

From the Editor

CLAN EWING GOES COAST TO COAST IN 2015

Clan Ewing will achieve another major milestone in 2015 by appearing at the Scottish Highland and Games at Pleasanton, California on September 5th and 6th. The Alameda County Fairgrounds, about 20 miles south of San Francisco, is the site of the Games, which is celebrating its 150th year. It is the largest and longest continuously-running Scottish festival in the US, and in some years, the largest in the world. See the article by Larry E. Ewing on page 3 for more details.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER JOURNAL

As this summer races by, Denise and I are already focusing our attention on the November Journal. If you have articles, photos, or any other historical or genealogical contribution to share, please email or send it to us no later than September 15th, so that we can meet our publishing deadline.

SECOND INSTALLMENT – AMY HUNTER EWING (PATTERSON) ARTICLE

If many of you enjoyed part one of Bruce Frobes' article about his ancestor, Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) as much as I did, I think you will be just as interested in part two coming in the November Journal. I must admit, Bruce had me hooked at the mention of Benjamin Franklin! Of course, it didn't hurt that Amy and her husband, Robert, also "hobnobbed" with the likes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other prominent early Americans.

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Newsletter



2015 Annual EFA Membership Meeting

In accordance with the 2014 Ewing Family Association Bylaw revisions, a Membership Meeting will be held annually. This year's meeting will be held in Fort Wayne, IN, and via Skype on August 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern). Participants must be Ewing Family Association members in good standing. A quorum of at least 20 people is required to conduct this meeting.

The Agenda will include Treasurer's report, Committee reports and Old/New Business. No elections will be held this year.

If you would like to participate via Skype, please contact Robert Avery at bkavery1@comcast.net.

Call Beth Toscos at 260-432-4538 for information on attending by phone (audio-only). In order to reserve a spot for you, we need your information by August 10, 2015. (Please include your Skype name.)

Between August 12 and August 20, an EFA Skype group will be established by Robert Avery (bkavery1@comcast.net). Members are encouraged to establish video contacts with Robert Avery as soon as possible by arranging a set time with Bob by e-mail. After an initial individual test, we will run a group test at some time to be established before the EFA Membership meeting.

TWO WAYS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Via PayPal on our website:
www.ewingfamilyassociation.org
OR

By check sent to Lynn Coughlin
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Comments from the Board Chair . . .

This year continues to be busy as we ease forward with both ongoing and meaningful genealogical research and the growth and nurturing of the newly re-constituted Clan Ewing.

After our inaugural Clan Ewing tent at the Loch Norman Games in North Carolina, we are supporting another opportunity for the Scottish community to welcome our clan into the pantheon. Larry E. Ewing will captain a Clan Ewing tent at Pleasanton, CA, this September.

Next year's biennial EFA Gathering will support yet another Clan Tent at the Saline Celtic Festival near Ann Arbor, MI. It is my greatest hope that every Ewing who identifies with the new clan makes a trip to one of these upcoming events.

Further work has been forthcoming on Clan Ewen of Otter. In upcoming issues of the *Journal*, we'll look forward to some additional information pointing us to the old clan on Loch Fyne.

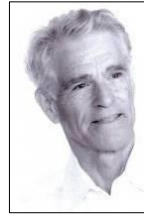
Some energetic new members have shared their family lineages with our Genealogist, Karen Avery. These will, likewise, appear in future versions of the *Journal*.

Lastly, take a look at the Clan Ewing Facebook page. You'll meet some of our Ewing kin in Scotland and England. To all I say – Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos,
Board Chair
Ewing Family Association

Chancellor's Message

I have become acquainted with my Ewing cousins through a variety of media, including the Internet. Most often the Web meetings come about because of the other person's inquiry about Ewing genealogy, and occasionally the two of us discover that we share common ancestors.



Another way of becoming acquainted is when close relatives pop up unexpectedly to ask questions about their ancestry. I am glad to respond to their questions, hopeful that I also will learn something new. In the process, I introduce my new-found cousin to the Ewing Family Association and all it has to offer. One such chance meeting occurred this summer, when Rebecca Ewing Maxey emailed me and said, "Let's have lunch." We did.

Arriving with my cousin was her husband, Mark, and their two mid-teen boys, J.D. and Scott. We gathered at one of Grand Haven's favorite restaurants, set on the Lake Michigan shoreline, where each of us enjoyed blue Lake Michigan in front of us and the wooded dunes behind us.

Becki recalled that she and I previously had met in Grand Haven, perhaps 18 or 20 years ago. I didn't remember that occasion, so for me this was like an inaugural meeting that allowed us to become acquainted personally and to share family memories. Her father, David Ewing, was my first cousin. I had a collection of photographs of him and a few of his family, as well as a quantity of ephemeral items that were pertinent to her grandfather, my uncle Walkley Ewing. Several of the candid snapshots were new to her. I offered to email her copies of the photos and letters she wanted. Becki and I vowed to keep up our communication and to continue sharing information. She concluded her thank-you note by writing, "I will be much better educated on Ewing history when you see me next!"

As a way of learning more about her Ewing ancestors, Becki has agreed to join the Ewing Family Association. I hope that means she will return to Michigan next summer and be part of our Gathering in Saline on July 8 and 9. Then you could meet her, too.

Wally Ewing, Chancellor

Welcome New EFA Members!

Eric Ewing, Grove City, OH
Member #1185

John C. Ewing, Boulder, CO
Member #1186

Anne Hacking, Charlotte, NC
Member #1187

Ewing Tartan Cloth / Ready-Made Garments Now Available!

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.

All garments are made in 13oz Medium Weight 'Braeriach' tartan fabric; the pattern repeats every 6 1/4 inches or slightly more.

All prices are listed in Pounds Sterling (GBP) – 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 kiltmaker 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

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

Fiona Skirt @ £132

Billie Skirt @ £91

Child's Skirt/Kilt @ £70 - £88

(children's sizes only, as set by manufacturer)



Sesquicentennial Scottish Highland Gathering & Games Pleasanton, CA

Larry E. Ewing, captain for the EFA tent (#201), would like to invite you to join in the festivities the weekend of September 5-6, 2015, in Pleasanton, CA. This event, being held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, is sponsored and staffed by volunteer members of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

The weekend will be filled with activities such as Highland dancing, piping and drumming, sheep dog trials, heavy athletics, whiskey tasting, Coos & Clydesdales, and for the first time, Clan Ewing representation! Other scheduled events include the Kilted Mile Race, historical re-enactments, Celtic rock bands, and great Scottish food and drink. For more information and a complete listing of all events, go to www.thescottishgames.com.

At the tent, there will be Ewing Family Association (EFA) information and merchandise available displaying our new tartan design.

Please stop by – look for the Clan Ewing banner – for a visit and/or volunteer to help for a few hours promoting the EFA and Clan Ewing.

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