

## From the Editor

After a beautiful holiday season, we're already speeding headlong into 2016 and the next exciting Clan event on July 8-10, in Saline, Michigan. I hope to meet many new Ewings there!

In the meantime, we are also just around the corner from publication of the May Journal – can you believe it?! Get ready for the exciting conclusion of Bruce Frobes' series on Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson, and the final installment of Jean Carter Wilson's copious and well-researched tale of her Ewing kin in Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

If you have articles, photos, or any other historical or genealogical contribution to share, please email it to us before March 15th, in order to meet the publishing deadline for timely mailing.

Audaciter! We'll see you in Saline!

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# Ewing Family Association

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## Newsletter



## 2016 EFA Gathering & Celtic Festival Don't miss this unique event!

We invite you to bring the family and share a time of fun, fellowship, and learning.... the Scottish way... at the **2016 EFA Gathering (July 8-11), in concert with the Saline (Michigan) Celtic Festival**. Find out about our program and the exciting schedule of events in EFA's November Journal or website. Be sure to register online or complete and mail the form in this issue.

All EFA kinsfolk are invited to kick off the 2016 Gathering by joining in our Scottish Ceilidh (traditional social gathering) at the Clan Ewing Hospitality Tent on the Festival grounds Friday night at 6 pm. We will have a traditional Scottish meal and socialize as our ancestors did many years ago, including story-telling, readings, poetry, music, sing-alongs, dancing, and other merriment.

Members are encouraged to sign up and personally share their Ewing/Scottish heritage during our Ceilidh, through song, stories, poetry, or dance. Your involvement will surely make our Ceilidh the real thing. If interested, please contact 'Major' Ewing at [wallygator57@hotmail.com](mailto:wallygator57@hotmail.com), or Terry Schultz at [schulz912@comcast.net](mailto:schulz912@comcast.net).

In addition, we are forming a Highland Games (Clan Ewing) Team to compete in the games at the Celtic Festival. All ages, male and female may join. Information and web links can be found within the EFA Journal. A Clan Ewing kids' competition will also be sponsored by EFA. Contact 'Major' Ewing if interested.

Finally, if there are any youngsters who are Highland Dancers please let us know, as this is a major competitive event at the festival. It would be a thrill to cheer on our own Clan Ewing 'little' kinfolk. Let Major or Terry know if you have a dancer who would like to compete, or even one who would like to simply perform their dance at our Clan Ewing Hospitality Tent at the Ceilidh or other opportunity.





## Comments from the Board Chair . . .

On behalf of the Ewing Family Association, I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. 2016 should prove to be yet another year of 'firsts' for our association and for Clan Ewing. This summer we will hold our first ever biennial Gathering in conjunction with Highland Games at the Saline Celtic Festival near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Included in this issue of the Newsletter, you will find a Registration form which allows you to sign up to attend this summer's festivities. There is also a copy of this Registration form on the EFA website at [www.ewingfamilyassociation.org](http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org)

I encourage you to attend. We will combine the business of the Association with the fun and pageantry of our Scottish heritage. The Michigan Ewings are hard at work formulating plans for our EFA activities that are sure to be both exciting and educational. This is a great venue for families, including youngsters who can become involved with their Ewing heritage.

Beth Ewing Toscos



Calligraphy Art by Jane (Pickel) Ewing

## Chancellor's Message

It's never too late—New Year's greetings to all!

Jane and I were in Colorado when we said hello to 2016. Each winter we spend several weeks in Salida, an historic silver mining town in the foothills of the Rockies—a retreat for athletes, artists, writers, musicians, and those who seek the mountain views and sunny skies.

Another attraction for us is nearby Mount Princeton Hot Springs. We go there for an invigorating soak in the Chalk Creek's hot springs and the cold mountain currents that intermittently eddy around us and the rocks that serve as our nest. The sparkling crisp air and snowflakes falling on our faces add to the exhilaration. Wherever we are, we hope to find Ewing cousins, and sometimes we are lucky.

Besides hiking, biking, soaking, and sunning under the cloudless blue sky, I've had time to work on my current project, identifying the Native Americans that once inhabited the forests and waters of Western Michigan and writing two books about them. I also found myself contemplating the present state of the EFA. As chancellor, I am especially thankful that our organization is blessed with dedicated, hard-working members who form our board and committees, manage the Y-DNA project, edit our two publications, maintain our website, organize our Gatherings, and take care of details that make the Ewing Family Association vibrant and pertinent. It isn't easy, but it is being done well! The state of the EFA is solid.

The upcoming Gathering in July is less than six months away. Merging with the Highland Games, an annual event in Saline, Michigan, adds a new element to the Gathering that is sure to attract more EFA Ewings than usual. Join the activity, as spectator and as participant. Jane and I will compete—challenging our physical fitness in the least competitive game we find. Go Ewings!

Wally Ewing



## Welcome New EFA Members!

Linda Asberry, Tombal, TX  
Member #1193

Jay Harlan Ewing, Champaign, IL  
Member #1194

Michelle Kay McGuire, Moscow, ID  
Member #1195

Edward Wallace Ewing, Seagoville, TX  
Member #1196

Carolyn Jackson McCulla, Oakland, CA  
Member #1197

Steven Ray Ewing, Newport, OR  
Member #1198

## 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 [tartans@clanewing.uk](mailto:tartans@clanewing.uk).

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

Fly Plaid @ £64

Neck Tie @ £20

Ladies' Sash @ £30

Tam o' Shanter @ £22

Mini Skirt @ £108

Semi-Kilted Skirt @ £162

Fiona Skirt @ £132

Billie Skirt @ £91

Mini Fly @ £36

Waistcoat @ £99

Edinburgh Cape @ £170

Kilted Skirt @ £128

Hostess Skirt @ £172

Laura Skirt @ £100

Child's Skirt/Kilt @ £70 - £88 (children's sizes only, as set by manufacturer)



## Update January 2016

-- There has been a minor setback on the tartan front in that production has been delayed due to a mix up over the Christmas period. Thor has had a few enquiries by email, and will let you know when we'll be back up and running as soon as we have something more definitive to say. As well as replenishing the medium-weight Braeriach, he has also asked for a light-weight Reiver tartan, which will probably be woven with slightly a smaller sett pattern than the Braeriach. Light-weight tartan is sometimes preferred for skirts, sashes and ties.

## A Word from the Commander

Dear Clansfolk and Cousins,

This year, 2016, is the 450th anniversary of the earliest known grant of arms in the Ewing name. The Treasurer's Accounts of Mary Queen of Scots list 'William Ewin' as the recipient of a Letter of Summons in September 1566. His arms were probably awarded when he came to court later that year, and his shield is recorded in the Workman Armorial. By this, William became Chief of the Name and Arms of Ewing and, since Ewing is a Highland name, he is also considered Chief of the Clan. Although this wasn't the foundation of our clan (for which we'd have to look back as far as the original Ewen in the 1200's) but it was official recognition that we still existed as a clan and, as such, it may be seen as something like a renewal of vows.

In addition it's the year of our third Clan tent, at the EFA Gathering at the Saline Celtic Festival in Michigan.

I'm also arranging a small Scottish gathering - plans are currently being finalised, but it is expected to be at Strathleven House later in the year. Details will be posted shortly at [www.clanewing.uk/2016](http://www.clanewing.uk/2016). Although there have been regular gatherings of American Ewings for many years, there has so far been no equivalent for Ewings in Britain and Ireland. I hope this will draw more attention to the existence of Clan Ewing over on this side of the Atlantic.



Best wishes,  
John Thor Ewing

DID YOU KNOW . . . ? (courtesy of Wally K. Ewing)

"In Washtenaw County, wrote an early settler, was 'a noted salt-lick of the red-deer and the red Indians.' At one time the place was called the Salt Spring Reservation. Here the Indians extracted salt by boiling and evaporation. Consequently the whites gave the name Saline to the nearby river, as well as to a village and township near Ypsilanti." \*

\* Indian Names in Michigan, Virgil Vogel, p. 92