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## ***From the Editor***

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*In the long history of humankind ... those who learned to collaborate ... most effectively have prevailed.*

Charles Darwin, British Biologist and Writer, 1809-1882

*I have always thought that the best way to find out what is right and what is not right ... [is] to talk and discuss, and out of discussion sometimes a little bit of truth comes out.*

Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Statesman, 1889-1964

Darwin and Nehru 'got it right' in many, many ways. With respect to sorting out a complex body of knowledge, such as data about our ancestors and their lives, Darwin's and Nehru's observations suggest collaboration as the best approach.

The need for and value of collaboration is not a new thought with respect to the *Journal*. Previous issues have argued this need and, by intent, have tried to facilitate it. *Journal* articles over the past year have often argued and displayed the value of collaboration. Various sections of the *Journal* — for example, the Information Available and Sought section (page 48) and the Ewing Digital Library section (page 26) — have been introduced explicitly to support the exchange of information critical to effective collaboration.

This issue of the *Journal* continues the intent to promote and support collaboration. In addition to the Information Available and Sought and the Ewing Digital Library sections, the Membership News section (page 39) now provides 'keeping up with ...' information about members and, indirectly, invites connections, and collaboration, both between members who have perhaps lost track of each other and between current and new members. In addition, Margrett McCorkle's article (page 13) indirectly and by example invites genealogy researchers to share stories about their ancestors' lives and collaborate on a different, storey-swapping level than just trading genealogical birth, marriage, etc. 'facts'.

There are many timeframes and styles for collaboration. The *Journal* is published every three months. Therefore, it can support only 'slow', at-a-distance collaboration. The *Clan Ewing* web site supports 'faster', seemingly over-the-shoulder collaboration as discussed in my Web Master message (page 47).

But the ultimate collaboration is face-to-face, fostered by the *Clan Ewing* gatherings which happen every other year, most recently this past September in Winchester, Virginia. The report on the 2008 Gathering in Winchester (page 1) reveals the extreme value and importance of *Clan Ewing* gatherings in fostering and supporting this face-to-face collaboration. Indirectly reflected in this issue's Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project report (page 19) is the ability of current and potential Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participants to meet during a gathering with each other and with David N. Ewing, the project's coordinator. More directly indicating the value of gatherings is the article by Jill Ewing Spitler (page 10) reporting her reconsideration of her ancestors resulting from hearing a relatively innocuous, off-hand comment by David N. Ewing during his presentation at the gathering and their subsequent, follow-on collaboration.

The lessons to be learned: The *Journal* can support effective, albeit slow, collaboration. The *Clan Ewing* web site supports 'faster' collaboration. But, best of all are the face-to-face interactions that happen during a gathering and can lead to follow-up analyses of the inter-connections among Ewings through out the world.

*Wm E. Riddle*

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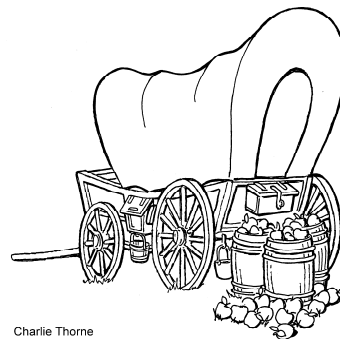
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## ***Echoes of the Shenandoah*** ***Final Report***

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What beautiful weather we had in Winchester, Virginia, for the Tenth Gathering of *Clan Ewing in America!* The folks who came were what made the gathering a success! Ninety-nine people attended the events including seventy-six full-time guests who came for the whole weekend. We especially missed our board members George Ewing, Bob Johnson, and Jim McMichael as well as their spouses. Ray Ewing, a member of the Stephens City Ewing family, a member of the Gathering Committee and the Mayor of Stephens City, was unable to attend because of his wife's hospitalization.<sup>1</sup> Both he and his wife, Mary, contributed in a variety of ways to the gathering.



Charlie Thorne



**Silent Auction Items**

Courtesy: Wm E. Riddle

Quite a few people arrived by Wednesday evening in advance of the research day on Thursday. Many of us checked out the ghosts at the Cork Street Tavern as we gathered for lunch or dinner. The Research Center was busy Thursday morning with Betty Ewing Whitmer setting up the archives, Ewing cousins creating displays, John Ewin arranging *Clan Ewing* merchandise for sale, and the Gathering Committee spreading out items for the Silent Auction. Jill Ewing Spittler brought her files of *Clan Ewing* members and Catherine Lovett arranged brochures of local sites in a notebook for visitors.

The Research Center was a hub of activity throughout the weekend. Some Ewing cousins enjoyed checking out the *Clan Ewing* files stored at the Cecil County Historical Society between gatherings. Others were soon showing off their new purchases including lavender women's golf shirts with the *Clan Ewing* Coat of Arms. Folks brought a variety of items to share — Robert Carbaugh's arrowhead collection from around the Stephens City Ewing Family Cemetery; Wally Ewing's collection of old photos, photo albums, and letters (see picture on the next page); Evelyn Ewing's exhibit about the *Confession of Faith* and the Stephens City Ewing Family Tree. Jeannette Ewing and Evelyn also put together a display about the efforts to preserve the Ewing Family Cemetery including the site plan for how it would be saved in the



**Daniel Ewing, left, and David N. Ewing In the Research Center**

Courtesy: Wm E. Riddle

<sup>1</sup> Mary Anna (Layman) Ewing unfortunately and sadly passed away shortly after the gathering. Her obituary appears on page 42.



### Wally Ewing's Materials

Courtesy: Wm E. Riddle

by our guests and an introductory video to Frederick County, people enjoyed a dessert café of brownies and cookies provided by the Board of Directors. Baskets of freshly picked apples served as table centerpieces; the apples were available as dessert or for snacks on the tours.

After Friday morning breakfast, we visited the Handley Library. Jeannette Ewing pointed out interesting details about the architecture and Rebecca Ebert opened the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives and described the collection. Rebecca had prepared a display of items pertaining to old Frederick County during the time the first Ewings lived there. Ted York, a former history teacher and husband of Betty



### Newtown History Center

Courtesy: David N. Ewing

Ewing, narrated our drive through Winchester and down the old wagon road to Main Street in Stephens City. Byron Smith, Butch Fravel and Wayne Eldred greeted us at the Newtown History Center and led tours through the three buildings. The wagon barn, probably the most popular, contained a full-size wagon similar to what was made in Stephens City.

A beautiful Ewing Family Cemetery dedication ceremony, arranged by Evelyn Ewing, was held high on a hill overlooking the valley. With the Blue Ridge Mountains on one side and the Alleghany Mountains on the other, folks gathered around the new stones in the Ewing Family Cemetery. After a brief welcome by Bill Ewing and a prayer by Ted York, Jim Ewing introduced members of the cemetery committee. Evelyn commented on the history of the Ewing family in the Stephens City area and flowers were placed in front of the stones by descendents. Music, provided by Polly Ewing Brown, was from Timothy Seaman's CD, *Common Wealth*. Following a delicious buffet lunch, provided by the Stephens City United Methodist Women in the church's fellowship hall, the bus returned us to the Hampton Inn.

new housing development. Cousins from across the country added other items for folks to peruse. The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project was highlighted in a presentation next to a poster which provided information about *Clan Ewing* activities.

The Mayor of Winchester, Liz Minor, was impressed with the cousins who were busy visiting before our event-opening buffet dinner Thursday evening. Everyone seemed to have a great time renewing friendships with those cousins they had met previously and becoming acquainted with new folks. John Riley, the Frederick County Administrator, brought greetings and a few Frederick County pins to use for door prizes. Following remarks



### Visit to the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives at the Handley Library

Courtesy: David N. Ewing



### Ewing Family Cemetery

Courtesy: Evelyn J. Ewing



**Trish Ridgeway**

Courtesy: David N. Ewing

Upon our return cousins were free to rest, explore Winchester, visit the Research Center and attend some talks. Afternoon presenters included Trish Ridgeway, dressed in Civil War mourning costume; David Neal Ewing leading a Y-DNA Workshop and a *Clan Ewing* History Workshop; and Polly Ewing Brown, sharing the history and photos of her Ewing family — the Dallas Connection. Wally Ewing guided us through his collection of Ewing Civil War letters; Bill Riddle led a discussion of his research surrounding the descendants of James Ewing of Inch; and Barbara McGuinness described a possible 2009 tour to Scotland and Ireland.

Friday evening dinner was held in Middletown at the Wayside Inn, where beautiful antiques fill the guest rooms and dining areas. Michael Foreman, retired Frederick County Clerk and local historian, used old photographs and postcards to guide us through the history of Winchester.

Following Saturday morning breakfast, the group traveled to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Glen Burnie Historic House and Gardens, passing orchards filled with apples. Met by docents Ted and Betty Ewing York, the group was divided with half going to the house and gardens first and half going to the museum. People were able to roam at their leisure through the beautiful gardens, complete with fish pond. A short video at the museum presented an overview of its

**Evelyn Ewing in  
the Glen Burnie Dahlia Garden**

Courtesy: David N. Ewing

collections. After switching in the mid-morning so that those who had seen the museum could tour the house, and vice versa, a buffet lunch and the gift shop were enjoyed before our return to the hotel.

**Skyline County Cloggers in Action ...**

Family group photos were taken Saturday evening before dinner. The picture of all the gathering's attendees appears on the next page; this photo and others may be found on the *Clan Ewing* web site ([www.ClanEwing.org](http://www.ClanEwing.org)).

**... and Under Scrutiny**

Courtesy: Wm E. Riddle

The Skyline Country Cloggers entertained us during dessert and winners of the Silent Auction were announced during their intermission. Over \$600 was raised by the Silent Auction to offset the gathering's expenses. The General Membership Meeting followed dessert. Polly Ewing Brown provided two tote bags and six notebooks for door prizes which were awarded during each dinner for categories such as the person with the most grandchildren or the person who had attended the earliest gathering. The oldest person attending was Donna Knepp, 92, of Winchester. Ann Nugent of Bellingham, Washington, had traveled the greatest distance.

It is difficult to recognize everyone who contributed time and resources to make this gathering a success. I would like to thank committee members Catherine Lovett, John Ewin, Bill, Jeannette, Jim, Evelyn and Ray Ewing for their ideas, time, effort and support as we planned and carried out the gathering. We all appreciate Barbara McGuinness who contributed her expertise to make hotel, meal and event arrangements. Mary Ewing organized lunch at the Stephens City United Methodist Church. Nancy Ewing Weller, Catherine Lovett, Frances Ewing Carbaugh, Barbara Greene, Lois White and Jackie White Laing served as greeters during registration and at dinners. Stacey Lovett Clark contacted the Skyline Country Cloggers, with whom she used to dance. Charlie Thorne, a local artist, created our logo of the Newtown wagon and bushels of apples. Charlotte Eller wrote a wonderful article which was published in *The Winchester Star* a month before the Gathering; her article is reprinted on page 7. The Stephens City Lions Club provided apple butter for our 'goodie' bags. Reports and articles were written for the *Journal* by *Clan Ewing* members and by Frederick County citizens. (A complete list of these articles begins on page 5.) We thank William E. Riddle for his editorial expertise and many helpful suggestions. Jeffrey Ewing, Beverly Ewing Dugger, Bob Gosline, Rob Gosline, and Alisa Gosline and Greg L. Mitchell provided support behind the scenes.



**Tenth Gathering of *Clan Ewing in America* Attendees**

Courtesy: Greg L. Mitchell

*Mary Ewing Gosline, a member of Clan Ewing's Board of Directors since 2004 and its Chair 2004-2006, coordinated **Echoes of the Shenandoah**, the 2008 Gathering of Clan Ewing in America. A member of Clan Ewing 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.*

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- Fravel, Linden. The Newtown Wagon, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (February 2008), pp. 13-18. This report concerns one of the most common and essential tools of early America, the *road wagon*. It complements the information about the Conestoga wagon in Jean McClure's report. Linden describes the Newtown wagon and the wagon industry in Newtown (Stephens City). He also provides information about the history of the Frederick County area up to the Civil War.
- Ridgeway, Trish. Winchester Experiences the Civil War, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), pp. 13-15. During the Civil War, Winchester was decimated. The area saw huge numbers of soldiers occupying its buildings and consuming everything in sight. In addition, soldiers brought typhoid and other virulent diseases that spread through the local population. This article briefly discusses the resulting suffering of civilians and soldiers during this period.
- Gosline, Mary Ewing. A Brief History of Clog Dancing, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (August 2008), p. 12. A brief introduction to Clog Dancing, an Appalachian percussive-dance art form. (The author thanks Stacey Lovett Clark for her help in developing this article.)
- Eller, Charlotte J. First Family Reunion in Valley: Family discovers ties to popular 'Dallas' TV show. *The Winchester Star*, August 16, 2008, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (November 2008). pp. 7-9. This is a newspaper article published in advance of the 2008 Gathering which discussed the dedication for the local Ewing Cemetery and Polly Ewing Brown's presentation on the connection to the J. R. Ewing family in the 'Dallas' TV show.

### Ewing Families

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- Ewing, Evelyn Jones. Ewings of Shenandoah Valley, Virginia (Part 2), *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 13-25. A continuation of the genealogy of the descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh emphasizing the children of William Ewing, his son.
- DaHarb, Darryl Dene. John Ewing, Son of William Ewing, Grandson of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 26-31. A discussion of the

descendants of John Ewing, son of the William Ewing who is the emphasis of the reports by Evelyn Jones Ewing.

### Local Attractions and Activities

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- York, Ted and Betty (Ewing). The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Historic House and Gardens at Glen Burnie, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (February 2008), p. 12. This report provided a glimpse of the *Historic House and Gardens at Glen Burnie*, home of the founder of Winchester, Col. James Wood, and the adjacent *Museum of the Shenandoah Valley* which gives visitors many insights into the founding and evolution of this region of Virginia.
- Ewing, Evelyn Jones. Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church, Marlboro, Virginia, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), pp. 19-21. The Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church was founded in 1736 on Cedar Creek, an important tributary of the Shenandoah River. Opequon Presbyterian Church, also founded in 1736, is situated on Opequon Creek about three miles southwest of Winchester and four miles north of Stephens City. The congregations of Cedar Creek and Opequon, two of the oldest churches in the Winchester area and only about nine miles apart, have shared pastors and enjoyed a close relationship through the years.
- Ewing, Evelyn Jones. Winchester – Home of Spirits and Ghosts, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), p. 12. Winchester resident Mac Rutherford conducts popular evening Ghost Tours through Winchester and Mt. Hebron Cemetery. During his tours, he weaves fascinating stories about the area's ghosts and spirits. Many of these stories are included in a recent collection of quite amusing one-to-three-page write-ups. Three of the locations he includes on his tours are quite close to each other. This article provided synopses of his stories about these three locations.
- Ewing, Evelyn Jones. More Winchester Spirits and Ghosts, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (August 2008), pp. 13-14. Additional synopses of Mac Rutherford's sketches of spirits and ghosts said to be in the Winchester area.
- n.a. History of the Wayside Inn, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), p. 11. A short history of the Wayside Inn in Middletown, Virginia, which was the venue for the gathering's dinner on Friday, September 19, 2008.
- Avery, Karen. Local Area Attractions, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (February 2008), pp. 19-20. A list of attractions in the general area — Washington, D.C., to the north, the Allegheny Mountains to the west and Williamsburg on the south — attendees could visit and enjoy during extra days before and after the gathering.
- Gosline, Mary Ewing. The Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive in the Mountains of the Shenandoah Valley, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (August 2008), pp. 15-16. This report provided guidance for those planning to tour the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, both scenic parkways through the Blue Ridge Mountains.

## First Ewing Reunion in Valley: Family discovers ties to popular 'Dallas' TV show<sup>1</sup>

Charlotte J. Eller, Special to *The Winchester Star*, August 16, 2008



Evelyn Ewing (left), Catherine Lovett and Jeanette Ewing visit the Ewing Family Cemetery in preparation for the reunion to be held in the area for the first time.

(Photos by Scott Mason)

**Stephens City** — The descendants of the Ewing clan, who settled in this Frederick County town more than 250 years ago, will return to their ancestral roots from far and near next month to attend the first family reunion they have held in the northern Shenandoah Valley.

This isn't the first Ewing reunion, however. It is the 10th for the family association.

Members of Clan Ewing in America, founded in 1990 by the Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, will come from as far away as California to attend the event set for Sept. 18-21, said Mary Ewing Gosline, family reunion chairwoman.

The reunion, which relives the history of one of Stephens City's oldest families, fits nicely with the town's year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of its founding, said local historian Linden A. "Butch" Fravel Jr., who serves on the Town Council and is chairman of its Planning Commission.

"They couldn't have picked a better time to come home . . . and find their roots," he said.

Some Ewing ancestors, who emigrated from Ireland in 1729 and settled in Pennsylvania, eventually moved as far away as the southwestern United States, while others never left Stephens City, to which their ancestors moved in the mid-1730s, historians say.

William Ewing, who acquired more than 625 acres from Jost Hite and settled there, headed the Stephens City contingent. He and his descendants farmed the land for 175 years.

### The Ewings of "Dallas"

One ancestor, Jock Ewing, moved to Texas after becoming tired of working in Pittsburgh's iron and steel plants and West Virginia's coal fields, according to his great-niece, Polly Ewing Brown of Harrisonburg.

Jock Ewing had good fortune when he moved to Texas; he struck oil and became rich. Years later, his story inspired the immensely popular television series "Dallas," which was telecast from 1978 until 1991, Brown said.

<sup>1</sup> Reprinted with the permission of the author and *The Winchester Star*.

She will discuss the "Dallas Ewing Oil TV Series" Sept. 20 when relatives gather at the Hampton Inn on Berryville Avenue in Winchester to learn more about their heritage.

Her talk will focus on fact vs. fiction in the TV show. "It really is based on a true story," Brown said in a telephone interview. "But as the series continued, they just kept adding to the story and making it up. A lot [that was untrue] was added and added and added."

A Richmond native, Brown learned years ago of the family's ties to the show, which was not yet on the air, from her father while they were en route to a funeral in Pittsburgh.

"We were just chit-chatting about things that we remembered about our relatives when he said, 'The funniest thing happened to me this past week.' "

Her father related how he had received a phone call from a lawyer in Dallas, asking him to sign an agreement that the family wouldn't sue for slander because an entertainment company planned to produce a story about his uncle Jock Ewing.

Brown, who had never heard of her great-uncle Jock Ewing until that time, questioned her father about him. Then he went on to tell the story of Jock Ewing's life.

When they got to the funeral, Brown and her father found that other relatives there had received similar phone calls. "We all looked at each other and said, 'Who would care? Who would give a whoop about anybody's family story?' " she said with a chuckle.

As it turned out, almost everyone in the United States, as well as many foreign countries, cared.

The story of Jock and "Miss Ellie" Ewing's family on "Dallas" became one of the most successful TV prime-time serial stories ever made, according to the MSN Movies Web site.

"My dad got all sorts of promotional things" from the producers as the result of the series, including a Ewing Monopoly game, Brown said.

She promised to reveal "the rest of the story" of the real Jock Ewing in her talk, including: "If there was a rich uncle, why are we still working? What happened to the money?"

## Coming home

Besides Brown's talk, presentations about other aspects of family and local history, led by family members and local historians, also are planned for Sept. 19-20 at the inn.

"Echoes of the Shenandoah," the reunion's theme, "reflects an emphasis on the Ewing families who migrated to, settled in, and traveled through the Northern Shenandoah Valley," according to a memorandum outlining plans for the gathering.



Jeanette Ewing (left), Catherine Lovett, Evelyn Ewing, Jim Ewing, Mary Gosline, and John Ewing<sup>2</sup> are gearing up for the family reunion. Members of *Clan Ewing in America*, founded in 1990 by the Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, will come from as far away as California to attend the event set for Sept. 18-21.

<sup>2</sup> This is a typographical error. John's surname is 'Ewin' rather than 'Ewing'.





This is the crumbling grave marker of William Ewing, who acquired more than 625 acres from Jost Hite and settled in the area now known as Stephens City. He and his descendants farmed the land for 175 years.

Two members of Clan Ewing hold major posts in area local governments. Ray Ewing is Stephens City's mayor. His cousin Bill Ewing represents the Opequon District, where the town is located, on the Frederick County Board of Supervisors.

Both are excited about the event. "I couldn't be prouder that it's happening here and at this particular time," Ray Ewing said.

"Knowing that one's ancestors have lived in a community for more than 250 years really helps you to appreciate your roots," he said. "It's reassuring to look at sights in the town and know that your great-grandfather looked at this same sight."

Bill Ewing agreed: "I just think it's great that the family can gather together here in Stephens City. We're glad to see them all coming. Having lived away from the area for a while, I know how good it is to come home."

Bill Ewing's brother and sister-in-law, James and Evelyn Ewing of Emporia, encouraged the Clan Ewing to meet in the Stephens City area when the couple attended the last reunion.

Reunion activities for Sept. 19 include a bus tour of Frederick County, a visit to the Newtown History Center and Stephens City's Main Street, a dedication ceremony for the family cemetery southeast of the town, and lunch at the Stephens City United Methodist Church.

Following the afternoon presentations on family history, the group will have dinner at the Wayside Inn, where another well-known local historian, Michael Foreman, will speak.

On Sept. 20, the events include a visit to the Glen Burnie Historic House and Gardens and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester and more family history presentations.



This is a grave marker for Joshua Ewing in the family cemetery near Stephens City. The family is related to the man who inspired the TV drama "Dallas."

## **Who Was James, Son of John of Carnashannagh?**

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David N. Ewing gave a very informative talk about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project at the *Clan Ewing* Gathering in Winchester, Virginia, in September. As he was answering a question about the John Ewing of Carnashannagh line (Group 4 in the project), he commented that the distinctive value at YCA-lib, which he called a branch marker for the descendants of Pocahontas James, could as easily be used to argue that Pocahontas James was not the son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh. I got chills and the wildest thought came in my mind. My cousins and I have been looking at the John of Carnashannagh line for many years, since long before the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project was started, trying to fit our ancestor, James Ewing (born ca. 1720/25) into it. Maybe, just maybe, it was not Pocahontas James who was the son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, but rather our James. Our James is the progenitor of Group 7 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

In the fifth paragraph of Chapter One of her book on Pocahontas James,<sup>1</sup> Nancy Hanks Ewing states that it is not known where Pocahontas James came from or where he was born. The first record of Pocahontas James places him in what is now Bath County, Virginia, in 1746. By 1750 or 1751, he was in what is now the adjacent Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Of course at that time, neither the state of West Virginia nor either of these modern-day counties existed. Both were in what was then Augusta County, Virginia, in an area that is a little over a hundred miles southwest of Winchester, Virginia, where John of Carnashannagh's sons William and Samuel and his daughter Elizabeth settled. Many have made guesses about Pocahontas James's origins and kinship, but there is no proof that he belongs in the John of Carnashannagh line or anywhere else. As Nancy Hanks Ewing says: "No one knows the answers to those questions."

The source of the idea that Pocahontas James is the youngest son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh seems to be:

An old geneological (sic) record of the Ewing Tribe as it was told verbally by Elizabeth Ewing Jamison, daughter of Samuel and Margaret McMichael Ewing, to one Robert Ewing, July 12, 1820, a year before she died, and written off and sent by him in a letter to Aunt Sally Jamison, dated August 26, 1827, seven years after he got it from Elizabeth Ewing Jamison. ...

as transcribed by Euline Benbow and sent to Ono Ruth Klemann, who forwarded it to Margaret Ewing Fife some time before May 1983.<sup>2</sup> As near as we can tell, no one has been able to contact Ms. Benbow<sup>3</sup> or get an actual copy of the original letter, which in any case seems to have been written several years after Robert Ewing heard the story. John of Carnashannagh was in his mid-seventies when both of these James were born, which might be used as an argument that John of Carnashannagh was not really the father of either of them, except that he was only four years younger when his son Samuel was born.

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<sup>1</sup> *James Ewing, Pioneer* by Nancy Hanks Ewing, available in the *Clan Ewing* web site's Reading Room, at: [www.clanewing.org/books/Document\\_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html](http://www.clanewing.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html).

<sup>2</sup> Fife, p. 54

<sup>3</sup> As we were discussing this, David N. Ewing tried to locate her and learned that she had died in November last year. He has written a letter to the Brazos County, Texas, Genealogical Society to see if they can help locate her papers.



This letter, or at least Ms. Benbow's transcription of it, also contains some mistakes. Perhaps most importantly, it has Pocahontas James marrying a second time to Sarah Edwards and lists five children they are supposed to have had together. It is fairly plain, though, that Pocahontas James died before his first wife, Sarah Mays (or Mayes) died. Margaret Fife herself makes the argument that this James could not have been the husband of Sarah Edwards.<sup>4,5</sup> One can imagine that this might mean there was a third James in the area who is a candidate for being the son of John of Carnashannagh.

Our ancestor James settled in Pennsylvania, where he obtained a land warranty in Lebanon Township, Lancaster County, in 1752.<sup>6</sup> Just as with Pocahontas James, my cousins and I do not know his actual place or date of birth or the names of his parents, but at least we know that he married Maria Sebina Shellenberger in Heidelberg, Lebanon County (an offshoot of Lancaster County), Virginia. This area is about 125 miles northeast of Winchester, Virginia. We have estimated his date of birth to be about 1720-1725 based on the date of this land warranty. James died in 1776 and left sons William and John. William inherited the land and John received money. John married Anna Maria 'Mary' Heichold. After John and Anna's son, John (II) , was born in 1786 in Lebanon County, they moved to Conococheague Hundred, Washington County, Maryland, where they had the following children: George born 1789, Mary born 1792, William born 1793, Catherine born 1794, Sarah born 1796, Jacob born 1797 and Betsy born 1799. Then the family moved to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where they had James born 1801 and Rosa born 1805. John (II) is our ancestor as well as the ancestor of Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participants WC,<sup>7</sup> SC and DC; Jacob is the ancestor of Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant DL2; and James is the ancestor of Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant PA2.

One of the sons of John Ewing of Carnashannagh buried at the Ewing Family Cemetery in Stephens City, Virginia, was Samuel Ewing (born c1718, married Margaret McMichael).<sup>8</sup> Their daughter, Margaret Ewing (1750-1815), married John Carr.<sup>9</sup> We have thought for many years that the John Carr connection was a hint linking our James to the John of Carnashannagh line. Our John Ewing signed a power-of-attorney to Jacob Stoler (who was his son-in-law or his son-in-law's father, who was also named Jacob), to sell his land in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and went to Wayne County, Ohio, to buy land from a John Carr. We have no evidence connecting this John Carr in Ohio with the John Carr who was married to Margaret Ewing, but we can not help wondering if this might be a hint of a family connection because we know that family groups often migrated together.

Where do we go from here? We — my cousins and I — need to find genealogical data as proof and need help from anyone who might know anything which can help us. It is ironic that the first genealogical data we had was from the White family — descendants of Samuel who married Margaret McMichael, son of John of Carnashannagh — given to my brother at an Antique Show in Ft. Wayne,

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<sup>4</sup> Fife, p. 85

<sup>5</sup> Jean McClure has researched this issue. Her conclusions are reflected in the John of Carnashannagh Genealogy developed by James R. McMichael and included in the Ewing Genealogy at:  
[www.clanewing.org/EGD\\_Project/John\\_of\\_Carnashannagh/d3.htm](http://www.clanewing.org/EGD_Project/John_of_Carnashannagh/d3.htm).

<sup>6</sup> Fife, p. 328

<sup>7</sup> WC is my brother, William Charles Ewing.

<sup>8</sup> Fife, p. 76

<sup>9</sup> Fife, p. 78

Indiana, in 1981. We have thought for a long time that we may be missing something, an important clue that could be right under our noses. Can anyone help us?

*Author's note: I would like to thank David N. Ewing for his help in developing this article.*

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### **Murphy's Fifteen Other Laws**

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. If you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone will be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty

Contributed by Jill E. Spittler

## **Grand-dad Will's Stories – Part II**

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In my previous article,<sup>1</sup> I introduced my great-grandfather, William Marion Ewing, who I have always called Grand-dad Will. I also promised to relate some of his ancestry-illuminating stories which had an incredible influence on my life and beliefs. Memories are wonderful things in all our lives. During the time of Grand-dad Will's and my life together, I believe he was greatly enjoying the benefits of his memories. At that time he was in the autumn of his years, and I was fortunate enough to be there and be able to now pass on his stories.

This article partially delivers on my promise to pass on to you — and my children — Grand-dad's stories. Additional stories will appear in a future article.

### **William Marion 'Will' Ewing**

To begin, I would like to remind readers of, and expand on, the details of the life of my great-grandfather, William Marion Ewing — my Grand-dad Will.

#### **Will's Childhood**

William Marion Ewing — 'Will' as he was known by friends and family — was born February 21, 1871, in Putnam County, Missouri, the only son of John Anderson and Evaline Mary (Gardner) Ewing. Grand-dad Will's father died when Will was seven-or-eight years old. The details of his father's death were never spoken of except to allude to the fact his father had been shot when Will was just a lad.

Grand-dad Will's mother — Evaline Mary (Gardner) Ewing — remarried shortly after his father died. After his father's death, Will spent a great deal of time with his grandparents, John Jordon and Elizabeth Ann (Viers) Ewing, in Schuyler County, Missouri. My memory is that he spoke often of his grandparents and seldom spoke of his mother or father.

Will's childhood was filled with lots of hard work, but it was also 'centered' by a loving family. He was greatly encouraged toward education. He learned many family stories from his grandfather, who died when Grand-dad Will was seventeen, and his grandmother, who died ten years later. Will took care of his grandmother until she died in Putnam County, Missouri, in 1899.

#### **Will's Sister**

Will had a younger sister, Georgia Ann, who was born in 1877 and was barely a year old when their father died. Until recently, I knew little about my great-grandaunt other than how much Grand-dad Will cared for her. I saw her only a couple times during my childhood; I have little memory of her.

Newly discovered data have, however, answered many unknowns about this part of my family that now, as they come to light, help me better understand some previously unknown relatives, including my great-grandaunt, Georgia Ann Ewing.

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<sup>1</sup> McCorkle, Margrett. Grand-dad Will's Stories, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), pp. 27-29.

When I was a child, we would often visit with a Salsbury family in (or at least near) Springfield, Missouri. We would go in late-Fall to butcher hogs and pick peaches. It was a week-end adventure and always a great enjoyment for me. I never fully knew who these people were other than very close family friends. I called them Aunt Ruby and Uncle Dutch, using the 'honorifics' that most children used when their elders in those days.

Much to my surprise, I recently discovered that they were family. Georgia Ann Ewing had married John Salsbury who was born in Missouri in 1877. Among other children, they were the parents of Darley John 'Dutch' Salsbury who was born, 1902, in Carrollton, Carroll County, Arkansas. In 1925, Dutch married Ruby Dora Beaver who was born 1905 in Newton County, Missouri. Ruby died in July 1973 in Joplin, Missouri, and Dutch had preceded her in death in 1963, also in Joplin, Missouri. Dutch and Ruby Salsbury had two sons: Henry Don Salsbury and John Darrell Salsbury.

### **Will's Family**

At age twenty-one, Grand-dad Will married Ellen Ann Admire. She was born November 6, 1877, in Putnam County, Missouri, and was the daughter of Jesse Admire and Mary Delilah Ferguson. Ellie, as she was known, was fifteen years old at the time of their marriage on October 30, 1892, in Martintown, Missouri.

Will and Ellie Ewing started their married life in Putnam County. Will was part of the first crews hired to string telephone lines through the country side.

The first child born to Will and Ellie Ewing was my grandmother Evaline Mary Ewing, born July 26, 1894, in Putnam County, Missouri. After the death of his grandmother, Elizabeth, and around 1900, Grand-dad Will and Ellie moved down to Boone County, Arkansas, where the rest of their children were born. They resided in Alpena Pass, which is said to be in Boone County or Carroll County depending on the county line at the time.

Will and Ellie's family consisted of four sons and three daughters; they also had twin daughters who died at birth. Their second child, Henry Lee Ewing, was born February 21, 1890; their third child, Anna Mae Ewing, was born September 30, 1900; their fourth child, Marion Francis 'Monk' Ewing, was born in 1902 (Monk was killed in a railroad fire circa 1941/42 and left one daughter); their fifth child was William Hugh 'Bill' Ewing born March 3, 1907; their sixth child was Vinita 'Nettie' Ewing, born May 30, 1911; and their last child was John Anderson Ewing, known as 'Pat' and born April 28, 1915.

The same year their last child, Pat, was born, their oldest child, Evaline Mary (known as 'Linee') married Garland Blaine Richardson. The Richardson family had lived in Carroll County, Arkansas, since 1850, having come from Tennessee. Garland and Linee were married September 11, 1915, in Carroll County, Arkansas, and the following July their only child was born on July 18, 1916, in Alpena Pass, Arkansas. This child was my father. The marriage of Garland and Linee was short lived. The 1920 census shows Mary Evaline and her three year-old son, Garland, living with her father and mother, Will and Ellie Ewing. I do not know more details about this.

My beloved great-grandmother Ellie died on December 3, 1921. She is buried in Alpena Cemetery, in Carroll County, Arkansas. There are many stories about her, but the one most often repeated concerns her extraordinary artistic ability. She was a portrait artist and did numerous charcoal portraits of people in her area. She was the love of Will's life, and he never quite recovered from her death. He lived out

the rest of his life alone, with just his children and grandchildren ... and a Big Old Red Mule (the subject of several family stories which will appear in future articles).

From the time of the 1920 census until his marriage to my mother in 1935, my father — Garland Blaine Richardson — was raised by his grandfather. This was the only father he knew and loved. Thus his aunts and uncles were like siblings to him.

As life moved on and we were born, we spent much time visiting Grand-dad Will, who by this time lived in Casa, Arkansas, just at the foot of Petit Jean Mountain. Grand-dad Will loved the mountains. Perhaps this was in his blood, descending from James 'the Pioneer' Ewing of Pocahontas County, West Virginia. But it was where he remained, and where he wished to be buried when the time came.

That time came on July 1, 1956, when he was eighty-five years old. I was fourteen years old, but had spent the majority of those years at the knee of my beloved great-grandfather. He was my best friend and my mentor, and as I look back on all of it now, probably one of the greatest influences in my life. He was a constantly loving, sharing teacher and mentor. All I can say is: I wish every child could be as fortunate as I was to have a great-grandfather like him.

## **Arkansas Black Bear**

Grand-dad Will often spoke of his days as a young man, and liked to tell of the trials of being a telephone lineman. If my memory serves me correctly, he did say 'telephone lineman', but he may have worked putting up electric lines also. This would have been around the 1900-1920 timeframe; pardon my ignorance here as I do not know when such lines were strung where he lived and whether the lines were new or just ones in need of repair. The terrain was brutal in some parts of the country; this would have been somewhere near or around Boone County, Arkansas. Wild animals abounded in this area; he told of getting a bobcat treed up a pole and having great fun in getting him down.

One day, as the story goes, the lineman crew had erected a pole that happened to be in the vicinity of a bear's domain. When they returned to their site one morning to get on with their job they found the pole being guarded by a black bear — *the Bear*. It must have been that the Bear did not like the new pole or the men invading his living space as the Bear was trying his darndest to get rid of that pole. He clawed it, he rammed it, he shook it ... but the pole hung in there.

As the crew cautiously approached, the Bear became even madder. He'd charge at the men and then run back and shake the pole. No amount of shouting or throwing of rocks encouraged the Bear to move on and leave the pole. He'd stand beside the pole, shake his head back and forth and make terrible growls and snorts. This went on for the better part of the morning, and everyone was about to give up getting the Bear to move on. Then the Bear decided, on his own volition, to leave the pole. He was perhaps getting on toward his mid-day napping time, or he had finally decided there was no prospect of food from this pole. Either way, the crew got back to work and the Bear became a memory.

Bears were often part of the lives of people in that area of Arkansas. One time, the dogs were setting up quite a stir late one evening as a hungry bear had happened upon Grand-dad Will's corn crib and the veggie crib where he stored all his root vegetables. With the dogs' attempts at chasing the bear and a shotgun blast up in the air, the bear was persuaded to leave the cribs for another night.

On a blackberry picking trip one summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to see a bear quite close. Blackberry picking was a great adventure, and blackberries were a favorite food. There was always the wonderfully delicious Blackberry Cobbler, so anticipated after dinner. Early one morning, soon after

breakfast, we were off with our buckets and big sticks to scare away any snakes hiding in the thickets. After much walking, always uphill, we came to our blackberry thicket and set about picking the big juicy berries. As time passed, we'd move on to another spot where we would become somewhat separated but not really too far. As I was doing my share — 'one for the bucket and one for me' — I heard what I assumed was someone just ahead of me, pushing aside a bush. I don't remember what I said but did say something in the form of greeting as I pushed aside a large branch to see who I was speaking to. Imagine my surprise as I came face-to-face with a bear. I didn't scream. I didn't run. I was frozen to the spot and speechless. All I remember was Grand-dad Will stepping in front of me yelling and hitting the ground with a big stick, and the bear, who I believe was as surprised as I was, turning and running back into the thicket at a pretty fast pace. This pretty much concluded this blackberry picking trip as we all decided we had collected enough berries for that day. And I was very happy to put as much distance as I could between me and that bear. But, boy oh boy, did I have a story to tell that night sitting out on the porch eating Blackberry Cobbler. What was fun about this story was that it was one I could tell. And, of course, I was encouraged by Grand-dad Will to tell it as many times as people would stop to visit.

This brings me to my last story about 'visiting bears'. I'm sorry to say this happened shortly after my beloved Grand-dad Will passed away. Now, I don't want to sound spooky here, but we always have stories that make us go 'Hum-m-m-m?'. Grand-dad Will was very fond of ghost stories and did his share of telling them. I'm sure he would have greatly enjoyed this one.

Grand-dad Will liked bears, and we all knew he did. After he passed on, his youngest son lived in his house for a while. Every morning, as John would arise and go about fixing his breakfast, there would come a knock on the back-kitchen door. The first time this happened, just imagine his shock when the door was opened and there to greet him was a bear. Out of fear or desperation, John fed his left over breakfast to the bear. Much to John's surprise, the bear must have liked his cooking as this soon became an almost everyday event. About the time breakfast was done there would be a knock on the back door and there would be the bear, looking for his handout. As John tells it, the bear became quite fond of his breakfast biscuits and gravy. And Grand-dad Will's most favorite thing for breakfast was biscuits and gravy.

Lots of folks will find this tale hard to believe, but it happened just as I have related it. I like to believe Grand-dad Will gave us one more 'bear story'. He often told stories about how American Indians believed that their ancestors often came back after death in the form of local animals: a bear, a mountain lion, an eagle or hawk, any one of a number of animals. When I would ask him what animal he'd come back as, he'd always tell me it would be the Arkansas Black Bear. ... Did he?

## **Santa Claus**

It was the winter of 1947, Christmas. I remember it so very well.

My Aunt Anna, Uncle Andy and I had planned to spend Christmas that year in Arkansas with my Grand-dad Will. Spending Christmas in Arkansas at Grand-dad's was so very special to me. Perhaps it was my age and my awareness of what Christmas was about that I had this wonderful belief, this glorious feeling, that my beloved great-grandfather was, without any doubt in my youthful mind and heart, the true and real Santa Claus.

After all, he had snow white hair and a long white beard, his eyes were as blue as the sky and he made the most wonderful toys: carved animals, wagons and bow and arrows, dolls, and doll houses with

furniture and wooden solders. In my thinking there was nothing he could not do or make. So there I was, all of five years old and smugly knowing my Grand-dad Will was Santa.

The first thing on arrival at Grand-dad's place after the long trip from Oklahoma to Casa, Arkansas, was always a hurried trip to the house down the path, known to us of that generation as the 'out house'. No one really ever enjoyed these trips, and especially a five-year old, but it was just part of living. I always had to have someone come along on these trips as I needed help to get up there on the adult seat.

This particular visit during the winter of 1947 was no exception. Grand-dad Will, as usual, was watching for us and met us as we drove up the driveway. After many hugs and kisses, I was anxious to get down that path and was tugging at my Grand-dad Will to come along. He was hesitating and told me to run on along and he'd be right behind me, which of course I proceeded to do. As I opened the door, however, my urgency was quickly halted when I saw what had been done.

Grand-dad Will had, during the time between our late summer visit and our winter visit, altered the seating bench of the outhouse to incorporate a small lower seat. Just a perfect fit for this five-year old, who was beginning to feel quite grown up. Oh what a surprise it was and how very special I felt. The love I had for this gentle man could never be measured.

I ran back up the path and into the house that was warm from the wood-burning pot-bellied stove that stood in the corner of the living room. Over in the other corner, in front of the window, was the tree, already cut and standing all alone and ready to be decorated by my five year-old hands. After supper, and while drinking hot chocolate and eating candy canes, we decorated this wonderful tree.

It being a long day and sitting in the lap of my Grand-dad Will, I listened to everyone get caught up on the latest news of family members, etc., and I'd find my eyes too heavy to stay awake and would feel myself being carried up the stairs and placed in that big feather bed with, as the saying goes 'visions of what was to come on Christmas day'.

Christmas morning: opening presents; wonderful breakfasts; warm and snug with the ones we love. Life gets no better. Those are my memories with my Grand-dad Will as Santa Claus. This Christmas brought the usual dolls and color books, but the gift most remembered was a wagon. Made by Grand-dad Will, it was this small replica of a buck-board wagon with all the bells and whistles of the real thing. As I came downstairs that Christmas morning, there it sat under the tree. The most beautiful thing I had ever seen. It was a treasured item until unforeseen events cost me my home in Oklahoma and it was lost to me forever.

So here we were, my last winter before I started school after turning six the summer of 1948 and knowing I was the luckiest girl in all the world as my Grand- Will was Santa Claus. You see, I never told anyone I thought this; it was my own secret knowledge. I was very secure with just knowing this to be true.

As we all know, we learn a lot in school besides the a-b-c's. The following Fall, as I began my first-grade year, I began to learn things that created a very big disappointment to me. A very devastating revelation was to learn that my Grand-dad Will could not be Santa Claus. He had been with me all of my Christmas Eves, so he could not have lived at the North Pole with elves and reindeer. Grand-dad Will did not own a sleigh nor could Old Red fly.

But children are very resilient, and I soon realized that maybe it was a good thing that Grand-dad Will was not the real Santa Claus. The more I thought about it, the more I realized I did not really want to

share him with every child in the world. He was mine and mine alone, and that was a really good feeling.

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### **Flies in Their Beer**

A German, a Scotsman and an Irishman were enjoying their pints of beer until three flies suddenly buzzed into the bar and landed in each of their drinks. The German was disgusted and pushed his pint aside. The Scotsman pulled the insect out of his pint and continued drinking. The Irishman was furious. He pulled the fly out by its wings, held it over his pint and yelled: Spit it out. Spit it out!

Contributed by William E. Riddle

### **Irish Bartenders**

A penguin walked into an Irish bar in Antarctica and says: 'Have you seen my brother?'

The bartender said: What does he look like?

Contributed by William E. Riddle



## **Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project – Article 16**

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This is the sixteenth in a series of articles about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. The previous fifteen articles have appeared in the last fifteen issues of this *Journal*. They are also available online through links at the project's web site:

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

Extensively cross-linked results tables, project participant lineages, group relationship diagrams and network diagrams are also available on the project's web site.

### **Recognition for the Ewing Y-DNA Project**

Hurricane Ike damaged the hotel in Houston so badly that the conference I was scheduled to address in November has been rescheduled for the weekend of March 14-15 next year. The good news is that this gives me a lot more time to prepare. The bad news is that I will end up spending a lot more time preparing for the conference, and the quality of the next couple of Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project articles may suffer as a result. It is also perilously close to the time that our daughter is due to deliver our third grandchild, an event that I would hate to miss.

We have also just learned somewhat belatedly that the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web site was featured by the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) as their 'Web Site of the Month' in August. They especially liked the web site's Relationship Diagrams. Thanks, ISOGG!

### **Progress of the Project**

Several new participants joined the project at *Echoes of the Shenandoah* and immediately afterwards, and we have now achieved our goal of recruiting a hundred project participants, just as the project is celebrating its fourth birthday. Part of the reason we had such a flurry of new participants is that Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) was running a terrific sale that ended September 30. The sale is over, but now FTDNA has announced a new 'regular' price. The 37-marker panel we recommend to most new participants used to cost \$189, but it is now available for \$149 (plus \$4 shipping and handling). Isn't it great that something on this planet (besides our real estate and stock portfolios) is actually going down in price? As I recall when I got my testing done four years ago, I paid something like \$225 for the same test.

I am very pleased to announce that Karen Avery has agreed (reluctantly and tentatively, after a great deal of arm-twisting) to serve as co-administrator of the project. Karen has for some time been an active participant and has recruited quite a few Ewings from several different lines to join the project. She brings to the project a much more comprehensive knowledge of conventional Ewing genealogy than I have. She has also just joined Jill Spitler as Membership Coordinator – New Members for *Clan Ewing*. We are finding that sometimes the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project is a portal for joining *Clan Ewing*, and sometimes *Clan Ewing* is a portal for joining the project, so these two activities dovetail nicely. Karen knows way more about this stuff than she thinks she knows, but for now, she would appreciate it if you would continue to direct technical questions to me.

Since the middle of July we have received a boat-load of new results. We have new results on nine participants who have upgraded to 67-markers, six new participants with 37-marker results, and a

second Ewan man with 12-marker results. We have one new set of DYF399X results, and six more sets of DYF399X results pending. Eight more participants have samples in the lab awaiting 37-marker analysis (partial results have already come in on a couple of them), and seven participants have sent for collection kits that have not yet been returned to the lab for processing.

## **Variant Spellings**

I spoke in my last article about the interesting case of Tennis Smith (TNS), who determined partly on the basis of his Y-DNA test results that he is descended from Whitley T. Ewing (b1823). I located William Whitley Ewing (WW), who is descended from Whitley T. Ewing's older brother, William, and persuaded him to join the project, but his results were pending at the time of the last article. Now we have these results, and sure enough, WW and TNS share a marker (DYS 442 = 12) that none of the other men in the Ewing Project have, and this confirms Tennis' suspicions.

Now, we have had another 'non-Ewing' join the project, a man named Hodges. Unlike Tennis, he did not have a family story that included any potential Ewing ancestors. He was trying to overcome a genealogical brick wall by getting Y-DNA testing with the Hodges Surname Y-DNA Project. To his surprise, the only Hodges he matched was a known close relative of his, but they matched quite a number of Ewings. It turns out that he is only genetic distance two from the Ewing 37-marker modal. I am hoping he will write a detailed article about this for the *Journal*, but the short story is that Mr. Hodges' second great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Hodges, and his older brother, William Brown Hodges, were probably born in Pike County, Illinois. A family story says that they were orphaned before they were five years-old and it is thought that they were adopted by John and Rachael Hodges. The best candidate in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project for a close relative of Mr. Hodges is William Elijah Ewing (WE3); they share the marker  $DYS\ 464d = 16$ , which no one else in the project has. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from any of you who have ideas about this. If you will contact me, I will put you in touch with him.

Moments ago (as I write this on October 12<sup>th</sup>), I just learned of a man named Young, who is only genetic distance 3 on the 67-marker panel from my own haplotype. He has agreed to join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project and I have begun trying to persuade him to share his story with us in a future *Journal* article. I should remark that sometimes we encounter 'Young' as an orthographical variant of 'Ewing' in old records. However, it is doubtful that this explains the Y-DNA match in this case because his grandmother changed his father's surname to her maiden name after she divorced his grandfather.

Finally, we now also have results on the new Ewan man (EW) I spoke about in my last article. We already have 12-marker results on another Ewan man (Ewan), who is in haplogroup I and exactly matches J. David Ewing (JD) on 12 markers, but we do not have more results on him. The new Ewan man also tested for only 12 markers, but this turns out to be enough to show that he is not related to JD, Ewan or anyone else in the project. He is in Group 8, which means he is in haplogroup R1b, but he is no closer than genetic distance four (on only 12 markers) to any of the other men in this group. This is way too far to adduce a relationship in genealogic time.

## **67-marker Update**

What about all those 67-marker upgrades? In general, the more markers one tests, the more information one gets. But you may recall that we have recommended against any more members of the closely-related group spending the extra \$100 it takes to have markers 38-67 tested. It is not impossible

that if we had 67-marker results on every man in the closely-related group, we could find a branch marker or two, but the fact is that we have not learned much from the 67-marker results we have so far obtained on thirteen men in the closely-related group. All but three of these exactly match the R1b1b2e modal at all thirty of the additional markers. The three men that do not match the modal all happen to be in Group 5 (JL, JT and TNS) and they have one mutation each at different markers. This gives the three of them something to watch for when looking for related individuals in the future, but finding only three mutations in 390 (13 x 30) tries does not strike me as a very good return on the \$1300 investment.<sup>1</sup> The reason for the scarcity of mutations in markers 38-67 is that the average mutation rate in this panel is slow compared to the other panels, particularly markers 26-37, and the time since the common ancestor of the men in the closely related group is relatively short (we think maybe on the order of four hundred years or so).

So what good are the extra markers? Again: In general, the more markers one tests, the more information one gets. The Ewing men who are not in the closely-related group may reasonably be looking for information about deeper ancestry, extending back to or beyond the time that surnames came into use. For example, two of the men who have upgraded to 67 markers are WM and HN in Group 9. Not surprisingly, since their common ancestor was born in 1694, they exactly match one another on all thirty of the extra markers (as a result, we will now recommend that it is not necessary for more members of Group 9 to get this testing). But what is interesting is that they have a so-called 'null' DYS 425, which is to say that DYS 425 did not show up at all on the assay.<sup>2</sup> This is a finding that has been associated with men in haplogroup I2b1a1. We think that this haplogroup has been in Britain for a very long time, perhaps long antedating the R1b haplogroup and certainly antedating any Celtic incursions into Britain. Some have suggested that the makers of Stonehenge may have been members of this haplogroup. Genealogy, it is not, but I find this sort of stuff really fascinating.

We also now have 67-marker results on three of the men in Group 6: DS, DH and WE2. If you take a look at the Group 6 Relationship Diagram on the web site, you will see that WE2 is one of three men in Group 6 known to be descended from William Ewing born c1730. DH and DS are not known by conventional genealogy to be connected to these three, but the 37-marker haplotype of DH exactly matches WE2 and that of DS is genetic distance 3 from them. DH and WE2 also exactly match on markers 38-67; DS differs from them at one of the markers. This reinforces our idea that DH and WE2 are more closely related to one another than to DS. Indeed, it adds support to our impression that DH may also be descended from William Ewing born c1730.

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<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, all three of these mutations are found among the five men in Group 5 that have the 67-marker upgrade, and this is a more promising ratio. Recall that the men in Group 5, Part 2 (including JL and JT) are in Group 5 by virtue of the fact that they share DYS 391 = 10, but we do not know the conventional genealogic connections among them. If another man in Group 5, Part 2 should match either JL or JT at the off-modal marker, this would argue strongly for a relationship. It would also be interesting to know whether the other men in Group 5, Part 1 share the off-modal marker that TNS has, because this might end up being a more robust branch marker for this sub-group than the CDYa/b values we have identified. Perhaps we should reconsider whether the upgrade to 67-markers might be helpful in both parts of Group 5.

<sup>2</sup> This is thought to result from an SNP in the primer region of DYS 425 that renders it undetectable in the assay. By coincidence, this is the SNP that defines I2b1a1. There is really very little doubt that this is the case for our Group 9 men, but to confirm it unequivocally, one of them would have to order deep clade testing for this specific SNP.

I have not taken the time to do this myself, but men in Group 8 (and even Group 6) who have had 67 markers tested could go to YSearch<sup>3</sup> and some of the other public databases and see if they can find close matches to men with other surnames that might give a hint about ancient regional connections and could even turn up evidence for a more recent 'non-paternal event'<sup>4</sup> that would be of genealogical interest.

## DYF399X Update

We are still fooling around with DYF399X, trying to see if we can shed any light on the branch structure in the large closely-related group of Ewings with this rapidly mutating set of markers.<sup>5</sup> Jill Ewing Spitler came to me with a pretty good question at the gathering. Jill is in the same line as the five project participants in Ewing Group 7; WC is her brother. She showed me that the haplotypes of this Group actually match the descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh (Group 4) better than the descendants of Pocahontas James, and she wanted to know why her ancestor James (born c1720/25) could not be the son of John of Carnashannagh rather than Pocahontas James (born 1721). Jill pointed out that on the basis of the Y-DNA evidence, her ancestor is at least as good a candidate to be a son of John of Carnashannagh as Pocahontas James.<sup>6</sup> Jill and I have further discussed this, and she has written an article about her ideas, which appears on page 10 of this issue of the *Journal*.

My initial reaction to Jill's question was to say that this is a matter for conventional genealogy as the Y-DNA evidence does not significantly favor one hypothesis over the other. The fact is that the conventional evidence linking Pocahontas James to John of Carnashannagh is tenuous at best, and does not rule out the possibility that Pocahontas James has been mistaken for James (born c1720/25). Of course, there is no conventional evidence for a connection between James (born c1720/25) and John of Carnashannagh, either. We do not even have proof certain that John of Carnashannagh had any son named James, as far as I know. I think all of this is true, as far as it goes.

Then it occurred to me that DYF399X might give us something to think about in this case. One of the interesting DYF399X findings to date is that all of the Group 4 and Group 7 men that have been tested have 25c at the middle DYF399X locus and only one of the men not in these Groups has the same value. But we have DYF399X results so far on only one of the descendants (RD) of Pocahontas James, and though he has 25c, we cannot make too much of the results on just one man. I put out a call for more of the descendants of Pocahontas James to get tested for DYF399X. Two of them (BE and WK) have stepped up to the plate, and their results are pending. In addition, Jill has ordered DYF399X for her brother (WC).

Perhaps you can see where this is going. If all or almost all of Group 7 matches the other John of Carnashannagh descendants and the Pocahontas James descendants do not, then this would be Y-

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<sup>3</sup> [www.ysearch.org](http://www.ysearch.org)

<sup>4</sup> This unfortunate term is used when the surname of an individual does not match the surname of his paternal biological line, such as happens in cases of adoption, illegitimacy, and a host of other circumstances.

<sup>5</sup> I discussed the rationale for this test in some detail in DNA Article 14, under the heading "Differentiating Closely Related Families." Also, a detailed DYF399X Report and a table of actual results is available on the project's web site at [www.ClanEwing.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_Articles/Document\\_DYF399XReport.html](http://www.ClanEwing.org/DNA_Project/DNA_Articles/Document_DYF399XReport.html).

<sup>6</sup> You will perhaps recall that the descendants of Pocahontas James all share the marker YCA-IIb = 22, which none of the other descendants of John of Carnashannagh have and none of the men in Group 7 have.

DNA evidence that the Group 7 progenitor is more likely to have been a son of John of Carnashannagh than Pocahontas James. Proof? Nope. Just evidence.

Remember: If DYF399X is worth anything at all, it is worth something only to the members of the closely-related Ewings in Groups 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Even though the test only costs \$25, we do not recommend it to members of the other Groups. (We do recommend it to members of Group 5, Part 1, on which we do not yet have any DYF399X results – hint, hint.)

### Some R1b1b2e Haplotypes not in the Closely Related Group – Correction

In my last article, I mentioned that I thought a known relative of EL had joined the project and was awaiting results. I was speaking about HM, but I was mistaken. HM is actually known to be a relative of TD, and the results we have on him now bear this out. Have a look at the chart below. It won't compare exactly with the one in my last article because I had to leave out another couple of columns of identical data to make it fit on the page, and I corrected one error of shading, but you cannot see the shading well enough to bother with in the black and white version of the chart in the *Journal*.

ID	D Y S 3 9 3	D Y S 3 9 0	D Y S 1 9 /		D Y S 3 8 5 b		D Y S 4 3 9		D Y S 5 8	D Y S 4 9 a	D Y S 5 5 b	D Y S 4 5 5	D Y S 4 5 4	D Y S 4 3 7	D Y S 4 4 7	D Y S 4 4 8	D Y S 4 4 9	D Y S 4 4 a	D Y S 4 4 b	D Y S 4 4 c		D Y S 5 6	D Y S 6 7	D Y S 7 6		C D Y a	C D Y b	D Y S 4 4 2
Ewing	13	25	15		13		13		17	9	10	11	11	25	15	18	31	15	16	16		18	16	18		37	38	11
UiN	13	24	14		13		12		17	9	10	11	11	25	15	18	30	15	16	16		17	16	18		38	39	12
TD	13	25	14		13		12		18	9	10	10	11	25	15	18	30	15	16	16		16	16	19		37	38	12
HM	13	25	14		14		12		18	9	10	10	11	25	15	18	30	15	16	16		16	16	20		38	38	12
EL	13	25	14		13		12		17	9	10	11	11	24	15	18	30	15	16	17		16	16	17		37	38	12

Remember that though these men are in haplogroup R1b1b2e, they are not in the group of closely-related Ewings. Why do I say this? Well, look at the chart above. Mutation shading is with respect to the Ewing modal. You will notice that all three of these men match the UiN modal (my shorthand for the R1b1b2e modal) at four places where the Ewing modal does not match the UiN modal, and (except for the CDY markers) only at DYS 390 do they match the Ewing modal rather than the UiN modal. Another way to say this is that they are closer to the UiN modal than they are to the Ewing modal, which is out on a branch of its own.<sup>7</sup> You can see that TD and HM are at genetic distance 3 from one another, which is entirely consistent with their conventional relationship, and that they match at four places that EL is different from them and each of them has another couple of differences from EL. This pretty well rules out a relationship between them and EL in genealogic time.

<sup>7</sup> You will be able to see this graphically if you will go to the Network Diagrams on the project's web site at [www.ClanEwing.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.ClanEwing.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html).

One very interesting result that we may never get to the bottom of is that it turns out that EL is a very close match for the McLaughlin modal. The Ewings lived very close to the McLaughlins in Donegal during the 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, and it would not be too much of a stretch to speculate that there may have been an unrecorded adoption or some other sort of 'non-paternal event' resulting in a Ewing with McLaughlin DNA. It is also intriguing to speculate about the old claim that McEwan became a sept of McLaughlin after Clan McEwan was broken. I am afraid that both of these possibilities are well beyond the reach of conventional documentation.

## Markers That Distinguish the Ewing Modal from the R1b1b2e Modal

This might be a good place to speak again about the markers that distinguish the Ewing modal from the modal of the R1b1b2e haplogroup to which it belongs. There is some controversy about when the most recent common ancestor of haplogroup R1b1b2e lived, but the latest thinking is that this was about 1,200 years ago. It is not known where he lived, but since the greatest density of members of this haplogroup is found today in northwestern Ireland, some have argued that this is where he lived.

The Ewing modal haplotype differs from the R1b1b2e modal at seven markers. Two of these are CDYa/b, which are so rapidly mutating that they do not have much value in addressing remote ancestry because of the frequency of back and parallel mutations, so I have not included them in this discussion. The others are DYS 19, 439, 449, 456 and 442.

	<b>DYS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>442</b>
mutation rate		0.00151	0.00477	0.00838	0.00735	0.00324
R1b1b2e modal		14	12	30	17	12
Ewing modal		15	13	31	18	11
# Ewings not matching Ewing modal		0	10	3	3	2
% Ewings on YSearch*		29%	?	13.3%	23.5%	36%

\*test described in text

DYS 19 and DYS 442 are the most slowly mutating of these, and they are also the most specific for identifying Ewings. A couple of years ago, I did the experiment of choosing a seven-marker subset of the R1b1b2e modal, adding these off-modal Ewing markers to it one at a time, and seeing what I could turn up on YSearch.<sup>8</sup> When I added DYS 19 = 15, I found thirty-one matches, nine of whom (29%) were Ewings. When I added DYS 442 = 11, I found twenty-five matches, nine of whom (36%) were Ewings. The corresponding figures for DYS 456 and 449 were 23.5% and 13.3%, respectively. I did not do the test for DYS 439 = 13 for some reason, perhaps because ten of our participants do not match the Ewing modal at that marker. I do not recall how many of our project participants had uploaded their data to YSearch at that time, but even now less than a third of them have done so, so I do not think we were terribly over-represented in YSearch. I also did not keep notes about what happened when I included two of the off-modal markers in a search, but my recollection is that doing so turned up 100% Ewings.

<sup>8</sup> I used seven markers because the fewest markers YSearch allows for a search is eight, and I wanted to cast as wide a net as possible. The markers I used were DYS 393, 390, 385a/b, 392, 448 & 607.

If some mathematically inclined individual is still reading at this point, please get in touch with me, because I would very much like to have some help in following this line of thinking in a more rigorous and controlled way.

I also think that we have enough data now to do some TMRCA (time to most recent ancestor) calculations based on marker variance that will have narrow enough confidence intervals to be very interesting, but I am not sure how to handle the fact that we have subsets in some of our groups that have a much more recent MRCA than the overall group MRCA. I could really use a math playmate.

## To Join or Get More Information

If you are ready to join the project, go to [www.familytreedna.com/surname\\_join.aspx?code=M44915](http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=M44915). Participation by Ewing women is welcome; they can get valuable genealogic information by persuading a male relative to submit a specimen. For more information, visit the project's web site<sup>9</sup> and the FTDNA web site.<sup>10</sup> If you have questions, call me at +1 505.764.8704, in the evening, or EMail me at [davidewing93@gmail.com](mailto:davidewing93@gmail.com).

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### Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Participants Sought

Tammy Mitchell (*info at DowntownInteractive dot com*) is seeking help in supporting the Y-DNA testing of a male in her Canadian Ewing family that she feels is possibly related to participant JM2 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Jane Gilbert (*hokiejane at yahoo dot com*) has a standing offer to pay for Y-DNA testing of men who can satisfy her that they are descended from James Ewing of Inch through his son John born 1698/99. William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*) is similarly willing to support the Y-DNA testing of descendants of James of Inch's grandson Squire James (a son of Alexander) who married Mary McKown.

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<sup>9</sup> [www.clanewing.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.clanewing.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)

<sup>10</sup> [www.familytreedna.com/public/Ewing](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Ewing)

## **Ewing Digital Library**

This section of the *Journal* provides various genealogical data 'tidbits' — Will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. They have been analyzed to varying degrees by their contributors. Some are presented with no analytic commentary. Others are annotated with various comments and data. Still others have been rather extensively analyzed. All are intended to help readers in their genealogical research.

### **Ewing Sisters, Emma and Stella<sup>1</sup>**

Found at [www.fultonhistory.com.Fulton.html](http://www.fultonhistory.com.Fulton.html) and annotated by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)<sup>2</sup>

*The Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown, New York, Vol. XVIII, No. 44, 14 October 1904

#### **Death of Last Ossified Sister**

Mrs. EMMA EWING PALMER [9 September 1854 – October 1904] died in Sherburne [Madison County, New York] last week, aged 50 years. Her sister, STELLA EWING [15 June 1868 – 20 December 1902], died two years ago. The death of Mrs. Palmer marks the end of two cases that aroused the pity of all the kind-hearted, for their misfortune, the study of which has baffled and interested the medical fraternity.

These sisters were commonly but wrongfully known as the "Ossified Women." In their younger days there were not two more active, charming, vivacious and generally attractive girls than the Ewing sisters. They were very popular, and the life of the circle in which they moved. Their early home was in the vicinity of Rome [Oneida County, New York].

Suddenly each sister became slightly troubled with rheumatism, and the diseases gradually progressed until each was unable to move a joint or a muscle. In this condition both lay for years, during which time they became totally blind, and slightly deaf, [but] otherwise in perfect possession of their faculties. Each had chairs especially constructed for them. The joints and muscles having become fixed, they remained in exactly the same position year in and year out. The jaws became set, and fluid nourishment has been the food of each. Nevertheless the flesh remained soft and healthy in appearance. They were cheerful in temperament, and their minds were unimpaired. One of them had written some worthy verses; both of them were excellent

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<sup>1</sup> Emma and Stella Ewing were daughters of Franklin Ewing (1824-1891) and his wife, Cordelia M. Clark Ewing (c1828-1876). This family lived in Floyd, Oneida County, New York.

<sup>2</sup> I believe the grandparents of Stella and Emma were John Sullivan Ewing, Esq., born 1782 in Connecticut and Clara Patrick, born 1789 in Vermont. Many members of this family line are buried at the Holland Patent Cemetery. I have five generations for this family and will gladly share this data. This could tie in with some new information I have recently collected about a Ewing group pioneering in the 'vast new land' of Ontario County, New York, in the 1790s. I have a 1794 deed between William Ewing and Oliver Phelps and an 1800 will for Alexander Ewing of Ontario County, New York. The will names wife, Lydia Ewing and sons, Charles William, Alexander and Samuel How [sic] Ewing. Daughters named in the will are Eunice and Catherine Ewing.



conversationalists. They were noted far and wide and their similar condition caused much comment in the medical world. In their ancestry, there was not a trace of this kind.

**William B. Ewing's Oil-field Fraud in 1901**  
**Found by David N. Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**  
**in the Library of Congress' *Chronicling America* web site.<sup>3</sup>**

*The San Francisco Call*, 9 July 1901

### **Oil Investors Neatly Duped**

#### **Promoters of a "Company" Secure \$15,000 and Disappear. Hundreds of Similar Concerns Are Operating Over the State.**

George B. Chaney and William B. Ewing, promoters of a bogus oil and investment company, have suddenly left, the city, after duping a large number of people out of sums ranging from \$25 to \$500.

It is estimated that the two men have succeeded in swindling the public out of \$15,000 to \$20,000 by one of the neatest bunko games ever perpetrated in this city.

The name of the alleged company promoted by Chaney and Ewing was "The Standard Oil Promotion and Investment Company." Large offices were rented in the Parrott building and expensive furniture installed therein. Six lady typewriters were kept busy sending elaborately prepared circulars all over the country, and flaring advertisements were inserted in many country newspapers.

According to statements made by Ewing before he fled from the city his company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. Of this sum one-half was allotted as "promotion stock" among the "officers."

When asked for the names of the officers Ewing explained that the president was "Luther J. Robling of the United Fruit Company, located at Boca del Toro, Republic of Colombia." George B. Chaney was listed as vice president of the company; W. B. Ewing was treasurer and secretary; J. F. Chambers, general delivery, Chicago, Ill., and B. H. Lummis of the Gale-Borden Condensed Milk Company of New York were directors.

#### **Claimed Capital of Millions.**

The circulars sent out by Ewing and Chaney told how the company was engaged in "investment of money in oil lands and oil stocks." No claim was made that the company owned any oil wells; its business was "to buy stock when it was cheap and sell out when it rose on the market." The stock purchased by Ewing and Chaney consisted mostly of "wildcat" shares of companies promoted by men of their own caliber.

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<sup>3</sup> [www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/ndnp:776168/display.html?n=5&scope=fulltext&pageNum=1&currentSort=& ...&mode=list](http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/ndnp:776168/display.html?n=5&scope=fulltext&pageNum=1&currentSort=&...&mode=list)

To prospective investors Ewing and Chaney would tell a glib story of a capital in bank of \$2,500,000. Investors were given contracts which stipulated that at the end of ninety days their money would be returned on a call of thirty days.

As a matter of fact, Ewing and Chaney had no capital in bank and were engaged in "grafting." Ewing admitted some days ago that he and his partners had secured \$15,000 from the public and that they only had a few hundred dollars as capital to secure investors against loss.

Ewing claimed to would be investors that \$2,500,000 in cash was deposited in the First National Bank, the Germania Trust Company and the Western National Bank. When asked how his company expected to make money he replied that a small commission on transactions was the profit for his organization.

Hundreds of remittances were received by Ewing and Chaney from all parts of the country, most of the money coming from bank cashiers, to whom the gaudy circulars of the "Standard Oil Promotion and Investment Company" had been sent by mail.

Ewing was questioned last week as to his methods of conducting business and he denied that he had informed would-be investors that he had two and half millions in cash as capital. He claimed that the officers of the company had subscribed \$12,500, but that all the money had been expended in office expenses and advertising.

### **Promised to Raise Some Money.**

Ewing was warned that his business was fraudulent and that unless he mended his ways trouble would surely come to him. He promised to raise \$75,000 from the directors of the company and do business as a banking corporation. Senator Morehouse was quoted as being the legal adviser of Ewing.

Ewing would not be flattered if he were cognizant of the opinion of him held by Senator Morehouse and his legal associates. Morehouse has endeavored to collect a bill from Ewing for a large sum, but has failed.

When Ewing and Chaney realized that their company was under suspicion they prepared to leave the city. Last Friday the two men disappeared and their whereabouts is unknown. Some of their creditors and dupes tried yesterday to attach the handsome furniture in the offices used by Ewing and Chaney in the Parrott building They learned, however, that the furniture had been mortgaged last week and yesterday afternoon it was removed from the offices.

Dozens of the dupes of Ewing and Chaney visited the offices yesterday in the vain hope that, they might secure part of the money they had been swindled out of. Only two of the lady typewriters were in the office, and they admitted that Ewing and Chaney had not been in the place since last Friday. One desk and one chair alone remained of all the handsome furniture installed by Ewing and Chaney to dazzle investors. The lady assistants said their salaries had been paid until the end of this month, but declined to give any further information.

### **Warrants May Be Issued.**

Ewing is married to a daughter of the late Senator Mahoney. For a time he followed the racetrack and then blossomed out as a "capitalist." Chaney was formerly a court stenographer

in Chicago and came to this city last year. Nothing is known in this city of any of the men whom Ewing and Chaney claimed were associated with them in the alleged company. It is expected that warrants will be issued for the arrest of Ewing and Chaney, as some of their dupes yesterday declared that they would seek to have the two men punished.

Hundreds of bogus oil companies and oil promotion and investment companies are being operated all over the State, and it is estimated that the promoters are cleaning up hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Some of the advertisements inserted in Eastern newspapers by these bogus companies are calculated to make people believe that each and every "oil company" is sure to prove a bonanza.

## **Abner Ewing (1756-1846) Bible Record**

The following reflects an EMail exchange between Georgia (Ewing) Morgan and James R. McMichael regarding the family of Abner Ewing (1756-1846):

From Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (14 July 2008):

I know several are trying to straighten out the Ewings in Adams, Brown, Clermont, etc. Counties in Ohio. I pass this information on with the hope that it will help people researching this family.

I prepared these notes on Abner Ewing's family for a researcher (Karen Stopp). The information comes from a transcription of the Abner Ewing Bible I found at the Ohio State Library and which was probably prepared by Elsie Ewing Rayburn. [...] indicates my notes as transcriber of what is available at the Ohio State Library.

By the way, this Bible was carried in Elizabeth Smith Ewing's saddle bag from Cumberland County, New Jersey in 1807 and was on the Ewing farm A.C.O. until 1949 when it was carried to 1993 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

### **Abner Ewing Bible**

Large size Bible, unribbed, smooth cowhide leather.

Original owner:

Abner Ewing, Greenwich, New Jersey.

Present owner:

Elsie Ewing Rayburn, 1993 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Some pages of record are missing.

Fly leaf says:

Presented to John, son of Thomas and Mary (Maskell) Ewing, to his son Abner [Sr.]

Published in 1791 by Isaac Collins of New Jersey. [Note that this means that data with dates prior to 1791 may be in error since they were recorded from memory.]

## Births:

Abner Ewing, son of John, born Apr. 16, 1756

[Abner Jr. is not mentioned.]

Deliverance Stathem, wife of Abner, born June 5, 1760

Lydia, dau. of Abner and Deliverance, born Apr. 7, 1781

Rebecca, dau. of Abner and Elizabeth, born Dec. 26, 1797

John, son of Abner and Elizabeth, \_ [torn] 1799

Enoch, son of Abner and Elizabeth, born Mar. 8, 1802

Enos, son of Abner and Elizabeth, born Apr. 3, 1805

Thomas Waithman, son of Abner, Jr. & Harriet A. Jarvis Ewing, born Aug. 22, 1846

## Deaths/Marriages:

Deliverance died Feb. 1, 1791

Abner and Harriett Amanda Jarvis were mar. Nov. 27, 1845

[Rest of record is missing.]

**Sandy Springs Cemetery** (Recorded October 29, 1950, by Elsie Ewing Rayburn. Adams County, Ohio Records. Copied at Ohio State Library, Columbus, September 3, 1971, by Georgia (Ewing) Morgan)

These are graves of Lewis Countians who were buried in the Sandy Springs Presbyterian Graveyard, near Buena Vista, Adams Co., Ohio.

Abner Ewing, died May 10, 1846, age 90 yrs., and 24 days

Elizabeth, wife of Abner Ewing, died Apr. 5, 1835, age 69

John, son of Abner and Elizabeth Ewing, died Oct. 28, 1826, age 27

Rebecca, dtr. of Abner and Elizabeth Ewing, died Nov. 21, 1828, age 31

John H. Ewing, 1861-1919, Kathereine [sic] H. Ewing, 1872-1944

Roy, son of John and Katherine Ewing, born Sept. 15, 1890, died Aug. 19, 1892

Mary F. Ewing 1850-1927

Abner Ewing Jr., born Apr. 24, 1807, died Jan. 11, 1883

Harriette [sic] A. Ewing, 1826-1913; Thos. W. Ewing 1846-1887

Ella, dtr. of A. and H.A. Ewing, 1866-1887

## Additional information from Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (15 July 2008):

I should give some additional information on the Sandy Springs Cemetery inscriptions.

These were the Ewings included in an article in *Northeastern Kentucky Papers*, by William M. Talley, published in 1971 by American Reference Publishers, Fort Worth, Texas 76114. He states: "These are graves of Lewis [Kentucky] Countians who were buried in the Sandy Springs Presbyterian Graveyard, near Buena Vista, Adams Co., Ohio."

John, father of Abner, appears to be the John Ewing, born June 7, 1732, who was married on May 13, 1755, to Hannah Bacon in New Jersey. This John was a son of Thomas and Mary (Maskell) Ewing. This Thomas was a son of Finley (immigrated 1718) of Ireland from Scotland (?).

Comments from James R. McMichael (16 July 2008):

Based on the statement: "This Bible was carried in Elizabeth Smith Ewing's saddle bag from ...," it appears we can make a couple of assumptions: 1) The second wife of Abner Ewing was Elizabeth Smith. I would not state that as a fact, but that appears to be the case; and 2) The trip was made after April 1807. Abner Jr. was born April 24, 1807 (according to the cemetery information). Based on weather conditions, I doubt that the trip was made in the period January through April, especially with the expectant mother being five-to-eight months pregnant. The 1860 census indicates Abner was born in New Jersey.

With respect to: "Rest of record is missing.." The chances are good that this is a page that may have contained the information about the children of Abner Jr. I did a quick look at the census and found Abner listed on the 1860 and 1880 records.

Additional information from Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (27 October 2008):

Supplementing the Bible information: On Family History Library Microfilm #873789 – Item 3, Cumberland County, New Jersey Genealogical Data, I found the following marriage record: "Ewing, Abner, Greenwich, freeholder, 1796-98; m. Elizabeth Smith March 6, 1797."

## **Clara Hermann**

**Found by James R. McMichael (*JimMcMcl at gmail dot com*) in Joseph Lyons Ewing. *Sketches of the Families of ...*, 1910, p. 80.**

Clara Hermann, when a child of about seven years of age in the Protestant Orphan Asylum, of Cleveland Ohio, was taken into the family of James Henry Ewing and Eleanor Rhea Ewing, in December, 1878. By common consent she was given the family name, was known as "Clara H. Ewing," and was reared in every respect as one of the family. No steps of legal adoption, however, were ever taken for her. She was born August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1871. Upon reaching young womanhood she learned the tailoring trade. As a settled lifework, however, she became a professional nurse. She was for several years employed in this capacity in connection with the Presbyterian Hospital of Pittsburg. She now resides in Pittsburg, and is very successful in her vocation.

## **James Stephen Ewing and Ewing's Sarcoma**

**Contributed by William E. Riddle (*riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

I was recently an observer in an EMail exchange between David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*) and Mary Ewing Gosline (*Mary at Gosline dot net*) regarding the Ewing Family of (Cancer) Tumors. I pass along the following information harvested from various Internet sites which they cited in their messages:

From *Wikipedia - The Free Encyclopedia* (see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Ewing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Ewing) which has numerous links to many of the topics mentioned in the following):

James Stephen Ewing (December 25, 1866, Pittsburgh — May 16, 1943, New York City) was an American pathologist. He was the first Professor of pathology at Cornell University and became famous with the discovery of a form of malignant bone tumor that later became known as Ewing's sarcoma.

James Ewing, was born in 1866 to a prominent family of Pittsburgh. He first completed his M.A. in 1888 [New International Encyclopedia] at Amherst College and then studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, from 1888 to 1891. While a student, he was tutored by Francis Delafield (1841-1915), Theophil Mitchell Prudden (1849-1924) and Alexander Kolisko (1857-1918), and developed a strong interest in pathology. He returned to the College of Physicians and Surgeons as instructor in histology (1893-1897), and clinical pathology (1897-1898). After a brief stint as a surgeon with the US Army, Ewing was appointed in 1899 the first professor of clinical pathology at the Medical College of Cornell University in New York. His research activities on experimental cancer were mostly pursued at the Loomis Laboratory for Research in Experimental Pathology, together with the New York Memorial Hospital. In 1902, Dr. Ewing helped to establish one of the first funds for cancer research, endowed by P. Huntington. With his discoveries, Ewing became the most important experimental oncologist and helped to found, in 1907, the American Association for Cancer Research, and in 1913, the American Society for the Control of Cancer, now the American Cancer Society. In 1931 Ewing was elected to the presidency of the Medical Board of the General Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, and became also its director or research. He was also responsible for the creation of present-day Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, one of the most important multidisciplinary centers devoted to oncology in the world. He worked at the Memorial until his retirement, in 1939. In 1908 he was president of the Harvey Society.

James Ewing died from bladder cancer at the age of 76.

From the *Dictionary of Cancer Terms* section of the National Cancer Institute's web site at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov):

Ewing (YOO-ing) Family of Tumors: A group of cancers that includes Ewing tumor of bone (ETB or Ewing sarcoma of bone), extraosseous Ewing (EOE) tumors, primitive neuroectodermal tumors (PNET or peripheral neuroepithelioma), and Askin tumors (PNET of the chest wall). These tumors all come from the same type of stem cell. Also called EFTs.

Also from *Wikipedia - The Free Encyclopedia* (see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ewing's\\_sarcoma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ewing's_sarcoma)):

Ewing's sarcoma is a malignant round-cell tumor. It is a rare disease in which cancer cells are found in the bone or in soft tissue. The most common areas in which it occurs are the pelvis, the femur, the humerus, and the ribs.

Because a common genetic locus is responsible for a large percentage of Ewing sarcoma and primitive neuroectodermal tumors, these are sometimes grouped together in a category known as the Ewing family of tumors. The diseases are, however, considered to be different: peripheral primitive neuroectodermal tumors are generally not associated with bones, while Ewing sarcomas are most commonly related to bone.

Ewing sarcoma occurs most frequently in male[s], with a male/female ratio of 1.6:1.

Although usually classified as a bone tumor, Ewing sarcoma can have characteristics of both mesodermal and ectodermal origin, making it difficult to classify.

## Maurice 'Doc' Ewing

Contributed by William E. Riddle (*riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

William Maurice Ewing — known to his colleagues as 'Doc' Ewing — was a distinguished, pioneering geophysicist who worked on a wide variety of oceanographic phenomena. Information about him, his life, his career and his considerable accomplishments appears below. Additional information may be found at:

- [http://gsahist.org/gsat/gt00oct28\\_29.pdf](http://gsahist.org/gsat/gt00oct28_29.pdf),
- [www.mssu.edu/seg-vm/bio\\_w\\_\\_maurice\\_ewing.html](http://www.mssu.edu/seg-vm/bio_w__maurice_ewing.html) and
- [www.garenewing.co.uk/family/ewingother.html](http://www.garenewing.co.uk/family/ewingother.html).

From *Wikipedia - The Free Encyclopedia* (see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice\\_Ewing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Ewing) which has numerous links to many of the topics mentioned in the following):

William Maurice "Doc" Ewing (May 12, 1906 – May 4, 1974) was an American geophysicist and oceanographer.

Ewing has been described as a pioneering geophysicist who worked on the research of seismic reflection and refraction in ocean basins, ocean bottom photography, submarine sound transmission (including the SOFAR channel), deep sea coring of the ocean bottom, theory and observation of earthquake surface waves, fluidity of the earth's core, generation and propagation of microseisms, submarine explosion seismology, marine gravity surveys, bathymetry and sedimentation, natural radio-activity of ocean waters and sediments, study of abyssal plains and submarine canyons.

He was born in Lockney, Texas, where he was the eldest child of a large farm family. He won a scholarship to attend Rice University, earning a B.A. with honors in 1926. He completing his graduate studies at the same institution, earning a M.A. in 1927 and being awarded his Ph.D. in 1931. In 1928 he was married to Avarilla Hildenbrand, and the couple had a son.

He moved to Columbia University, becoming a professor of geology in 1947. In 1959 he was named the Higgins Professor of Geology at Columbia. Dr. Ewing (often simply called 'Doc' by those who worked with him) was the founder (established in 1949) and first director of Lamont Geological Observatory (now known as Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) in Palisades, New York) where he worked with J. Lamar Worzel (gravity specialist), Dr. Frank Press (seismologist), Jack Nafe, and Jack Oliver. The former LDEO research vessel *R/V Maurice Ewing* was named in his honor.

He divorced a second time, and married Harriet Greene Bassett in 1965. In 1972 he joined the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and was named the head of the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences of the Marine Biomedical Institute.

During his career he published over 340 scientific papers. He served as president of the American Geophysical Union and the Seismological Society of America. He led over 50 oceanic expeditions. He made many contributions to oceanography, including the discovery of



**Maurice Ewing in 1948**

Courtesy: Columbia University

the SOFAR Channel, and did much work fundamental on plate tectonics. He was the chief scientist on board the Glomar Challenger. He came up with the idea behind Project Mogul.

From [www.agu.org/inside/awards/ewing2.html](http://www.agu.org/inside/awards/ewing2.html):

William Maurice Ewing was born in Lockney, Texas, on May 12, 1906; suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage in Galveston, Texas, on April 28, 1974; and died in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas, on May 4, 1974. Over 300 colleagues were present at his burial service in Sparkill, New York, on May 8, 1974. Maurice Ewing received his entire academic training from the Rice Institute (later Rice University) of Houston, receiving a B.A. with honors in mathematics and physics (1926) and M.A. (1927) and Ph.D. (1931) degrees in physics.

Ewing was an instructor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh (1929-1930), then an instructor (1930-1936) and an assistant professor (1936-1940) of physics at Lehigh University. At Lehigh he participated in seismic profiling and oceanographic surveys of the continental shelf with William Bowie, Walter Bucher, and Everett De Galyer. In September 1940, Ewing took a leave of absence from Lehigh University and moved his research group to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts. In 1944, he accepted an appointment at Columbia University, where he served as associate professor (1944-1947), professor (1947-1959), and Higgins Professor of Geology (1959-1972).

Ewing wrote over 340 scientific papers, most with colleagues and students, and trained more than 200 graduate students. He developed seafloor seismic equipment, made the first seismic refraction measurements in the open sea, measured sedimentary velocities in the deep ocean, made pendulum gravity measurements at sea, and made theoretical studies of underwater sound transmission, predicting and discovering the SOFAR channel for long-range sound transmission in the oceans. At Woods Hole, Ewing redesigned the bathythermograph (with A. C. Vine) for use by underway vessels and wrote the definitive manual *Sound Transmission in Sea Water* (with Columbus Iselin and J. Lamar Worzel).

Ewing's research successes convinced the Columbia University trustees to establish a Geological Observatory at the former estate of Thomas W. Lamont in Palisades, New York, in 1949. During Ewing's 25 years as director, Lamont-Doherty oceanographers developed techniques for seagoing studies, built equipment for continuous echo sounding, precision depth recording, seismic reflection and refraction measurements, ocean bottom seismographs, piston coring of seafloor sediment, and gravity and magnetic measurements of the ocean floor. He established the World-Wide Standardized Seismograph Network (with Frank Press), studied glacial-interglacial oscillations and the occurrence of ice ages (with William Donn), and wrote the classic book *Elastic Waves in Layered Media* (with Frank Press and Wenceslas Jardetzky). Ewing and Worzel were co-chief scientists on the first leg of the Deep Sea Drilling Project in 1968.

Ewing was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (1948), the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1951), and the American Philosophical Society (1959). He was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1938, 1953, and 1955. He was elected to the American Geophysical Union in 1931, named an AGU Fellow in 1962, served as President of AGU (1956-1959), and was awarded the William Bowie Medal (1957) and the Walter H. Bucher Medal (1974). Ewing served as Councilor (1946-1948) and Vice-President (1953-1956) of the Geological Society of America, which awarded him the Arthur L. Day Medal (1949) and the Penrose Medal (1974, posthumously). He was Vice-President (1952-1955) and President (1955-1957) of the

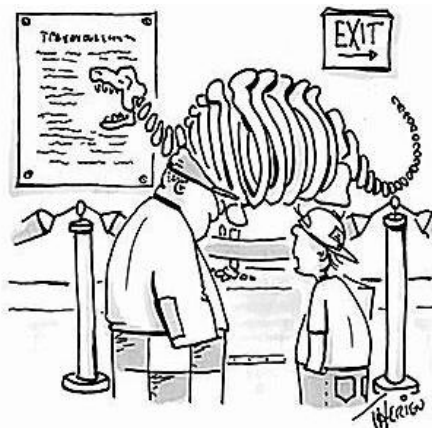


Seismological Society of America. He was an Honorary Member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (1957), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (1968), and the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (1973).

Ewing was awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award of the U.S. Navy (1955), the Sidney Powers Memorial Medal of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (1968), the Robert Earl McConnell Award of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (1973), the Agassiz Medal (1955) and the John J. Carty Medal (1963) of the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Medal of Science (1973). He was named a Foreign Member of the Geological Society of London (1964) and the Royal Society of London (1972) and was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society (London) and the Vega Medal of the Swedish Society for Anthropology and Geography.

In 1976 the American Geophysical Union and the U.S. Navy jointly established the Maurice Ewing Medal "for significant original contributions to understanding physical, geophysical, and geological processes in the ocean; and/or significant original contributions to scientific ocean engineering, technology, and instrumentation; and/or outstanding service to marine sciences."

Dean A. Dunn, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi



"Those were the days, eh, Grandpa?"

Contributed by David N. Ewing

## **Chancellor's Message**

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

### ***Echoes of the Shenandoah***

The tenth biennial gathering of *Clan Ewing in America*, which also marked the twentieth anniversary of the founding of *Clan Ewing n America*, was held at Winchester, Virginia, September 18-21, 2008. The gathering was a great success. Mary Gosline, immediate past Chair, organized and led the gathering committee, which consisted of Jim and Evelyn Ewing, Bill and Jeannette Ewing, Ray and Mary Ewing and Catherine Lovett. The gathering committee did a fantastic job of planning the gathering and everything ran smoothly. The indefatigable Barb McGuinness, a professional meeting organizer, again donated her invaluable services, as she has done for gatherings through the years.

John Ewin also assisted the committee. Further, he has taken over handling merchandise for *Clan Ewing* and at this gathering sold nearly triple the merchandise sold at previous gatherings. We are all looking spiffy in our new Ewing golf shirts and ball caps, while sipping coffee from our Ewing mugs.

A number of our members made interesting presentations. Community historians and librarians helped by making presentations and conducting tours. To my mind, the gathering highlight was a trip we made to the small Ewing Family Cemetery outside of Stephens City, where Evelyn Ewing conducted a moving ceremony commemorating a number of the descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh (c1648-1745) buried there. Indeed, Evelyn believes that John Ewing of Carnashannagh himself is buried there. The folks in this cemetery are the lineal ancestors of the members of the organizing committee and of many Ewings across the country.

Shenandoah Valley is beautiful, the weather was wonderful, and it was great to see old friends and meet new cousins.

Sadly, Ray and Mary Ewing were not able to attend the gathering. Mary had made the arrangements with the Stephens City United Methodist Church for our lunch on the day we visited the Ewing Family Cemetery, but her health was poor for many months before the gathering and she was in intensive care while we were in Winchester. She passed away shortly after we had left. Her obituary notice appears on page 42 in this issue of the *Journal*.

### **Jim Ewing Elected Board Chair**

James Earl 'Jim' Ewing Jr. was elected Chair by the new Board of Directors at the gathering in Winchester. His first Chair's Message appears in this issue of the *Journal* and includes a report on the new board and other business that was transacted at the gathering in Winchester. Congratulations, Jim! It is going to be great working with you.

### ***Clan Ewing in America Becomes the Ewing Family Association***

As I suggested in the last issue of the *Journal*, we had a discussion at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday evening, September 20<sup>th</sup>, about whether we should change the name of our organization. Quite a number of the members present spoke to this issue, and after the discussion a motion to change our name to the *Ewing Family Association* passed by a wide margin.

Several of those in favor of the change told of uncomfortable interactions with people who had doubts about our identity and intentions because of our old name. Some spoke of the fact that Clan Ewing is

not technically a Scottish Clan, and that at least one Scottish Clan Chief in Scotland was quite exercised by his presumption that we were somehow trying to preempt the prerogatives of his Clan.

I expressed my hope that dropping the 'in America' part of our name might encourage more participation by Irish and Scottish Ewings, and could end up helping us get a better idea of exactly where our families originated. We also want to welcome participation by Ewing cousins from wherever else in the world they may have migrated.

Not everyone was in favor of the change. Some correctly argued that there has never been any connection between Scottish Clans and the Ku Klux Klan, and anyone who is offended by the word 'Clan' in our name is simply ill-informed. They also felt that dropping 'Clan' from our name would be caving in to an objectionable sort of political correctness, and that by doing this we would be losing our identity. Others argued that we should not drop the 'in America' part of our name because the organization's main focus has been on the descendants of immigrants to America, and dropping this would dilute our focus and perhaps even open us to arguments that we should sometimes hold gatherings overseas in the name of equal opportunity for members who are not Americans.

I agree with the opponents to the name change that some of the problems we hope to address with the change have their roots in misinformation and misunderstanding. But I disagree that the way to deal with this is to leave it up to anyone who may be offended to educate themselves. I believe that we can express our pride in our heritage equally well or better by choosing a name for our organization that is less subject to misinterpretation and is less likely to result in hurt feelings. My view is that while the founders of *Clan Ewing in America* may have had in mind an organization for the descendants of William Ewing of Stirling, subsequent conventional genealogical research and Y-DNA studies have established conclusively that our members actually come from quite a number of different, genealogically and biologically unrelated Ewing families. The bonds among us do not depend on genealogic, blood or clan relationships, but rather on a shared passion for the genealogy and history of Ewing families that can only be strengthened by being more inclusive. I think our new name, *Ewing Family Association*, aptly captures this understanding and I am proud that we have made the change.

## **2010 Gathering in the Pittsburgh Area**

At the 2006 Gathering in Fort Wayne, Indiana, we chose the Pittsburgh area for the 2010 Gathering. William E. Riddle has already organized a gang of four – the Go4 ('go-for') group – consisting of Bill, Virginia Okie, J. David Ewing and Barb McGuinness, who have accepted the task of organizing the gathering. We can look forward to periodic reports as time goes along. *Echoes of the Shenandoah* has set a high standard and will be a hard act to follow, but the Go4 Group has hit the ground running and I have an idea that the yet-to-be-developed Pittsburgh area gathering will be some serious competition.

## **2012 Gathering in Your Favorite City?**

We have not yet identified a site for the 2012 Gathering. We don't really have to make up our minds until the 2010 Gathering, but it sure would be terrific if folks would start thinking about and discussing this now. We have lots of experience and lots of folks willing to help, but we need someone to step forward and volunteer to spearhead organizing the 2012 Gathering. Surely several of you know of special places with rich history of your branches of the Ewing family that you would like to share with us. Give me a no-obligation call or EMail, and we can discuss what is involved.

*David Neal Ewing*

## **Cooperation with Clan Ewen USA**

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

I have received an EMail from Rob Ewen of *Clan Ewen USA* seeking closer cooperation between our organizations. This is what he had to say:

We had a *Clan Ewen* meeting at the Stone Mountain Highland games this October. [*Clan Ewen*] is very interested in establishing a closer relationship with *Clan Ewing* and exchanging information about our activities. *Clan Ewing* is very interested in DNA genealogy where as we are more into conventional genealogy. I am sure that we can provide information you can use and vice versa.

I answered Rob immediately, telling him we would be very interested in forming a closer relationship with *Clan Ewen*. I also told him that in fact, most of us were much more interested in conventional rather than Y-DNA genealogy — it is just that there are a few lunatics among us (such as myself) who are very interested in the use of Y-DNA testing and have been doing a lot of work on this.

We need a volunteer or two to begin exploring with Rob or other representatives of *Clan Ewen* what we can do to improve cooperation between our organizations. Please contact me if you are willing to help with this.

*David Neal Ewing*

## **Chair's Message**

James Earl 'Jim' Ewing Jr., Chair of *Clan Ewing's* Board of Directors  
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The ***Echoes of the Shenandoah*** Gathering in Winchester, Virginia, September 18-21, 2008, was an exciting time for local Ewings. We met cousins from all over the United States and enjoyed the activities of the weekend. As Registration Chair, my family and I loved meeting the folks we had registered by mail and some who had phoned for information.

As in the past, organizational matters of *Clan Ewing in America* were discussed during the General Membership Meeting at the gathering. David Neal Ewing was re-elected Chancellor for another two years. A new Board of Directors was elected with Chancellor David and Past Chancellor George William Ewing ex officio members and Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr., James R. McMichael, William Ewing Riddle, Eleanor Ewing Swineford, Beth Ewing Toscos, Karen Avery, Jane Ewing Weippert and myself as members. The new Board elected me as Chair, Eleanor Ewing Swineford as Secretary, and Jane Ewing Weippert as Treasurer. Profiles of the Directors are on the web site: [www.ClanEwing.org](http://www.ClanEwing.org).

The discussion of changing the name of our family organization on its Tenth Biennial Anniversary was lively. *Ewing Family Association* was adopted and Joseph Neff Ewing has been appointed Assistant Secretary by the Board to oversee the change to this new name.

In other business during the gathering, the bylaw changes adopted earlier this year by the Board were approved by the members. The bylaws changes were published in the August issue of the *Journal* on page 60.

The Board decided to keep our annual membership dues at \$25. However, the charge for sponsoring a Library Membership will increase to \$20 per year, which more closely approximates our actual cost of providing a library with a subscription to the *Journal*. It was also decided to more actively seek sponsors for Library Memberships, as this is a valuable resource for Ewing researchers who may not have already found us.

The 2010 Gathering will be in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area. Anyone interested in organizing or assisting in the organization of the 2012 Gathering is requested to contact any member of the Board. It is helpful for the membership to know the future location of our gatherings and it is a huge benefit for the committee making preliminary plans for the event.

As a member of the *Echoes of the Shenandoah* Gathering committee, I want to thank all of you who traveled long distances — some very long — to join us in Winchester. Your enthusiastic participation on the tours and at the Ewing Cemetery was more than we dreamed. Our family members enjoyed meeting each of you and hope you will return. We especially want to thank Mary Gosline who chaired our committee and traveled to meet with us regularly. Many thanks to all.

*Jim Ewing*

## **Membership News**

**Jill Ewing Spittle, Membership Coordinator (+1 330.345.6543, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*)**

What a wonderful time we all had at the Winchester gathering. The 2008 Gathering Committee did a great job! Now we look forward to the next one in Pennsylvania.

I have agreed to continue as Membership Coordinator but only with a helper. Karen Avery will be handling new-member interactions, and I will interact with current and prior members.

I have put Ellsworth's records of the original members together with pictures of many of them and hope to create an EMailable file for those who wish to see them. I use this information to help folks get in touch with members from their family groups with the understanding that this information is neither proven nor checked for accuracy. The information reflects family lineages as understood by various members, and my intent is to connect members so they can collaboratively correct and update their information about their ancestors.

Our new-member-get-acquainted tidbits continue all the good work previously done by Jim McMichael to capture the heritage of *Clan Ewing* members. Jim developed a wonderful file that gave 'lineages at a glance' of all our members. However, the information in this file is in printed form, and Bill Riddle — our Web Master — is thinking about a way to make this information available online using current-day technology. Please, if I do not already have your lineage, send it to me so it can be included. Pictures are most welcome!

Are you looking for new-and-unusual gifts to give this coming holiday season? If you know someone who might enjoy our family group, think about a Gift Membership. Go to:

[www.ClanEwing.org/index\\_Membership.html#gift](http://www.ClanEwing.org/index_Membership.html#gift)  
to arrange this gift.

Alternatively, coffee cups, sweatshirts or sport shirts with Ewing logos might make a good holiday gift. And Tote Bags, again with a Ewing logo, always make great gifts. For gift opportunities along these lines, go to:

[www.ClanEwing.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial\\_EFA/Merchandise.html](http://www.ClanEwing.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial_EFA/Merchandise.html).

For another alternative, you might consider a Ewing House Ornament available from the Williamsburg Marketplace (go to [www.WilliamsburgMarketplace.com](http://www.WilliamsburgMarketplace.com) and look under *Sale* and then under *Tree Houses*).<sup>1</sup>

I wish you all-the-best of health and happiness this Holiday Season!

*Jill Ewing Spitler*

## Corrections

Apologies to Mary Moore Turner for incorrectly citing her home state and her husband's name in the last issue. She lives in Little Rock, Arkansas, and her husband's name is Emil Turner.

## Keeping Up With the Ewings

**Joseph O. Ewing** has a new business: Old School Antiques Mall in Sylva, North Carolina. He invites everyone to 'stop and see me'.

**William Myrl Ewing** – WM in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project – passes on the following:

I am very proud of my low member number (166). I think anyone with a number starting with '1' should receive a 20% Membership Fee discount or a free trip to Scotland. I was 83 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, and I can still feed myself.

I especially enjoyed the article by my good buddy, James R. McMichael, concerning my fifth great-grandmother, Eliza Milford. I think the name Milford came down from the Vikings who settled near Oban.

My wife, Norma, and I visited the ruins of Kilchurn Castle on the east end of Loch Awe in 1994, and I could feel the vibrations as we walked through the ruins. I was sure that my ancestors had lived there; it seems to be full of good Ewing vibes. It once belonged to the Campbells of Breadalbane.

I really appreciate the touch of humor that had been added to the *Journal*. To this end I am passing on one of my favorite cartoons (see next page).

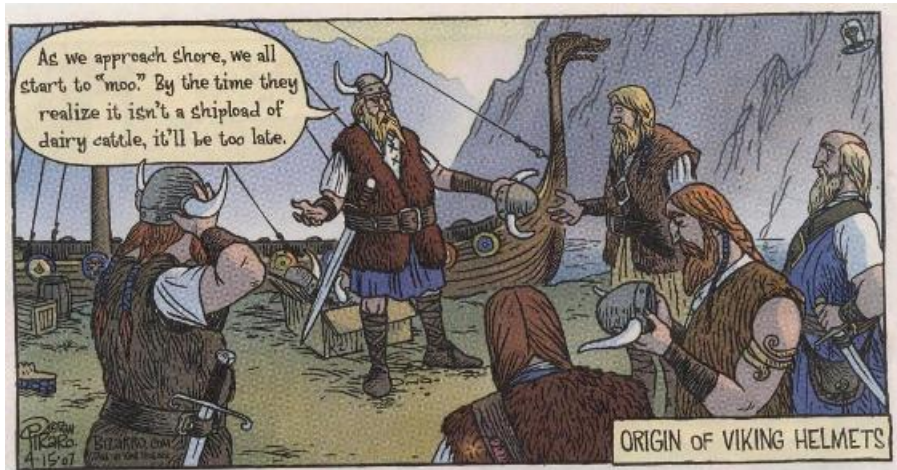
I have had much fun with the DNA project and it has been a pleasure to get acquainted with David Neal Ewing. I was originally dispatched to Haplogroup G2 by mistake. This became apparent when my known relatives ended up in Haplogroup I. An additional test showed that I



William Myrl and Norma Ewing  
at the Ruins of Kilchurn Castle

<sup>1</sup> Many thanks to Janet Ewing Deaton for letting me know about this Ewing-related gift.

was probably in Group I1b2a1 which may have been in Britton long before the Viking raiders and the Anglo-Saxon invaders. David has put us in his Group 9, a small band of hearties who are light-years away from the 'Large Group.'



**Robert Hunter Johnson** (*BDJohn at verizon dot net*) and his wife, **Doralyn Johnson**, were unable to attend the recent 2008 Gathering. He sent the following note which was read to the attendees at the event's opening dinner:

Hi All,

I am not sure that I have the words to describe the satisfaction I feel to see how *Clan Ewing in America* has matured over the years, but I will try.

It probably is true that I have said too many times to too many people that along with the development of a quality association that *Clan Ewing* should remain a family-oriented organization. I believe that we have. My feelings (based on my grandmother Ewing's example) are that the family has been very strong on family pride and had insisted on education opportunities for its members. Almost all of my Ewing line have been teachers, engineers, lawyers, doctors and military officers. Even those who did not get a degree were leaders in their community. We all have a heritage that we need to live up to.

The Special Fund was originally set up to have sufficient cash flow available to cover any deposits required by gathering service people (for catering, transportation, etc.). However, if we have extra monies, my suggestion would be to have research in Ireland or Scotland done as needed and/or to subsidize Y-DNA testing on family lines that have not been covered so far.

I am proud to have had a part in the birth and growth of this organization.

After the gathering, Bob followed up with the following note to Jill Spittler:

Hi All.

We have received a copy of the information passed out to the attendees at the Winchester gathering. WOW, from what I see you had a great gathering. My original goal when I first joined *Clan Ewing* was for it to become a high-quality family organization without losing the feel of camaraderie. I believe that we have done it and will continue to make *Clan Ewing* an award-winning endeavor.

I believe that family is second only in importance to our Creator and that we should not be ashamed to spend time finding out about who our ancestors were and how their efforts have brought us to what we are today.

I am very proud to be one of you.



**Doralyn and Bob Johnson**

Courtesy: Jane Weippert and Beth Toscos

**Ramona McNeely Disney** (*RamonaDisney at yahoo dot com*) writes that she has a new name:

I'm now Ramona M. Disney. I married Fred L. Disney this summer, and we have just returned from a two-and-a-half week vacation. We'd love to attend the Winchester gathering but have been to a Disney Family Reunion in Kansas, a McNeely Reunion in Tennessee and a ten-day stay with Fred's daughter and son-in-law in Florida, and have two houses of 'stuff' we are trying to combine into one. Fortunately my granddaughter and her husband are buying mine, so we have a little lee-way. Hello from us to everyone.

**Roger Settlemire** (*RSettlemire at hotmail dot com*) returned from a Scotland trip just in time to join us at the Winchester Gathering. When asked why he was so quiet, he mentioned jet lag, but he livened up by the end of the weekend. We're all glad he made it!

## Deaths

With heartfelt condolences to her family, we note the passing of **Mary Anna (Layman) Ewing** Mary. From her obituary in *The Winchester Star*, Winchester, Virginia, September 26, 2008:



Mary Anna Layman Ewing, 74, of Stephens City, Virginia, died Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Ewing was born January 5, 1934 in Stephens City, Virginia, the daughter of Charles Elmer and Elma Mae Painter Layman.

She was a 1954 graduate of James Wood High School.

She retired as a bookkeeper with Golladay Building Supply in Stephens City.

She was a member of Stephens City United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women and a longtime member of the choir. Previously, she had been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Stephens City Fire & Rescue Company and the Alpha Omega Sorority.



She married Ray E. Ewing on August 17, 1958 in Stephens City, Virginia.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Pamela Ewing Janney of Richmond, VA; a son, Michael Ray Ewing and his wife, Tierney of Arlington, VA; a grandson, Alexander Ewing of Annapolis, MD; two brothers, Conway 'Jason' Layman of Front Royal, VA and Earl L. Layman and his wife, Janet, of Stephens City, VA; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins with whom she was close.

Four brothers, Randol Layman, Kenneth Layman, Charles Layman Jr., and Philip Layman preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, September 28, 2008, at the Stephens City United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Butcher officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery, Stephens City.

Pallbearers will be Robert Edwards, Charles Henkle, Jack Turner, Raymond C. Sandy, Allen Barley, and Jim Markley.

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

**James Arlandson** of Southern California may be reached at *JamesMalAndSon at hotmail dot com*.

My Ewing cousin, Eleanor Swineford, gave me a gift membership. My connection is through the Ryland side. Catherine Ewing, born 1794, daughter of John and Anna Maria 'Mary' (Heichold) Ewing married William Ryland and came to Wayne County, Ohio. They had ten children.

**Darrell Francis Ewing** and his wife **Penelope Ewing** of Newport, New Jersey. Darrell's EMail address is *padsattic at aol dot com*.

I need help with where Deacon Joseph Ewing Sr. was born and who were his parents.

According to my records, he was born October 4, 1716, and died in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine, on October 4, 1790. He married Elizabeth \_?\_ about 1731 in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine. She was born in 1716, died on July 20, 1794, and was buried July 23, 1794, all of these events happening in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.

I believe D. S. Alexander and others have confused several Joseph Ewings. My ancestor is the Joseph Ewing, a Deacon, who is buried in the old burying ground in Harpswell behind the Old Meeting House. He was born in 1716 (as stated on his gravestone), but it is not known where. He is probably the Joseph Ewing who served in the French and Indian War (in Adam Hunter's Company) but probably not the Joseph Ewing who served during the Revolution as he was by then fairly old (in his 60's) and was on several Revolutionary War committees in Harpswell. The Revolutionary War soldier was probably his son Joseph.

Deacon Joseph Sr. and Elizabeth Ewing had a son — Joseph Jr. — who was born in June 1760, who died October 1846, and who was buried in the Old Meeting House Cemetery on October 23, 1846, all in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.

Joseph Ewing Jr. married Sarah Merryman on December 9, 1784, in the Old Meeting House in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine. She was born circa 1762, died on July 6, 1849, and was buried in the Old Meeting House Cemetery on July 9, 1849, again all in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.

Joseph Jr. and Sarah (Merryman) Ewing had a son — William — on January 30, 1787, in Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine. He died on January 29, 1823, at Bowdoin, Maine. He married Margaret Bishop — a daughter of Mary Orr — on April 2, 1809. Margaret Bishop was born January 17, 1783.

Thomas Ewing — a son of William and Margaret (Bishop) Ewing — was born July 8, 1811, in Bowdoin, Maine, and died on April 21, 1883, in Lowell, Maine. He married Bethany M. Webb who was born in September 1814 (possibly) in Westbrook, Maine, and died on April 16, 1886, in Lowell, Maine.

Thomas Burr Ewing was a son of Thomas and Bethany (Webb) Ewing. He was born in Lowell, Penobscot County, Maine, on July 17, 1849, and he died on February 16, 1930, in Howland, Piscataquis County, Maine.

**DeForest 'Dee' Ewing Jr.** and his wife **Sharon Ewing** of Macomb, Michigan. Dee's EMail address is *DSEwing at comcast dot net*.

We have just started on a Ewing-ancestry tree, so any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Here is what he have so far: Our Ewing Family came to New York from Pennsylvania. The ancestry prior to that is unknown. My great-great-grandfather was Thomas, born 1811. He married Rebecca Burke who was born in 1815. My great-grandfather was Eachariah, born 1847, who married Agnes Cook, his second wife, who was born in 1864. My paternal grandfather was John Ewing, born 1879, who married Emma Warner (born 1884). My father was DeForest Ewing who was born 1922 and who married Margaret Terry (born 1924).

**Dr. James David Ewing Jr.** and his wife **Ilona Ann (Papp) Ewing** of Jacksonville, Florida. Jim may be reached at *EwingJr at webster dot edu*.

It was good talking with you [Jill Spittle] by phone the other day. And many thanks for welcoming me to *Clan Ewing*. I look forward to being part of the organization. As you requested, here is a little information about myself and what I have been able to find out about my ancestors.

I live in Jacksonville, Florida, but am originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I recently completed thirty-three years in the airline industry working in many major cities around the United States. I am presently a university professor where I teach geography and marketing. I hold a doctorate in geography and am presently a Dean of Academic Affairs. I have had the opportunity to travel to Scotland and Ireland on numerous occasions and have wandered around the grounds of the McEwen Castle in Kilfinan as well as Otter Ferry.

James David Ewing III — my son — lives in Florida. He was born in 1976 in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a certified Emergency Medical Technician in Florida. His primary occupation is a commercial airline pilot with American Airlines.

My earliest known ancestor is Henry Ewing born 1701 in Ireland. He moved with son James born 1725 in Ireland to Chester Co, Pennsylvania. I am very interested in trying to find relations in the U.S. as well as taking my ancestry further back in history. My lineage back to the early 1700s is:

parents	James David Ewing m. Agnes Mary Jones
grandparents	Earl Ewing m. Bertha Schroder
great-grandparents	James D. Ewing m. Eliza M. Engle
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing m. Elizabeth Todd

great <sup>3</sup> -grandparents	Alexander Ewing m. Margaret McConnell
great <sup>4</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing m. Eleanor Auld
great <sup>5</sup> -grandparents	Henry Ewing m. Jane Allen
great <sup>6</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing (of Inch) m. Anne _?_

I have information in a little more depth on each of the individuals listed. It would be interesting to me to connect with others inter-related to my ancestry!

In addition: I will be representing Ewings at the Highland Games in North Florida. If anyone can provide any information appropriate for this event, I would appreciate them sending it to me.

**Thomas Frederick Ewing** and his wife **Judy Ewing** of Scarborough, Maine. Tom may be reached at *TEwing1 at Maine dot rr dot com*.

We very much enjoyed the gathering in Winchester, but had way too little time to chat with people and search the research materials. Maybe next time? Anyway we had a great time and met a lot of nice people. Ewings to be sure!

I am participant TF in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project and my lineage is posted on the project's web site.<sup>2</sup> A short synopsis is:

parents	Warren Elwood Ewing m. Bertha May Newcome
grandparents	Thomas Elwood Ewing m. Clara Adelaide Warren
great-grandparents	William Penn Ewing m. Margaret Elizabeth Horton
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing m. Jane Brannon

As for myself ... I was in the Air Force for eight years during and after the Korean War. I spent a year in Alaska and two years in Turkey, where daughter number one was born. In 1959, I was recruited by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and sent to an electronics school in Oklahoma City, where daughter number two was born. After becoming an Electronics Engineer, I spent the remainder of my FAA career in management positions around New England and other locations in the U.S.

When I retired from the FAA in 1988, my wife and I bought five-and-a-half acres on the coast of Maine and opened a B&B. We ran the B&B for eight years and then sold it. We just got burned out. (Us, not the B&B. It is still in operation.)

We then moved back to my home town: Scarborough, Maine.

In the twenty-four years that Judy and I have been together we have started, run and sold six successful businesses. So I guess you could say that has been my hobby. We like to travel and have traveled quite a lot in North America. Four or five years ago we drove 13,000 miles across the U.S. and down into central Mexico. We travel quite a lot with Judy's business of Web Page development and the business consulting that I do.

I'm looking for any information on my great-great-grandfather, James Ewing: born April 1793 in Maryland; married March 30, 1815, in Harford, Maryland; and died March 31, 1881, at Port Deposit, Cecil County, Maryland.

In general, my genealogical interests focus on Ewing's, Newcomb's, Warren's and Libby's.

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<sup>2</sup> [www.clanewing.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_ProjectResults/lineages/Y-DNA\\_Lineages\\_Participant\\_TF.html](http://www.clanewing.org/DNA_Project/DNA_ProjectResults/lineages/Y-DNA_Lineages_Participant_TF.html)

**Cheryl Ewing-Jonsson** and her husband **Richard C. Jonsson** of Warrenton, Virginia. They may be reached at *Jonsson1 at EarthLink dot net*.

Cheryl is a Ewing from California with her known heritage in Huntingdon, Bedford and Cumberland Counties in Pennsylvania. Her earliest known ancestors are Samuel and Sarah Ewing who lived in 1768 in Toboyne, Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Her ancestry is described in the previous issue of the *Journal* (Jonsson, Richard C. and Cheryl Lee Ewing-Jonsson-**Jonsson**. Samuel Ewin/Ewen/Ewing: His Life and Descendants, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 24-37).

**Rebecca Ewing Fulcher** and her husband **Charles Fulcher Jr.** of Hyattsville, Maryland. She may be contacted at *Fulcher.Becky at gmail dot com*.

I'm happy to be a second-generation member of *Clan Ewing in America*. I was introduced to the group by my grandpa, Daniel Ewing of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who's the current family historian. I look forward to learning more about the research other Ewings are doing and some day extending the excellent research my Granddad has already conducted.

My grandpa Daniel is participant DC2 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. His lineage — and therefore mine — is posted on that project's web site.<sup>3</sup> An abbreviated version, quoted with respect to me, is:

parents	Robert Daniel Ewing m. Carla Lynne Schmitt
grandparents	Daniel Clyde Ewing m. Lois Carolyn Mishler
great-grandparents	Lawrence Clyde Ewing m. Carmen Ruth Comstock
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	William Shaw Ewing m. Sarah Jane Coots
great <sup>3</sup> -grandparents	George Alexander Ewing m. Anna Jane Scott
great <sup>4</sup> -grandparents	Samuel Ewing m. Jane Shaw

I live in Hyattsville, Maryland, with my husband of almost six months, Charles Fulcher Jr. As you can imagine, one of my current hobbies is trying to figure out married life! I work for the Federal Citizen Information Center — the people who send publications from Pueblo, Colorado — as a media outreach specialist. When I'm not at work, I spend lots of time at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park, Maryland, where we're both very involved. We're both musical — I sing in our church's choir as well as play oboe in the Maryland Community Band, and Charles plays French horn in the Community Band and mellophone in the Redskins Marching Band. We love hiking, visiting museums and historical sites (we're both history majors and have museum education master's degrees), and watching movies together.

**Elizabeth K. Heagy** and her husband **John A. Heagy** of Westminster, Maryland. She can be reached at *MomHeagy at aol dot com*.

My aunt was Bathsheba 'Aunt Ba' Kincaid, long time Member # 398. My cousin — Sarah Hummel, Member # 553 — asked me join her at the 2008 Gathering in Winchester, which I enjoyed. Today I am working on finding my John and William Ewing from Powel Valley, Virginia, or Lee County, Virginia.

<sup>3</sup> [www.clanewing.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_ProjectResults/lineages/Y-DNA\\_Lineages\\_Participant\\_DC2.html](http://www.clanewing.org/DNA_Project/DNA_ProjectResults/lineages/Y-DNA_Lineages_Participant_DC2.html)

**Elise Wilson** – and her husband **Rick Wilson** – of Tulsa, Oklahoma, may be reached at *Elise.Wilson at cox dot net*.

James Ewing of Inch is my earliest ancestor. I have been researching my ancestry for almost two years now. I went from thinking I had no living relatives to finding a whole group alive and well. That has been awesome.

## **Web Site News**

**William Ewing Riddle, Web Master (+1 505.988.1092, *Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)**

Several sections of the *Journal* — the Ewing Digital Library section and the Information Available and Sought section — support collaboration. The information in these sections will soon be posted to the web site so they are electronically indexed and searchable.

But the information in these sections is updated only every three months, coincident with publication of the *Journal's* issues. This leads to rather slow interactions among collaborators, akin to writing letters and having them delivered by ox-cart.

A form of collaboration that is also akin to writing letters but which allows much faster interaction is that supported by 'structured discussions'.<sup>1</sup> The *Clan Ewing* web site cites two other sites which support structured discussions but which have not been utilized by visitors. Within the Ewing Reading Room, there is a *Forums* page under the category *Other Web Sites*. The *Forums* page cites two blogs:

- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum (<http://genforum.genealogy.com/ewing>)
- Clan Ewing Forum (<http://pub22.bravenet.com/forum/show.php?usernum=1871351447&cpv=1>)<sup>2</sup>

Contributions to these forums have been steady but very minimal. The first gets about two contributions a month and the second gets only about one contribution a month. Check out these web sites. You might find items that relate to your research and, through these items, get in touch with other researchers.

These two forums are un-restricted and un-monitored; anyone can view them and add information. This is good in at least one way: It allows interactions with any and all people having an interest in Ewings. But it is bad in that this openness can lead to meaningless queries — "I'm looking for information about James Ewing born in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century somewhere in the world." —as well as dilute the focus of the various discussions. It's been suggested that we have a monitored forum, and Martin Ewing has volunteered to set up and monitor this forum. Martin and I will be working to make this happen in the next few months.

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<sup>1</sup> Structured discussions are like blogs. Blogs allow people to add comments to some item but the comments appear in a reverse time-order reflecting when they have been added, most recent first. Blog entries respond to entries that were added some time in the past. There is no explicit indication of which previous entry a blog entry refers to. Structured discussions, on the other hand, organize the entries to reflect the comment-response nature of a 'conversation'.

<sup>2</sup> This site has been polluted with offensive material. I'll work to get this material removed.

## **Information Available and Sought**

### **Rescued Ewing/Chapman Photo**

**Posted to RootsWeb.com by Kathy Barnes (*DigginRoots at yahoo dot com*)**

As a hobby, I rescue old photos that have identification on them. I have one – probably taken in the 1940s or 50s – of a bride in Hammond, Indiana. Written on the back is: 'Wedding picture (Dorothy Jane Chapman) married Bob Ewing in Hammond, Indiana.' It was taken by Excel Studio of Hammond. This lovely 8x10 is black-and-white and in nice shape. I'd like to locate family to send it to. Please contact me for further details.

### **Ewings in Ashland County, Ohio**

**Posted to RootsWeb.com by Peggy Price (*PAPrice3993 at aol dot com*)**

I am researching the Ewing, Cameron, and Kopp families in Ashland, Ohio. My son's grandparents are/were William and Beulah (Kopp) Martin. Beulah's parents were Earl and Pansy Mae (Ewing) Kopp. Pansy's parents were Milton and Eliza Jane (Cameron) Ewing. I would like to share information. Many thanks!

### **Thomas Ewing Jr., Frontier Lawyer and Civil War General by Ronald D. Smith**

The University of Missouri Press published Ronald D. Smith's book on the life of Thomas Ewing Jr. at the end of October. Thomas Ewing Jr. was a pivotal figure in the early history of Kansas and of the Civil War. A blurb about the book may be found at <http://press.umsystem.edu/fall2008/smith.htm>. An article based on some of the information in the book was previously published in the *Journal*.<sup>1</sup>

### **The Great Wagon Road by Dorothy A. Boyd-Bragg, *NGS NewsMagazine*, Vol. 34, No. 3 (July-September 2008), pp. 21-25**

This article complements Jean McClure's *Great Philadelphia Wagon Road* article which appeared in a previous issue of the *Journal*.<sup>2</sup> The National Genealogical Society (NGS) provided the following related information in a mailing to its members:

#### **Building a Nation: Trails South and West**

Most of us grew up learning about the Wilderness Trail to Kentucky. Our history books had pictures of Daniel Boone in his coonskin cap leading pioneers through the Cumberland Gap to Kentucky. In reality, the Wilderness Trail was only one of a number of trails to Kentucky. Many of our ancestors trekked north to what is now Pittsburgh where they boarded boats and floated down the Ohio to Kentucky. Others followed the Great Wagon Road to Staunton and then crossed the mountains to White Sulphur Springs and on to the Kanawha River and finally the Ohio, still others traveled north following the New River to the Kanawha and then into Kentucky.

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<sup>1</sup> Smith, Ronald D. Thomas Ewing Jr. and William Tecumseh Sherman, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2008), pp. 22-26.

<sup>2</sup> McClure, Jean. Great Philadelphia Wagon Road, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (August 2007), pp. 15-20

These were people trekking south and west. Others moved into the Carolinas east of the Blue Ridge over the Carolina or Rogue's Road which led to Salisbury and eventually, if you followed it far enough, to Georgia. Still others followed the Great Wagon Road to Big Lick (Roanoke) where they passed through the Staunton River Gap to connect to the Carolina Road at Danville.

Our ancestors followed a variety of trails in their travels; some moved south then west, some moved directly west. Most moved in increments. A family might begin in New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Maryland, move to northern Virginia, and then to Southside Virginia. Members might choose to move to Carolina and on to Georgia then back up to Tennessee and into Kentucky. Others would move directly to Kentucky. Some would stay a few years, others a generation. Young, old and in between—rich and poor—they followed the siren call. Following them is not easy. As Lynda Suffridge notes in her article in the latest NGS Newsletter "Migration is, nevertheless, quite complex encompassing a myriad of questions about economics, demographics, geography, agriculture, religion, politics, family dynamics, slavery, race, class and gender."

We frequently fail to track our ancestors because we make unwarranted assumptions about why they moved, what trail they followed, what stops they made, even where they could go in a given time period. An ancestor living in Kentucky in 1850 who was born in Virginia may well have spent time in North Carolina and/or Tennessee before arriving in Kentucky. Although he or she may appear to have arrived alone he could have moved with in-laws or collaterals or even married female siblings. Many migrants traveled with a religious or ethnic group. While some moved because of economic reasons, others moved because of Indian attacks, or war. Whether we are tracking 17th century or 20th century migrations, we need to learn all we can about who they were and what it was like both where they were and where they went if we are to be successful in tracking them.

### **Links for Various State Vital Records**

With the help of a colleague, Georgia (Ewing) Morgan, Karen Avery has discovered a valuable online resource for vital records. It has been developed by Tim Gruber for People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records (PaHR-Access). Links to vital records for Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia only), Tennessee (Shelby County only), Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Washington may be found at <http://users.rcn.com:80/timarg/PaHR-Access-states.htm>. This page also provides links for an online searchable death index for the U.S. and information about where to write for vital records.

### **Chronicling America at the Library of Congress**

David Neal Ewing has found that the Library of Congress provides the ability to search some 100 newspapers published between 1880 and 1910 in California, Washington, D.C., Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Utah and Virginia. Indexing of the material relies upon OCR processing, so search results are often overly voluminous with many 'false positives'. But interesting Ewing-related articles can be found, for example – "Oil Investors Neatly Duped" in *The San Francisco Call*, 9 July 1901 – a story (appearing on page 27 of this issue) concerning a major oil-field fraud perpetrated by one William B. Ewing and his partner, George B. Chaney.

## George and James V. Ewing of Tennessee

William Sproul (*Sproul3 at verizon dot net*) recently visited the Tennessee State Library and Archives where he found a will for George Ewing and a set of his descendants' papers. Bill has little personal interest in this family but hopes others might find this information valuable. James R. McMichael, the *Clan Ewing* Genealogist, notes that George was married to Elinor Caldwell and was a son of Samuel Ewing, a half-brother to Nathaniel.

**1803 Will of George Ewing** of Wythe County, Virginia. Wife: Elenor [sic]. Sons: James, Samuel, John and George. Daughters: Elenor [sic], Anne and Mary.

### **Manuscript Materials on Microfilm : MF. 001 - MF. 099**

Mf. 93 – James V. Ewing Family Papers, 1803-1948. TSLA. 1 reel. 35mm.

The papers focus mainly on James V. Ewing during the period of 1834-1884. Several documents relate to family in Virginia where his grandfather was from, but the collection mainly traces the Ewing family in Tennessee. There are also documents on the Swanson and Ezell families. The materials are comprised of correspondence, wills, receipts, promissory notes, estate papers, Civil War documents, and newspaper clippings. The wills and personal correspondence show family relationships and traces the ownership of the Ewing homestead near Lewisburg, Tennessee.

James V. Ewing owned several farms and was a slave owner. His account book shows that cotton was one of the crops. His correspondence from the Civil War period contains letters from a nephew and his son, J.C.C. Ewing who served as an assistant surgeon in the 17th Tennessee Confederate Army. The diary of Mrs. James V. Ewing is also included.

## Harry Marshall Ewing and His Ancestors

Larry Bryant recently posted the following query to the RootsWeb's Ewing Message Board under the topic Findley Ewing:<sup>3</sup>

I'm trying to connect to the following Ewing line:

Harry Marshall Ewing born about 1890 in Kansas, and son of  
William J Ewing born about 1830 in Harford County, Maryland, and son of  
William Ewing born about 1796 in Harford Co, Maryland, married Elizabeth, and son of  
Joseph Ewing born about 1758 in Baltimore, Maryland, married Mary Gorrell, and son of  
Alexander Ewing born about 1731 in Pennsylvania or Maryland.

Do any or all of these early Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey Ewings connect back to the Ewing immigrants brothers Thomas, William, Robert and James of Ireland?

I think this line connects with the Cecil County Ewings but not sure where. Can anyone help?

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<sup>3</sup> The posting appears at <http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1245.1/mb.ashx>.



## County Fermanagh Gravestone Photo and Transcription Project

Tammy Mitchell (*ancestry at RipAndRevMedia dot ca*) has recently launched the County Fermanagh Gravestone Photo and Transcription Project at [www.TammyMitchell.com/CoFermanagh](http://www.TammyMitchell.com/CoFermanagh). Her description of the project is:

The mission of this project is to capture digital images of our ancestors' gravestones. As decades pass, many stones erode and it is becoming harder, if not impossible, to read the inscriptions they originally contained.

By archiving the images, we can help save these important records to assist current-day and future researchers.

If you have a photo of a gravestone for someone born in County Fermanagh – the westernmost of the six counties that form Northern Ireland – but buried elsewhere in the world, please visit the project's web site and upload your data. Even if you do not have a photo, but only have a transcription, we encourage you to post your valuable information. There is a link on the site to post a default image if you don't have one.

This site will be linked to the Fermanagh-gold mailing list<sup>4</sup> and the County Fermanagh site<sup>5</sup>.

All contributions are most welcome. Anyone can post and view records. This is a free resource, offered and maintained by volunteers.

We have a matching resource for County Tyrone which has been running since February 2008: <http://TammyMitchell.com/CoTyrone>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at *ancestry at RipAndRevMedia dot ca*.

## Ewing and Related Family Gravestones in Fayette County, Pennsylvania

Virginia Okie (*VOKie at digital dot net*) has found several sites providing photos of stones in cemeteries in southwestern Pennsylvania. A site related to the Oak Grove Cemetery in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, is [www.graveaddiction.com/oakgrove.html](http://www.graveaddiction.com/oakgrove.html). Other sites for the Oak Grove Cemetery, as well as other cemeteries in Fayette County, may be reached by links at:

[www.usgennet.org/usa/pa/county/fayette/headstones](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/pa/county/fayette/headstones).

In addition, the site:

[www.usgennet.org/usa/pa/county/fayette/headstones/conwell/index.html](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/pa/county/fayette/headstones/conwell/index.html)

concerns the Conwell Family Cemetery in Luzerne Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

## Upcoming Events

**2008 November 12:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting. S. Roger Keller, *Music of the Civil War Era and Their Stories*. 7:30 PM, Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. (+1 717.334.4723, *info at achs-pa dot org*).

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<sup>4</sup> <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/NIR/FERMANAGH-GOLD.html>

<sup>5</sup> [www.igp-web.com/fermanagh](http://www.igp-web.com/fermanagh)

**2008 November 22:** The Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society's annual fall cupola tour will be held Saturday, November 22, 2008. See what Union General John Buford saw on July 1, 1863. Members may register on the web site or via check. Tickets are \$100.00 for members and \$125.00 for non-members of either the Society or the Seminary Ridge Historical Preservation Foundation. Proceeds from the event benefit these two charities.

**2008 December 2:** Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Jim Thomas, *History and Tour of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church*. 7:00 PM, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. (+1 717.334.4723, info at [achs-pa dot org](mailto:achs-pa-dot-org)).

**2008 December 6:** Christmas at the White House Tour. Reservations are being taken for the Adams County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society's White House Christmas tour. Unlike all the other tours the Society sponsors, this has many 'conditions.' The schedule for the time for the tour of the White House will not be available until two weeks before the event. Because of Homeland Security and the post-election time frame, the tour could be cancelled even the night before. Register by calling the Society's office at +1 717.334.4723, ext. 201. Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> or whenever the coach is full.

**2009:** An exciting project known as *Homecoming Scotland* is underway in Scotland, which promises to be a year-long celebration of all things Scottish. Coincidentally, 2009 also is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Scotland's beloved bard, Robert Burns, so it is a fitting time. Information about this event may be found at [www.HomeComingScotland.com](http://www.HomeComingScotland.com).

**2009 May 13-16:** 31<sup>st</sup> National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference in the States and Family History Fair. Raleigh, North Carolina. The 2009 Conference in the States in Raleigh will take place in the brand new Raleigh Convention Center. Hotel accommodations are in the adjoining new Marriott Hotel, or nearby at the Sheraton hotel. Online registration will open December 1, 2008. From the Society: "The program for the NGS Conference in the States to be held in Raleigh, 13–16 May 2009, has as its theme, Building a Nation: From Roanoke Island to the West. Many of you were in Richmond in 2007 and learned about the movement into Virginia from its beginning at Jamestown to the flood of individuals who moved down the Shenandoah Valley. Others attended Kansas City where many of the speakers provided information on tracking individuals in their move westward. North Carolina is the bridge between the two. You'll learn about the economic forces that drove our ancestors to migrate, sessions will focus specifically on the Germans, Scots, Irish and Scotch-Irish as well as Presbyterians, Moravians and other religious sects. You'll learn about the Carolina and Wagon roads as well as Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road, visit the West Indies and travel with the Cherokees on the Trail of Tears. There will be presentations on the states that people came from and went to, on 19th and 20th century immigration and on new ways to collaborate using Wikis and other resources. New online resources, the latest in DNA and the traditional records and methodology will round out the program. Whether your ancestor arrived in 1720 or 1920, lived in on the coast, in the Appalachians or the city, there will be something for everyone." For more information visit: <http://ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2009>.

**2009 September 2-5:** Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. See [www.FGS.org](http://www.FGS.org) for more information.

**2010 Fall:** Eleventh Gathering of *Clan Ewing in America*, Pittsburgh Area, Pennsylvania. See [www.ClanEwing.org](http://www.ClanEwing.org) for more information.

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