co., Pennsylvania Open Library**

Susan (Ewing) Wolfe ([buster123](#) at [hughes dot net](#))

I was browsing on-line for various things and came across this fascinating web-site:

[openlibrary.org/subjects/place:fayette\\_county\\_\(pa.\)](http://openlibrary.org/subjects/place:fayette_county_(pa.))

Many may not know about it, and in my opinion there is a vast wealth of information here for free.

If one takes the time to read all of the FAQ's on this site, you will see that these can be downloaded to a computer (in some cases) and also borrowed for a time for free.

I know that many people like myself do not live close by to a Library, let alone a big one with a genealogy section. With this website, however, you can sign up and they will send whatever book you want to 'check out' to your local Library where you can pick it up and take it home and go through it at your leisure. Many books can be downloaded to your computer too. I am totally amazed at this site, and have only browsed it briefly.

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## **Gillespie Y-DNA Testing**

**Query by Connie McKenzie (*lairdkinna at yahoo dot com*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

After a very long search, the Gillespie Surname Y-DNA Project has finally found a documented descendant of George Gillespie who married Anne Ewing. His Y-DNA kit has just reached Family Tree DNA (FTDNA, [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com)) and will begin the testing process soon. In Fife's *Ewing in Early America*,<sup>1</sup> it's indicated that a Porter line emigrated with the Ewings and Gillespies. Do you know if this Porter line has been investigated through Y-DNA testing?

### **Response by Karen Avery**

I am unaware of Porter or Gillespie Surname Y-DNA Projects, but I suspect they probably exist. The *Ewing Family Association* will be interested in the results of your Gillespie participant. I am forwarding your query to David N. Ewing, the administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

### **Message from David Neal Ewing**

I am Chancellor of the *Ewing Family Association* and Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Karen Avery has forwarded the query you posted on our website.

We are well aware of the intimate association of Ewings, Porters and Gillespies around the time they immigrated to America and for a few generations afterwards. Our former genealogist, James R. McMichael, was convinced that exploring the Porter and Gillespie lines would shed considerable light on early Ewing genealogy as well.

There are both Gillespie and Porter Surname Y-DNA Projects at Family Tree DNA ([www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com)), but we have not had any correspondence with them. We are not aware of any Y-DNA testing of Porter or Gillespie men in the lines associated with our Ewing immigrant ancestors, and are happy to hear that you have identified a Gillespie man for testing. Of course, we will be interested to hear about his results.

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## **Activities in Scotland**

**Contributed by William E. Riddle (+1 505.988.1092, *Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

For up-to-date information about activities in Scotland, visit:

[www.ancestralscotland.com](http://www.ancestralscotland.com) [www.ancestralscotland.com/newsarticles](http://www.ancestralscotland.com/newsarticles).

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

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## **Stone of Destiny**

**Contribution by Joseph J. Pepe (*mar\_joe\_2000 at Yahoo dot com*) to the EFA Forum (*groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation*)**

Just watched a wonderful film – *Stone of Destiny* – about a group of young men and women in Scotland around the year 1950 that yearned for the Scots to have home rule and their own parliament but felt the Scots needed something to arouse their interest and motivate them. They decided to bring back to Scotland the ancient Stone of Destiny that for centuries had set under the throne of English kings in Westminster Abbey in London. After a daring attempt on Christmas Eve they managed to bring the stone out from London and back to Scotland. When news of the theft came out in the papers the Scottish population was elated. But, the authorities eventually caught the young students and returned the stone to the Abbey. However, the stone was eventually given back to Scotland on a loan basis but had to be returned to the Abbey whenever a coronation was to take place. I truly cried when they brought the Stone of Destiny back to Scotland. Please see this film.

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## **West Virginia Pioneers**

**Contributed by William E. Riddle (+1 505.988.1092, *Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

Interesting information about some forty Ewings and many collateral families, many born in the early- to late-1800s, may be found at [www.wvpioneers.com](http://www.wvpioneers.com). The website's developer/maintainer indicates:

Most of my ancestors settled in Virginia starting in the 1600s, and steadily moved westward as the country opened up. In 1796, one of my ancestors was among the first to settle within the present boundaries of Jackson Co., West Virginia, where soon others joined them and stayed to build in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Descendants of so many of those families still live in the area and have intermarried so the genealogy of the area is like a big spider web. This is my attempt to connect all those pioneer families and follow their path back in time as far as possible.

## **Upcoming Events**

**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).

**2011 September 29 - October 8:** "The 2011 Legacy Genealogy Cruise – an annual event in its 8<sup>th</sup> year – is pleased to announce that professional genealogist and technology educator Thomas MacEntee (and popular webinar speaker for Legacy Family Tree) will be joining the event as its featured speaker.

The 9-day genealogy cruise takes place beginning September 29, 2011 and visits New England and Eastern Canada on the luxurious Royal Caribbean's Explorer Of The Seas ship.

Over a nine-day period, MacEntee will offer presentations related to genealogy technology including "They're Alive – Searching for Living Persons," "Managing Your Genealogy Data," "Google for Genealogists," and "Backing Up Your Genealogy Data". He will join Legacy Family Tree's Geoff Rasmussen and others who will offer classes on Legacy and other genealogy technology.

The 8th annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise, held in the fall when the New England foliage is brilliant in every imaginable color, starts and ends in New Jersey and visits the following ports: Cape Liberty Cruise Port, New Jersey; Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; Saint John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Boston, Massachusetts.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo\\_2011.asp](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2011.asp). Not only will you have the vacation of a lifetime, but you will do so in good company with other genealogists."

**2011 November 13-20:** The 7th Annual Wholly Genes Genealogy Conference and Cruise is sailing to Aruba and Curacao, aboard the MS Westerdam of the Holland America Line.

Please join us for the fun and educational event of the year! Our annual conference always sells out because it follows a proven formula: three days of presentations by expert genealogists alternating with three days of vacation in tropical ports, plus great food, evening entertainment, and the companionship of family researchers from around the world -- all for less than you'd pay for a week at the local Holiday Inn.

Our annual conference is the largest on the seas because of its tradition for offering a first-class lineup of genealogical speakers - and this year is no exception. We'll learn how to be better researchers, to break through our brick walls, and to take full advantage of records, finding aids, and technology from these experts: John Humphrey (award winning author who specializes in German and Pennsylvania research), Audrey Collins (Family History Specialist for *The National Archives* in the U.K.), Richard Sayre, CG (professional genealogist with a special interest in urban research methodology, technology and mapping tools for genealogists, military records, immigration, the Ohio River Valley, and Western Pennsylvania), Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL (professional researcher, writer, and genealogical lecturer specializing in records of the National Archives and Records Administration and computer tools), Craig Roberts Scott, CG, M.A. (HRM) (CEO and President of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm), and Richard Eastman (well-known technology expert and publisher of the *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*, the most popular online genealogy newsletter in the world).

The conference schedule also includes opportunities for one-on-one consultations with the speakers, shared meals with professional genealogists, several late-night roundtable chats, and two cocktail parties to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones, among other events.

Although the daily lecture schedule has not yet been published, the presentations will not overlap so, unlike many traditional conferences, you won't have to make difficult choices and miss some of the lectures. Likewise, no lectures or events are scheduled during port time so you'll be free to wander the tropic port towns, go shopping, lounge on the beach, or partake of the many available guided shore excursions in Aruba, Curacao, and Half Moon Cay.

While the hosting company, Wholly Genes, Inc., makes family history software, all of the events and lectures with expert researchers are software-neutral and relevant to every family researcher who wants to improve their skills. Users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) will have the opportunity to hear several

additional non-conflicting presentations about how to make the most of that software and its companion products.

**2012 September 20-23:** *Down the Ohio and Westward*, Twelfth Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association*, Gallipolis, Ohio. More information is available on page 1 of this issue.



Down the Ohio  
and Westward

### **Life After Death**

"Do you believe in life after death?" the Boss asked one of his Employees.

"Yes, Sir," the new Employee replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the Boss went on. "After you left early to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

Author Unknown

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