# Welcome New EFA Members!

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### **Ewing Family Association**



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## Newsletter



### EFA Represented at 2017 Saline Celtic Festival

The Ewing Family Association was once again represented at the 2017 Saline Celtic Festival in Saline Michigan, July 14-15. The EFA hosted a "Clan Ewing" tent at the Saline Celtic Festival with brothers Todd and 'Major' Ewing serving as EFA's Tent Captains. The clan tent featured a variety of displays, historical and family tree literature, Ewing apparel, festival info, and of course, the tent served as an inviting rest stop for Ewings and other clans' members.

Interpretive and hands-on activities provided visitors at the clan tent with tidbits of local Ewing history. This included artifacts related to the Ewing's involvement in the Great Lakes Fur Trade, musical instruments, and jig dolls that were a passion of Todd and Major's great-grandfather.

Ewings in attendance were: Tammi and Eric Todd Ewing, Walter (Major) Ewing, Dulcie Ewing Holek, Isabel Ewing, Beth Ewing Toscos, Jane Ewing Weippert with her daughter, Nicole Jolly, and grandsons, Mason and Brayden Weirauch, and Joe Ewing and family from Flint, Michigan.

After having the honor of marching behind the Ewing banner at the opening ceremony, all enjoyed a wide range of Celtic and Scottish activities, including musical entertainment, dancing, historical demonstrations, Highland games, Scottish food and vendors, and the like.

If you wish to attend or help with the EFA's Ewing Clan Tent at the 2018 festival, contact 'Major' Ewing at <a href="wallygator57@hotmail.com">wallygator57@hotmail.com</a>, and visit the festival website at <a href="www.http://www.salineceltic.org">www.http://www.salineceltic.org</a>.

So, if you're near southeast Michigan next July, come experience a festival offering a bit of Scottish heritage common to most Ewings, and spend a little time visiting the Ewing Clan Tent.



Eric Todd Ewing & Walter 'Major' Ewing



Walter 'Major' Ewing & Terry Ewing Schulz's Granddaughter

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

The delights of summer are upon us, and what delights they are. The Ewing family Heritage Events to date included the Saline Celtic Festival in Saline, Michigan, and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at which Clan Ewing was one of two featured clans on the evening of August 7th. You can read about the Saline Celtic Festival on the front page of this issue. More will appear about the Tattoo in the November Journal.



Yet to come is the Pleasanton, California, 152nd Highland Games scheduled for September 2-3. Larry Ewing will once again host the Ewing Clan Tent. You can contact him with questions at <a href="mailto:rkt88ll@earthlink.net">rkt88ll@earthlink.net</a>.

In genealogy news, we've received a large collection of research from the late Dorothy Fuhlhage. Once catalogued, this will be included in the Ewing Family Archives at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. These records relate to Walter 'Major' Ewing's family, and specifically George Samuel Ewing's line (1805-1883).

Information on the 2018 Gathering will be available the November Journal. We are looking forward to seeing those Nashville locations where our Ewing forefathers lived in the early 19th century.

Audaciter! Beth Ewing Toscos, Chancellor

## Save the Date! 2018 Gathering in Nashville

The 2018 Gathering of the Ewing Family Association will be held in Nashville, TN, August 17-19.

You can reserve your room at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel (Tel: 615-259-4343).

Look for additional details in the November Ewing Family Journal.

#### Farewell!

For the past three years, Denise and I have enjoyed the great pleasure of helping to bring you genealogical articles, history, and educational information about all things Ewing in the pages of the *Ewing Family Journal* and the *Ewing Family Newsletter*. But now, it is time to 'pass the baton' as it were, to a new editor who certainly will bring a fresh approach and new ideas. With both of us working full-time jobs, the challenge of producing these publications has been considerable.

I want to thank Denise who was responsible for most of what I call 'the heavy lifting.' Her knowledge and skills with the publication formats contributed greatly to our ability to successfully produce the finished product. I especially thank her for her attention to detail and all the long hours she slavishly donated in bringing you a readable publication.

I also wish to thank Karen Avery and Beth Ewing Toscos for their help in proofreading every *Journal*.

So, we leave you as editors, but hope to see you at the Ewing gatherings and Scottish festivals. We are planning a trip to Scotland, God willing, when we elect our new chief for Clan Ewing. We hope to meet many of you at these events.

For now, Audaciter! And, as always, it's a great time to be a Ewing!

John Alan Ewing

#### A Word from the Commander



On Tuesday 8th August, it was my privelege to lead Clan Ewing onto the Esplanade at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

For this year's 'Splash of Tartan' theme, the Tattoo has welcomed two clans each night to take part at the start of the show. Our clan was represented by Ewings from across the United States and the United Kingdom. Sadly absent were Mike Ewing and his wife, Janet, from Colorado Springs, who had to cancel at the last moment due to Janet's injury - we all wish her a speedy recovery.

After gathering at the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle, the clans were piped down to the castle drawbridge to the tune of 'Captain Norman Orr Ewing' before the pipers switched to 'MacPherson's Rant' in honour of our co-retinue from Clan MacPherson, who were led by their chief Sir William Macpherson of Cluny.

The clans lined up in two columns on the Esplanade, where we were reviewed by the salute taker, the Rt Rev Dr. Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The Lone Piper led us in an elaborate Gaelic toast before he, the salute taker, and each clan leader drank a quaich of whisky.

The clans then dispersed to their seats, and a truly spectacular show began.

I think that for all of the Ewings present, this was our first Tattoo. For me, attending the Tattoo was also the realisation of a childhood dream. I had never imagined that I would fulfill that dream in such style!

John Thor Ewing

#### **Ewing Tartan Cloth / Ready-Made Garments**

The Ewing tartan, woven by Lochcarron of Scotland is exquisitely made, and several EFA members have purchased these beautiful pieces. It is unique and distinctive, reflecting our history and tradition. You can order cloth or ready-made garments by email from <a href="mailto:tartans@clanewing.uk">tartans@clanewing.uk</a>.

Currently, all garments are made in 13oz Medium Weight 'Braeriach' tartan fabric; the pattern repeats every 6 1/4 inches or slightly more. All prices below are listed in Pounds Sterling (GBP) and subject to change. – Please check the current exchange rate to convert to other currencies.

Cloth @ £49/metre (£45/yard)

NB because the cloth is woven to double width, the amount needed for an 8 yard kilt is usually equivalent to 4 yards (3.7m). Be sure to ask your kilt maker before placing your order.

Shawl (57" x 57" / 145 x 145cm) @ £70

Kilt (8 yard full) @ £350

Kilt (5 yard casual) @ £210 Billie Skirt @ £91
Fly Plaid @ £64 Mini Fly @ £36
Neck Tie @ £20 Waistcoat @ £99

Ladies' Sash @ £30 Edinburgh Cape @ £170
Tam o' Shanter @ £22 Kilted Skirt @ £128

Mini Skirt @ £108 Hostess Skirt @ £172 Semi-Kilted Skirt @ £162 Laura Skirt @ £100

Ewing Family Association Newsletter is published two times a year.

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