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## ***From the Editor***

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*... when [do] data become information, and when does information become useful knowledge that adds value ...*

From: Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer, *Information Literacy Toolkit*

This issue continues the trend, over the past half dozen or so issues, to broaden the *Journal's* scope to Ewing and inter-related families beyond the *Ewing Family Association's (EFA's)* original focus on thirty-three immigrant Ewings. For example, the contributions largely concern persons beyond this original focus:

- In his article, Frank Leroy Hodges II uses the results of his conventional genealogy research and the results of Y-DNA testing to consider whether or not he may be descended from a Ewing and what this descendency might be.
- Martin S. Ewing's article provides an interesting, entertaining insight into the life and times of one of his 19<sup>th</sup> century ancestors.
- David Neal Ewing, in his next article about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's results, considers the value of 67-marker testing in helping to suggest or raise doubts about relationships among the 100-plus project participants.
- The items in the Ewing Digital Library section concern many Ewings who (at this time) have no known relationships to the thirty-three immigrant Ewings.
- The final article doesn't contribute to this trend. Rather it concerns the very unfortunate and saddening passing of James R. McMichael and shows the tremendous breadth and depth of his concern for and contribution to his family, his community and the *Association*.

To cast an even broader net, the Information Available and Sought section has been greatly expanded. In the past, the items in this section have been ones sent directly to me or that I have (somewhat haphazardly) noticed on various electronic 'bulletin boards' (such as the Ewing-related rootsweb message board at [boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx)). In addition, this issue's Information Available and Sought section contains requests for information and offers of information posted to the *EFA* Online Forum. For the most part, these items are just the request or offer posted to the Forum; readers should visit the Forum (at [groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](http://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)) to find the dialogues following from the postings.

Further, the Information Available and Sought section in this issue contains dialogues following from requests for information or offerings of information sent to the *EFA* Genealogist and the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's Administrator as well as others. These items clearly illustrate the much broader scope to which the *Journal's* material concerns the Ewing 'forest' at large. They also both identify a variety of resources readers may find valuable and provide examples of the value of collaboration in helping to focus one's genealogy research on promising niches in the Ewing forest.

I sincerely hope that readers find that this expanded scope — both in general and for the Information Available and Sought section in particular — leads to interesting, valuable material. I invite, and will greatly value, any and all comments, observations and improvement suggestions.

*Wm E. Riddle*

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# ***Bridge to the West***

## **Eleventh Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association***

**Uniontown, Pennsylvania  
Late-September 2010**



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The eleventh gathering of *the Ewing Family Association* will be held in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in the Fall of 2010. Pittsburgh lies at the confluence of three rivers: the Allegheny, the Monongahela and the Ohio. Pittsburgh is popularly known as the *City of Bridges* because of the dozen-plus bridges that span the rivers linking the city's neighborhoods.

Ewing-genealogy speaking, the Pittsburgh area was both a target for Ewings emigrating to the frontier in the mid-to-late-1770s and a doorway — a bridge — for many Ewings who used their Pittsburgh area relatives as stepping-stones to Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and other farther-west parts of America.

The earliest migrants to the Pittsburgh area, around 1730, were trappers and traders who came to the area when the French claimed sovereignty. There is only anecdotal evidence that Ewings were among them. After the 1763 end of the French and Indian War, the British were responsible for the land west of the Allegheny Mountains. American Indians resisted this change from one foreign 'conqueror' nation to another, leading to Pontiac's Rebellion during the first three-quarters of 1763.

With the settling of Pontiac's Rebellion, two things were true. For one, settlement was a bit safer. For two, the British decided that settlement was still so dangerous that they could not (because of severely diminished resources) assure safety and declared that settlement was prohibited in the 'Indian Land' lying west of the Alleghenies. It was not until 1769 that this land was officially opened for settlement.

Many of the Scots-Irish in the Upper Chesapeake Bay area were of a somewhat different mind. They had supported the British in the French and Indian War, they had received little (hardly any) compensation for this support, and they had (in their mind) 'won' the western areas as the spoils of war. Net sum: they felt they had the right to settle this area. As a result, Ewings settled the Redstone and Uniontown areas in (now) Fayette County, southeast of Pittsburgh, in the early-to-mid-1760s. Soon afterward, several descendants of James Ewing of Inch settled the (now) Robinson and Collier Township areas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, starting around 1770.

Many cousins, nephews, etc., followed their relatives to the Pittsburgh area. Some settled and stayed. Some moved on further west, accompanied by Pittsburgh cousins who found the opportunities in the Pittsburgh area to be limited and 'went west' to better their lives. These 'followers' left genealogical records which have survived in the Pittsburgh area's Census Records and its records of Wills, Land Transfers, etc.

Please **plan ahead** and look to the 2010 Gathering in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area as a way to discover new information, and confirm your suppositions, about your late-1770 and early-1800 ancestors.

## **Frank Hodges' Link to the Ewings**

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I have long been seeking the ancestry of two brothers, William Brown Hodges and Thomas Jefferson Hodges, the latter being my great-grandfather.

Recently, I read the Smith-family article<sup>1</sup> in a previous issue of the *Journal*, and my heart stopped. The article concerns the possibility that a Dr. Whitley T. Ewing may have been the father of a William R. Smith. I looked at the time line for Dr. Ewing and was amazed to see that he was living in the area of Thomas Jefferson Hodges' and William Brown Hodges' births within the timeframe of these births. This made me wonder whether there could have been a similar participation by Dr. Ewing in my heritage.

Sixteen years ago, all I knew was that I was named after my paternal grandfather, Frank Leroy Hodges. All this time I have been a Hodges. It is a good name, and I have done it proud, the first of my family to get a college degree. I make a good living as a Stationary Engineer working for the State of California, with a loving wife and children. I will always be a Hodges in name and heart. But ... Might I be a Ewing as well?

This article traces my attempt to pursue this possibility. Part 1 details the descendancy of William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges. Part 2 explains the very scarce data I have found regarding William's and Thomas' ancestry. Part 3 discusses what I have learned from David Neal Ewing, Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, about a possible Ewing heritage based on my Y-DNA test and a Y-DNA test of Tennis Smith, a son of William R. Smith.

### **Part 1: William Brown Hodges, Thomas Jefferson Hodges and Their Descendants**

William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges were, I believe, born in Pike County, Illinois. Based on death records, we have always assumed that they were born in or near Perry, Pike County, Illinois. However, recent finds by Duane Harvey Hodges<sup>2</sup> leads me to believe that Thomas was born November 9, 1847, near New Hartford, Illinois.<sup>3</sup> That was near Martensburg, Illinois. William was born in 1845 and, again, I assume this was in Perry, Illinois. However, I have been unable to find them in the 1850 or 1860 census for Perry or surrounding townships.

Both William and Thomas served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Military records include: Thomas J. Hodge (note the dropped 's'), Private, 99th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and William B. Hodges, Private, Missouri 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Smith, William R. A Family Story, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (August 2008), pp. 17-19. Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Smith/smith.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Smith/smith.html).

<sup>2</sup> He is my father's cousin and a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson Hodges, and, by extension of my Y-DNA matches, joins Danny Hodges as a possible Ewing.

<sup>3</sup> From a Pike County cemetery book in what appears to be an obituary. Harvey has the specifics about the book's title and author.

<sup>4</sup> I have copies of these military records.

The first census location for either was for Thomas Jefferson Hodges, enumerated in Perry Township, Pike County, Illinois, on July 4, 1870. He was a farm hand working on the farm of William Triplett and Harriett Bentley. A month later — August 17, 1870 — he married William's daughter, Mary Elizabeth Triplett (Thomas was recorded as Thos J. Hodges). They had three children born in the Perry area: Harvey (who never married), Frank Leroy (my grandfather), and Nellie (who never married).

At some point before the 1880 census, the family went west and ran out of money in Cherryvale, Drum Creek Township, Montgomery County, Kansas, where a daughter, Jessie Anna (James Elwood Stout's grandmother) was born. Within a couple of years, the family returned to the Perry, Illinois, area where three more children were born: John Leo (who married a widow with children), Edward Bailey (Duane Harvey Hodges' father), and Delbert (who died young).

Frank Leroy Hodges was born January 1, 1877, and married Anna May Easley on May 23, 1923. They were both printers. Anna was a published poet. They had two children: Ruth Mary (who married Albert Thomas Viar) and James Thomas (my father, who was born August 30, 1930, in Bayliss, Illinois). James was a 1949 graduate of Barry High School in Barry, Illinois. He joined the Navy shortly thereafter. One of his duty stations was aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Rochester during the Inchon, Korea, invasion.

James Thomas Hodges married Teresa H. Whitaker on February 5, 1954. Teresa had a son — Henry Thomas — from a previous marriage. They had six more children: Frank Leroy II (me), Anna E., Frances R., Shirley K., George A., and Sharna A. I have a son named Marvin James after his two grandfathers. He is currently the last male of the Thomas J. Hodges line.

Edward Bailey Hodges married Grace Maudlin. They had one child, Duane Harvey Hodges, who is my Illinois, on-the-ground, fellow researcher.

William Brown Hodges was born June 16, 1845 (again, I assume in Perry, Illinois). The earliest census record I have been able to find for him is in 1880 in Griggsville, Illinois, living in the home of Julia Frances Hodges Hanlin (another reason to believe the two families are closely related). He next appears in the 1885 Iowa State Census residing in a Steele residence as a boarder. Note, however, that William B. married Anna Elsie Nickel on March 31, 1881. They resided in St. Charles, Madison County, Iowa. They had nine children: Flora M., Clark W., Zina E., Suzanna L., Elsie P., Bailey Ross (Danny Hodges' grandfather), William B. Jr., John W. (who has descendants in eastern Iowa), and Frank G. (his son, Frank G. Jr., now lives in Escondido, California).

Bailey Ross Hodges married Myrtle Thacker. They had eight children: Bernice (Russell Young's mother, who lived in Des Moines, Iowa, and recently passed), Ross (who was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge), Burel (who was also killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge), Betty (who is still with us), Robert (who died in Orange, Texas), Richard (Danny Hodges' father), Ralph (who is still with us and living in Ohio with his son Russ) and Buella.

## **Part 2: Possible Ancestry of William Brown Hodges and Thomas Jefferson Hodges**

In the first part, I have detailed the families of the brothers William Brown Hodges and Thomas Jefferson Hodges. U.S. Census records show the whereabouts of each family in each of the census years between 1870 and 1930. I have found references to the families of both brothers in these census records. I have also found many clues as to the parents of the brothers, including their death records.

For example, the Polk County, Iowa, death record for William Brown Hodges shows the statement 'Son of John and Rachael Hodges'. Once I found this clue, I searched the marriage records in the Illinois archives. I found a reference to a marriage of John B. and Rachael Hodges. The marriage was performed by a Justice of the Peace in Adams County, Illinois, on August 28, 1842. No maiden name is given for Rachael. There is also no reference to the parents of either. This lack of records led me to search any and all records available for any Hodges families in the Pike County, Illinois, area. I found no further information.

I did find a census record from 1850 in the California gold camp of John B. Hodges (who was born in Tennessee) along with others from Illinois. This seems to support the family lore that William's and Thomas' father left them in Illinois with another family and traveled west to the gold fields, never to return, and thus that the children were 'orphaned' at a tender age. All of the federal census records I have for both men state that their father was born in Tennessee.

The birth records of the brothers, William and Thomas Hodges, as well as their descendants are a matter of public and private record. Who their parents were is not so clear. Aside from the clues noted above, there are some interesting possibilities which surfaced during my research.

I located another family from Pike County, Illinois, that deserved some further research. This is the family of William A. (born 1826) and Rebecca (Elledge) Hodges in Griggsville, Pike County, Illinois. William A. Hodges was the son of John Murphy Hodges — a cousin of Amos and Mary (Scott) Hodges — and Polly Clanton. They had five children, Catherine, Mary, John William, Uriah and Julia Frances.

My interest in the William A. and Rebecca (Elledge) Hodges family waned when I could not tie him to William and Thomas. I moved on until I received a picture from Duane Harvey Hodges, my father's cousin. There were seven people in the picture, four of whom were identified on the reverse by Grace (Maudlin) Hodges (Duane's mother). In this picture (to the right): Thomas J. is seated front row right; William B. is standing back row left; standing behind Thomas is Julia Hanlin and her brother, cousins of Thomas and William. I believe: the man in the wheel chair is William A. Hodges; the woman seated to his right (front row left) is Rebecca (Elledge) Hodges; and the woman standing to William's left (in the back row) is his wife Anna Elsie (Nickel) Hodges.



I dug deeper and found that Julia F. Hanlin was none other than Julia Frances Hodges, daughter of William A. and Rebecca Hodges. So I started thinking: What would make Julia and her brother be cousins of William B. and Thomas J.? The answer is obvious, but I could not prove it at the time. Her father would have to be the brother of William and Thomas' father. So, I'm 'headed to China' now! I dug deeper. I still could not tie John M. Hodges to William and Thomas. He was too old; he was born in 1790 (1784?). Further, he was born in Virginia whereas the census records for William and Thomas state that their father was born in Tennessee.

Duane Harvey Hodges ordered up the military records for William A. Hodges. We had found some interesting information in both William B.'s and Thomas' military records and hoped that William A.'s record would be a similarly valuable source. The records for William A. Hodges were very extensive and

included multiple pages documenting a Government investigation, in 1885, into his request for a disability pension. During William A.'s service he was tasked to stand watch at a bridge one cold and rainy night. As a result, he contracted an infection in his lungs, which became quite debilitating and resulted in his separation from the service. He was sent home and applied for the disability pension. The Government interviewed many people to establish his eligibility for this pension. I came across one interview within those records that stilled my heart. The individual deposed in the interview was Thomas C. Hodges, aged fifty-six. Thomas identified himself as the brother of William A. He would therefore have been born in around 1829 or 1830.

I returned to my research again. This time I was looking for records of Thomas C. Hodges. What I found was that Thomas C. Hodges was the youngest son of John Murphy and Frances 'Fannie' (Triplett) Hodges. John and Fannie had four sons. They were John, Rolland, William J., and Thomas C. I started to believe that this son John was the father of William B. and Thomas J. All I had to do was prove it.

I concentrated my research on these five sons of John Murphy Hodges. I have located only one male line coming from these five men: Uriah Hodges, son of William A. and Rebecca Hodges.

Uriah Hodges married Ilma Durr. Their son was Scott Adams Hodges who married Jennie K. Baldwin. Scott died in Arvin, California — near Bakersfield, California — in 1958. They had three children: Scott Adams Jr., Donald Durr, and Helen, all born in Los Angeles, California.

[This article now concerns people who are still living and could include information that should be private, so I will tread softly.]

I have searched the California Birth and Marriage index databases and found the following information: Donald Durr Hodges married Marjorie Payne. They had several children, one of which is David Lewis Hodges. I made contact with David's sister, who lives close by. She would not discuss her family with me and asked that I not contact her again. I will honor her wishes. Her parents divorced in 1968. Donald Durr Hodges died in 1976 in Riverside, California.

So, that is where I am at this point. If I can locate David Lewis Hodges, I will attempt to convince him to participate in the Hodges Surname Y-DNA Project. I believe that this will prove the tie of William A. Hodges to William B. and Thomas J. Hodges' parents, John and Rachael Hodges.

I have yet to pin down the ancestors of John Murphy Hodges. I am not certain of his lineage, as there is a discrepancy in his birth year. My research to date has not produced a clear picture of his lineage. And I do not have a knack for interpreting the earlier census records.

### **Part 3: The Meaning of the Y-DNA Evidence**

From David Neal Ewing's analysis of my Y-DNA test results with respect to the results for Tennis Smith, I found that, along with some other differences, we differ at the important DYS 391 marker that puts me (FLH) in Group 1 and Tennis Smith (TNS) in Group 2. Therefore, while it is not impossible that a Ewing in the Group 2 line fathered William Brown Hodges and Thomas Jefferson Hodges, the Y-DNA evidence suggests that this is highly unlikely.

I also learned that, based strictly on the Y-DNA evidence, the Ewing project participant that is most likely to be related to me is WE3 in Group 1d. The oldest known ancestor of this group is Joshua Ewing (born October 25, 1793, in Kentucky). His son, William E. Ewing (1824-1877) who was WE3's great-grandfather, was born in Arkansas; WE3's grandfather was born in Louisiana; and WE3's father was

born in Texas. That does not sound too helpful, but William E. Ewing was born in 1824 and married in 1859 at age thirty-five. He would have been old enough to father William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges long before he married in Louisiana. Indeed, he could easily have been married before and a divorce or death of his first wife might explain why William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges were adopted. This suggests that I should try to track William E. Ewing's travels. Joshua had two other sons, but it's most probable that they did not have the marker that I and WE3 share (DYS 464d = 16). Joshua's son, Elijah Gray Ewing (1820-1877), was born in Arkansas, but all of Elijah's descendants down to two other Group 1d men were in Louisiana. Joshua had a third son, John Ewing (1835-1862), who does not seem to be a good candidate for the father of William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges because he would have been too young.

A completely different line that might be considered is that of MA in Group 1a. The Y-DNA evidence here is a little weaker, because it depends on CDYb = 39 and the CDY markers are notorious for parallel mutations that can confuse things. Still, I am only genetic distance one from MA. Just looking at MA's lineage on the web site, it looks like the right generation to have fathered William Brown and Thomas Jefferson Hodges was probably born in Frederick County, Virginia, but this whole tribe seems to have moved to Ohio, and lots of Ohio folks went on to Illinois in this time frame.

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## **A New Set of Clothes for Edward C. Ewing**

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In 1870 and at age thirty-three, about ten years out of Amherst College and Bangor Seminary, Edward Cornelius Ewing was becoming established as pastor at the Congregational church at Enfield, Massachusetts. Though Edward was born in Walpole, New Hampshire, the Ewing family was well rooted in central Massachusetts. Edward's father, George Clinton Ewing, was a long-time civic leader and developer of Holyoke, and Edward's first pastorate had been at Ashfield.

By 1870, Edward had been married for seven years to Mary Louisa Alvord, and they had two young boys. Two more would join them in the coming years. Of the four brothers, three would follow their father's path into the ministry. The fourth, my grandfather William, went on to study engineering at Boston Tech, as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was known at the time.



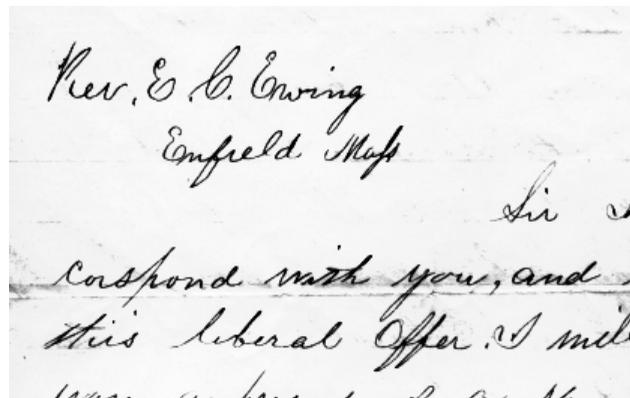
**seated: Mary Louisa (Alvord) Ewing,  
Edward Cornelius Ewing**  
**standing: Addison Alvord Ewing, William  
Clinton Ewing, George Henry Ewing,  
Charles Edward Ewing .**

The young Rev. Ewing was evidently comfortable in Enfield, a small town in the Swift River Valley. Church bulletins from the time show a wry wit; the clergyman instructed his flock "not to expect the preacher to be at his best every time he occupies the pulpit." Attendance ranged up to 200 or 300 on a Sunday.

There was little sign of the upheaval to come sixty years later when the burgeoning city of Boston would lay claim to the Swift River Valley and build a dam. As the end was coming in 1936, an arsonist would light the Enfield church ablaze. What little remains of Enfield now lies deep under Quabbin Reservoir.

In the summer of 1870, the Rev. Ewing received an unexpected letter that turned his attention away from everyday duties in the Valley. It bore a postmark from the exotic Colorado Territories. There is no record that Edward Cornelius Ewing had ever traveled outside New England, save a stint tending to the needs of Union Army soldiers in Winchester, Virginia, in 1864 as a member of the U.S. Christian Commission.

As shown in the snippet to the right, the letter was written in a clear hand. But it was filled with curious spelling and grammar oddities. This makes one won-



der if it was dictated to or transcribed by someone other than F. E. Hayden, the signer of the letter. With all the spelling and grammar errors, the letter reads:

Rev. E. C. Ewing  
Enfield, Mass.

Sir, I wished to corspond with you, and make you this liberal Offer. I will make you a present of a New Suit of Clothes Or fifty in cash. If you will accept of It.

I wishe you to send me the name of som young woman of your acquaintance that has been raised to do house worke between age of 17 and 25 years with darke Eyes and understands music.

And if I am suited and have the luck to wed, my Offer will be due. I have always worked harde and I am liberal reworded for my labor. I will give any Number of References on hering from you. I will answer all questions

In regards to this country I never have bin in the Eastern States and they say it is hard for a man to get in to Society. I Expect to come back to Mass this fall. I came here when 17 years of age. I have bin in Colorado 10 Ten years 18 Day of July 1870.

I never used Tobacco nor Spiritual Liquors of Eny Kind. I have always bin on the frontiers and in the mines. I think I have lived a lone long enough.

I am a reader of the New England Farmer and there is where I got your name. Where you Married Mr. M Gibbs to Miss Susan Alden. I hope this Conversation will be keep between you and me So I remaine yours Truly,

F. E. Hayden  
Granite Lake Co.  
Colorado Ter.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1870

I am truly a shamed of what I have riting, but I think it my duty to Marrie and I wished to marrie Eastern Woman. If I will suit and be suited I will frely make my Words good to you and be under meny Obligations to you. F. E. H.

Mr. F. E. Hayden! Could one take his 'liberal offer'? A New Suit of Clothes or \$50 in cash? That might have been a generous inducement for a frugal clergyman to be a matchmaker for a half-literate miner. Most Yankee Congregationalists would cringe at the thought of dealing intimately with a stranger, despite his pleading of good character in the area of tobacco and 'spiritual liquors'. Still, there was the opportunity to minister to an apparently sincere and needy person, even though he was mute on the question of religion.

The letter has come down in our family for four generations. It is one of only a few bits of ministerial records that have been preserved. Obviously, it meant something to our preacher forebear.

What was his reply? Unfortunately, we can only guess.

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## **Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project – Article 19**

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This is the nineteenth in a series of articles about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. The previous eighteen articles have appeared in the last eighteen issues of this journal, which until this year was called the *Journal of Clan Ewing*. They are also available online through links at the project's web site ([www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html)).

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

### **Progress of the Project**

The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project continues to grow. We now have results on 109 Ewings and samples are in the lab undergoing analysis for two others. Another five men have ordered sample collection kits but have not returned the kits to Family Tree DNA (FTDNA)<sup>1</sup> for analysis. Eight participants ordered 67-marker upgrades during the sale FTDNA had earlier this year and we have results on four of these; the remaining 67-marker results are due sometime in the next month or so.

When we started the project a little less than five years ago, we set the goal of analyzing Y-DNA samples from 100 Ewing men. We have now achieved that goal. Most surname projects have found that there are many completely unrelated lines within the same surname. The Ewing project is unusual in that about two-thirds of our participants appear to have a common ancestor within the last few hundred years. Completely unrelated lines are easy to distinguish with Y-DNA results, but it is much harder to reliably distinguish more closely related lines. Our data have allowed us to identify and clearly distinguish several unrelated Ewing lines. We will be able to give any future participant who closely matches the Y-DNA results of the men in Groups 3, 4 and 5 very clear guidance about where to look for their Ewing relatives and ancestors. We also have markers that appear to be characteristic of some sub-groups of Groups 1 and 2, but in general it has been very difficult to distinguish the lines in these two groups because their Y-DNA results are so similar. Theoretically, the way around this problem is to test more markers.

### **Distinguishing Family Lines**

For some time, we have recommended that all Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participants start with the 37-marker Y-DNA test. The results of this test allow us to determine which of the five Ewing Groups a participant belongs in, and in the case of Groups 3, 4 and 5 it can give us a rather good indication about the specific Ewing family line to which a participant belongs.<sup>2</sup> But most of our participants are in

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<sup>1</sup> [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com)

<sup>2</sup> Recall that our Groups are distinguished strictly on the basis of Y-DNA results and are designated by the numerals from 1 to 5, and that subgroups are determined by conventional genealogy and are designated by lower case letters following the Group number. You can read about how our Groups and sub-Groups are organized at:

[dl.GetDropBox.com/u/431003/Results\\_Intro.pdf](http://dl.GetDropBox.com/u/431003/Results_Intro.pdf).

Ewing Groups 1 and 2, and the subgroups based on conventional genealogy, are so similar genetically that it is impossible to distinguish them on the basis of the 37-marker panel. Groups 1 and 2 differ genetically at only one marker: Group 1 members all have DYS 391 = 11, while Group 2 members all have DYS 391 = 10.<sup>3</sup> The problem in distinguishing family lines within these Groups is that the modal haplotypes are identical for all of the subgroups of Group 1 except for Group 1e, and the modal haplotypes are identical for all of the subgroups of Group 2 except Group 2a. My Y-DNA Project Article 16<sup>4</sup> contains a fair amount of discussion about how testing additional markers might allow us to find markers that distinguish these family groups.

## How Useful are 67 Markers?

At the time I wrote Article 16 for the November 2008 issue of the *Journal*, we had 67-marker results on thirteen men in the closely related groups (Groups 1 and 2). Now, we have nineteen and results are pending on one more. I expressed my disappointment and pessimism in Article 16 about how helpful the additional thirty markers might be, and my Scotch blood curdled a bit on calculating how much it would cost us to find informative markers in this panel. As I understood the problem at that time, the thirty additional markers on the 67-marker panel on average have slower rates of mutation than the makers on the 37-marker panel, so it is less likely that we will find mutations in this panel. Further, the Ewing modal for the thirty additional markers exactly matches the R:M222 modal, so I thought not only would the results of the extended panel fail to distinguish Ewing lines from one another, they would fail to distinguish Ewings from other surname groups in R:M222. It seemed to me that this was a test for lunatics and rich guys.<sup>5</sup>

In March, I attended the DNA Conference in Houston and discussed this issue with other surname project administrators. Many of them had had different experiences and had reached very different conclusions from mine. Indeed, some of them were recommending 67-marker panels to everyone who joined their projects. I was persuaded that the slow mutation rates and the fact that the Ewing modal matches the R:M222 modal were not really very good arguments against getting the extra information. Mutations occur at random and finding one that distinguishes a family line is really a matter of luck. And if we are lucky enough to find a distinguishing marker that is relatively slowly mutating, so much the better, because then we will not be as likely to be confused by parallel and back mutations.

In May, FTDNA announced a sale on the upgrade from 37 markers to 67. Usually this costs \$99; they offered it for a limited time for \$79. I sent an EMail about this to our Y-DNA Project participants and eight of them sprang for the upgrade.

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<sup>3</sup> Or rather, *almost* all. GR has very good conventional genealogy supporting his membership in Group 1b (the descendants of James Ewing of Inch), but he has DYS 391 = 10, which is supposed to be the Group 2 value. There are two possibilities for explaining this. One is that he is mistaken about his conventional genealogy. The other is that in his line there was a parallel mutation from DYS 391 = 11 to DYS 391 = 10.

<sup>4</sup> Ewing, David Neal. Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Article – Article 18, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (November 2008). Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_Articles/DNA\\_Articles/081015%20CEJ%20Y-DNA\\_WebSite.pdf](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_Articles/DNA_Articles/081015%20CEJ%20Y-DNA_WebSite.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Being a lunatic, I had already had myself tested, and, because I have been trying to get into his will, I also persuaded 'granddad' George W. Ewing (who qualified for testing on both counts) to be tested.

## 67-Marker Results in Groups 1 and 2

We now have 67-marker results on thirty-one participants, nineteen of them in the closely related group, though one of these has results on seven markers still pending. You can have a look at the results at [files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/67-markerTable.pdf](https://files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/67-markerTable.pdf). Of the nineteen men in the closely related group, seven have one mutation each. Let us talk about these.

### CHY and SA

Two of these participants have the same mutation: SA in Group 2c and CHY in Group 1\* both have DYS 534 = 15. You may remember that I made much of 'off-modal matches' in the last Y-DNA Article,<sup>6</sup> and that is what we have here. SA exactly matches Group 2's 37-marker modal, which is the same as the Group 1 modal except at DYS 391. CHY exactly matches Group 1's 37-marker modal except at DYS 459b, where he is the only man in the closely related group to have nine repeats rather than ten, which is the modal value. And the two of them exactly match each other on the additional thirty markers, including the off-modal match at DYS 534 = 15. This means that SA and CHY are genetic distance 2 from one another on the entire 67-marker panel and they have one off-modal match, which is strongly suggestive of a close relationship. This should be very interesting to CHY, who knows his conventional ancestry only a couple of generations back. There is a problem though because of the mismatch between these two men at DYS 391. We have been pretty well forced to theorize that GR in Group 1b has DYS 391 = 10 notwithstanding that he is Group 1 because of a parallel mutation. Are we ready to argue that CHY and SA had a common ancestor with DYS 391 = 10, and CHY has DYS 391 = 11 because of a back mutation? Of course this is possible, but it is not very satisfying. We can explain away all manner of incongruous results by adducing a suitable combination of parallel and back mutations, but I think we should turn to this sort of explanation only as a last resort. I wish I had a better explanation, but I do not know of one at this point. We could argue that both these men have DYS 534 = 15 because of a parallel mutation (that is, by coincidence rather than because they inherited it from a common ancestor), but that is no more satisfying. For now, I am content to be puzzled.

### SR and DN

What can we say about the five mutations of which we have found only one each in this group of markers? As of now, we can only say that these mutations must have occurred sometime after the common ancestor of the men we found them in and their relatives who do not have them. For example, if our conventional genealogies are correct, SR and EF in Group 1b happen to be my (I am DN) closest relatives among the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participants. EF and DN are seventh cousins, SR is our seventh cousin once removed. To understand the logic that follows, you will need to have a look at the Group 1b Relationship Diagram.<sup>7</sup> Our common ancestor is Alexander Ewing (born 1693/4), the oldest son of James Ewing of Inch. EF has been tested only for 37 markers. DN matches the modal at the thirty additional markers we are talking about and SR has the off-modal marker DYS 534 = 17. This means only that there must have been a mutation in SR's line somewhere in the eight generations since

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<sup>6</sup> Ewing, David Neal. Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Article – Article 18, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2009). Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/DNA\\_Articles/DNA\\_Articles/090415%20CEJ%20Y-DNA\\_WebSite.pdf](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/DNA_Articles/DNA_Articles/090415%20CEJ%20Y-DNA_WebSite.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> [files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Group1bRelationshipDiagram.pdf](https://files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Group1bRelationshipDiagram.pdf).

our lines diverged. In order to determine exactly where this mutation occurred, we would need to test some closer relatives of SR. For example, if SR's second cousin once removed, Gerald E. Ewing, were also found to have DYS 534 = 17, we could conclude that their common ancestor, Albert, born 1831, also had it and the mutation would have to have occurred somewhere between him and Alexander, born 1731. If Gerry did not have DYS 534 = 17, we could conclude that the mutation occurred somewhere between Albert C., born 1869, and SR. In either case, we will have identified a branch marker for SR's line.<sup>8</sup>

## **TNS and Group 2a**

TNS in Group 2a also has a unique mutation among the additional thirty markers, DYS 481 = 26. Refer to the Group 2a Relationship Diagram.<sup>9</sup> You can see that we could narrow down where this mutation had to have occurred if we were to get 67-marker results on his cousins JW, WR and WW, who are progressively more closely related to him. If all four of these men had the marker, then we would know that it occurred in Joshua, born c1704. We know William? did not have it, because we have already tested JN and TW2, and neither of them have it. Similarly, if WR, WW and TNS had it but not JW, then we would know the mutation occurred in Samuel, born c1740. And if WR also did not have it, but both WW and TNS had it, then the mutation must have occurred in Samuel Jr. If only TNS has it, then it must have occurred somewhere between Whitley T., born 1823, and TNS. In this way, we can establish in exactly what part of a family tree we can expect to find a given a branch marker.

## **67-Marker Results in Groups 3, 4 and 5**

We do not yet have any 67-marker results in Group 3, and since we have only two family groups of two men each in this group, it would be hard for me to justify recommending the upgrade unless someone were trying to puzzle out a possible relationship with a branch of a family with a different surname where there was already some 67-marker data.

We have results on two of the three men in Group 5a, the descendants of William Ewing of Rockingham, Virginia. They match one another exactly on the thirty additional markers, and are very different from all of the other Ewings. DR2 in Group 5\* is the only Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant in Haplogroup G. His 67-marker results are pending and will allow him to more fully evaluate some provocative matches he has found with men who have other surnames than Ewing.

The subgroups of Group 4 are quite distinct from one another genetically. Group 4a consists of six men, three of whom are known to be descended from a William Ewing who was born c1730 and three whose conventional genealogy does not show a connection with the first three, but are very similar to them genetically. One of the descendants (WE2) of William has been tested for 67 markers, as have two of the three that are not known to be descended from him (DH and DS). DH and WE2 match exactly at all 67 markers. DS differs from them at three of the markers on the 37-marker panel and at one additional marker on the 67-marker panel, which suggests that though he has a common Ewing ancestor with DH and WE2, he probably lived sometime before their most recent common ancestor. All three men in

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<sup>8</sup> If we should test EF and find that he also has DYS 534 = 17, we would have to seriously consider that DN is mistaken about his conventional genealogy. Otherwise, we would have to adduce a back mutation in DN's line from John, born 1713/6.

<sup>9</sup> [files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf](http://files.getdropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf)

Group 4c have been tested at 67 markers, but results are still pending on one of them. They are known relatives (PT and RL2 are sixth cousins) who once thought they were descended from the progenitor of Group 2a, but their results demonstrate that this can not be the case. We have not been able to determine whether their common ancestor, John Ewing, was not the same John Ewing who was the son of William?, or if perhaps he was an adopted son of William?. PT and RL2 are at genetic distance 3 from one another on the 37-marker panel, which is a bit more than we might expect for sixth cousins, but there is only one more difference between them on the thirty additional markers that constitute the 67-marker panel, for a total genetic distance of 4 between them on the 67-marker panel. This illustrates another reason to get the extended panel — if we find a borderline result on the shorter panel, testing more markers may result in revealing that the participants are either closer or more distantly related than we might have thought. We also have 67-marker results on four men in Group 4\* and one in Group 4b, but these are inconclusive and I think probably not of enough general interest to analyze here.

## Summary

The 67-marker Y-DNA test has the potential to further flesh out our understanding of Ewing genetic genealogy, but its usefulness will depend partly on luck and partly on whether we are able to get enough participation in ordering the test to identify branch points where the markers we find first appear. Is it worth the money? Of course, this is an individual decision. What is more, how much money is involved is a moving target. The cost of Y-DNA testing continues to trend downward, and FTDNA has been offering a couple of pretty good sales each year that can result in considerable savings. As far as I know, there will be no sale in progress at the time this article is published, but sales will probably continue to be offered from time to time. The following table shows the most recent prices:

	Regular price	Sale price
37-marker test	\$149	\$119
67-marker test	\$238	\$199
Upgrade 37 to 67 markers	\$99	\$79

If you are very confident of your conventional genealogy and your 37-marker results do not contradict it, then getting the upgrade will basically just be a helpful contribution to future Ewing researchers, as it is unlikely to tell you anything more about your own genealogy. If you do not know your conventional genealogic connections and are interested in casting as wide a net as possible, including trying to identify potential close relatives among men with different surnames, then you definitely want 67-marker results. If you want to discuss your specific situation and your goals, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## 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>10</sup> and the FTDNA web site.<sup>11</sup> If you want to ask questions, call me at +1 505.764.8704 in the evening, or EMail me at *DavidEwing93 at gmail dot 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 Y-DNA testing of descendants of James Ewing of Inch's grandson Squire James (a son of Alexander) who married Mary McKown.

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<sup>10</sup> [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA\\_Project/index\\_Y-DNA.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html) .

<sup>11</sup> [www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/Ewing](http://www.FamilyTreeDNA.com/public/Ewing)

## ***Ewing Digital Library***

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

### **Gordon Frederick Ewing (1916-2005)**

Posted on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx))

Gordon Frederick Ewing, the son of Fred and Mae (Evans) Ewing was born on April 30, 1916 at Albion, NE. They lived southwest of Albion where he attended rural schools.

In the 1930's Gordon worked in Minnesota for a few years and then moved back to the Albion area to truck. In the 1940's he and his brother Foster bought the Cedar Locker. On January 30, 1947 Gordon was united in marriage to Bernadine Hartman. They sold the locker and farmed northwest of Primrose until 1962. They bought the Cedar Locker back and operated it until 1977. Gordon then went back to farming and raising cattle and hogs until retiring in 1991. In 2000 Gordon moved to the Friendship Villa in Spalding then in 2003 he moved to Douglas County Health Center in Omaha. Gordon enjoyed playing baseball in his younger years and going to all of his grandchildren's softball and baseball games in the later years.

On Friday afternoon, May 6, 2005 Gordon passed away at the Douglas County Health Center in Omaha at 89 years of age.

He is survived by 2 daughters: LaVonne Carlson and husband George of Cedar Rapids, NE; Josephine Lingel of Columbus, NE; 2 grandchildren: Katrina Hjermstad and husband Mark of Gretna; and Chad Lingel of Papillion; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 1 sister Nadine Hansen of Lincoln; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Romain "Pic" and Paul Krings; along with other relatives and friends.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; 2 grandsons: Richard and David Roan; 3 brothers: Foster, Corbin "Bud", and Marion; 1 sister Wilma Wiltse.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Levander Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids with Fr. Ralph Steffensmeier officiating. Burial will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Visitation will be on Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Intermarriage Confusions**

Contributed by William E. Riddle ([Riddle at WmERiddle dot com](http://Riddle at WmERiddle dot com))

In a recent EMail, the sender observed, in discussing some material she had found, that the material talked about two great-grandmothers who were sisters and that this was a 'first'. Actually, this sort of inter-marriage was common among the Ewings and the Scots-Irish in general (for better or worse).

As a genealogically interesting example: In my personal heritage, there's a Madjesia May Ewing (1883-1792) who was the daughter of James William (a.k.a. William James) Ewing (1858-1941) and Ida May

Ewing (1861-1922). Ida May and James William were third cousins once removed. James William was a great-grandson of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825). Ida May (1861-1922) was a second-great-granddaughter of Alexander Ewing (1731-1799) who was a brother of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825). Put differently — and using the relationship calculator in my genealogy program (TMG) — Ida May (1861-1922) was a second-great-grandniece of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825).

The genealogically interesting (and confusing as well as error-producing) tidbit is ...

Ida May's by-birth grandfather was William Ewing (1785-1868) who married Jane Walker (1784-1852). This William tracks back to Alexander Ewing (c1752-1798) who was a nephew of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825). This Alexander was not a Revolutionary War veteran, nor does he track back to a Revolutionary War veteran. The grandfather of Ida May's spouse — James William (a.k.a. William James) Ewing (1858-1941) — was William Ewing (1771-1845) who married Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (c1766-1843) and was a son of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825). Squire James was a Revolutionary War veteran.

So, we have two grandfather William Ewings from which Madjesia and her family are descended. The first — her biological grandfather, William #1 Ewing (1785-1868) — was not a Revolutionary War veteran and does not track back to a Revolutionary War Veteran. The second — her by-marriage grandfather, William #2 Ewing (1771-1845) — does track back to a Revolutionary War veteran, his father Squire James Ewing (1732-1825). These two William's were first cousins once removed.

The opportunities for confusing these two William's are extreme! And — following one of Murphy's many Laws — confusion happened. There is at least one person — name withheld to protect the guilty — who claimed and received DAR membership by proving descendancy via William #2 — and therefore DAR-eligibility — when she was actually descended via William #1 — and therefore not DAR-eligible. I visited with her a couple of times and corresponded with her for several years (starting in about 1975). However, once I eventually worked all of this out (around 1980) and shared it with her, she 'went silent' and I never heard from her again! Not all that surprising since my research disproved her eligibility for DAR-membership. Since then, I have noticed a half-dozen-plus people who have claimed DAR-membership based on her incorrect analysis. This is just another example of how polluted are the records of Ewings (especially with respect to DAR records which I've generally found to be erroneous in the extreme).

## **Nathaniel Ewing Homestead**

**Contributed by Karen Avery (*bkavery2 at comcast dot net*)**

An interesting news item recently appeared in the Vincennes (Indiana) Sun Commercial:

*Vincennes Sun Commercial*, 19 March 2009:

### ***Ewing takes steps to preserve family farm Mont Clair has been around over 200 years***

RAMA SOBHANI (*rsobhani at suncommercial dot com*)

The Ewing family farm on Monroe City Road has been around quite a while, and now it will be around a lot longer.

Over 200 years ago Nathaniel Ewing, who had been given the job as Receiver of Public Lands by President Thomas Jefferson for Knox County, started the farm which he called Mont Clair. His descendant, Mark Ewing, lives there now with his wife, Rebecca.

He's passionate about his family home. Ewing was one of the first to raise his voice in protest over the proposed relocation of CSX rail road lines into the countryside, a move that would have put them almost right out his back door.

It's that passion that has led Ewing to take steps to preserve his land into the future. He's placed it in a conservation easement through the Sycamore Land Trust, a nonprofit organization that preserves natural landscapes. That means no commercial developers will ever bulldoze the acres of walnut, cherry, and maple trees that line parts of the farm on which Ewing was born and grew up. Nor will they destroy the acres that are still in use by the Ewings to grow corn, soybeans and wheat.

"I'm not stuck in the past, the farm has changed, but I don't want a damn Kmart in my front yard," he said.

The farm has changed and its landscape wasn't always dominated by utilitarian crops. Through its history, the Ewing farm has given birth to pecan trees, dairy cattle and even maple syrup, which Ewing is old enough to remember making in the late 1950s.

In fact, there's a picture of Ewing when he was a boy on the front page of the Sun-Commercial from 1957, holding up cans of maple syrup made on the farm, he said.

This is the kind of esprit de corps that Ewing wants to preserve. The original house that Nathaniel Ewing built dates from around 1806, and though renovated in 1911, it's still the structure that originally housed the Ewing family.



**Contributed photo: Mont Clair, the Ewing family farm on Monroe City Road, is one of the oldest homesteads in the state, dating back more than 200 years. Marc Ewing, the current resident, has placed the property in a conservation easement with the Sycamore Land Trust to guarantee that it won't be developed in the future.**



**Contributed photo: Nathaniel Ewing built Mont Clair around 1806. The house was renovated in 1911, and today remains pretty much as it did then. Mark and Rebecca Ewing now live on the farm.**

Even a cursory glance around the farm, at the fishing pond, the acres of open space and Ewing's two Great Dane dogs lying lazily on the steps of the two-century-old house instills a sense of euphoria in a visitor: a sense that's threatened by an encroaching culture of commercial change.

The signs of development are just at the horizon, and Ewing feels it more than sees it.

"I'd like to see more people save some of the old farms around here," he said. "I feel really good about doing it. I don't think my children would ever sell the land for development, but times change and people change."

Ewing said he wanted to make sure the farm he grew up on sticks around.

The conservation easement Ewing has set up is a permanent condition of the land he now inhabits. It will never be a Kmart or anything else.

At the doors of one of several barns, a black 19th century cannon, which he said his grandfather won in a poker game, is mounted to a cement block, pointing to a road leading into the farm and perhaps to any developers that would wish to turn Mark Ewing's family heritage into a parking lot.

This Ewing family farm in Vincennes, Indiana, was built about 1806 by Nathaniel (1772-1846) and wife, Anne (Breeding) Ewing (1772-1850). Nathaniel was the son of General George Ewing (1737-1785) and wife, Mary Porter (1748-c1778). George and Mary are the fourth-great-grandparents of Joseph Neff Ewing.

The first official gathering of the *Ewing Family Association* was in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1990. There was a prior, informal, gathering in 1988 in Vincennes at this home.

Margaret Fife, Jim McMichael and others have pertinent data in their books. My information pretty much ends with folks born before 1900. I suspect more can be found — I just haven't looked. I can generate a four-generation, eight-page report for Nathaniel (1772-1846) with information that I have collected from several sources and would be glad to send to anyone interested in a copy.

## **William Lynn Ewing (1946-2008)**

**Posted on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1932/mb.ashx](https://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1932/mb.ashx))**

William Lynn Ewing, the son of Foster and Catherine (Sallach) Ewing was born on March 4, 1946 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Bill graduated from Cedar Rapids High School in 1965. After graduation he worked on the farm for his father for 2 years.

On June 16, 1967 Bill entered the United States Army and was honorably discharged on April 16, 1969. In 1981 Bill was married to Carol Lee Black, they were later divorced. In February of 2006 Bill entered the Nebraska Veterans Home in Grand Island. It was there that he passed away on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 62 years of age.

He is survived by his step children: Kirsten Perkins of Lincoln, NE; Mike Perkins of Council Bluffs, IA; Michelle Bagy of Hawthorne, NV; 5 step grandchildren: James Perkins, Joshua Vasko, Erik Bagy, Cole Perkins, and Cameron Perkins; brother Jerry Ewing of Kemmerer, WY; along with several cousins.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry Ewing, and former wife Carol in 2007.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, NE with Pastor Don Dennison officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00p.m. on Thursday at the Levander Funeral Home in Albion.

## **Blair G. Ewing (1934-2009)**

***Washington Post*, July 1, 2009**

Blair G. Ewing, who was regarded as the longtime liberal conscience of the Montgomery County school board and County Council, and who championed school desegregation efforts and controlled growth in the county, died Monday at the Casey House hospice in Rockville. His wife said he had a malignant [characinoid] tumor. He was 75.

Ewing's 22 years on the Montgomery Board of Education, from 1976 to 1998, gave him a longer tenure than anyone else in the county's history. At the

beginning, the Silver Spring Democrat was something of a lone voice as he spoke out for desegregating the schools and improving services for poorer students.

He served two terms as board president and helped lead the sprawling school system through a period of dramatic growth while tirelessly advocating efforts to equalize opportunities for students throughout the county.

"His impact on public education in Montgomery County was greater than that of any other single person," said County Council President Phil Andrews (D-Gaithersburg-Rockville).

Ewing, who spent much of his professional career as a senior executive with federal agencies and was serving on the Maryland State Board of Education at the time of his death, was a hard-nosed elected official who reveled in political combat.

"Some people are conflict-averse," he told *The Washington Post* in 1989. "I am not. The notion I have an obligation to agree with everyone or be nice for niceness' sake is something I don't accept."

He engaged in some of his fiercest battles in the early 1980s when he opposed an entrenched conservative coalition on the school board. That faction aimed to reverse a 1976 busing plan that sent affluent, predominantly white students from Chevy Chase to the heavily black Rosemary Hills Elementary School in Silver Spring. It was the county's first busing program to achieve racial balance.

In 1981, over Ewing's strenuous objections, the school board voted to close Rosemary Hills.



"Frankly, this board doesn't give a damn about minorities," an exasperated Ewing said. "The evidence of worsening race relations in Montgomery County is clear for all to see. It is clear to me that the majority members of the board appeal, in steadily less subtle ways, to the worst instincts of some of their fellow citizens."

A year later, in an unprecedented action, the state school board overturned the county's decision as "arbitrary and unreasonable" and ordered the school to remain open. Voters cast the conservative board members out of office, and within two years Rosemary Hills had achieved record enrollments and was recognized nationwide as a successful example of voluntary integration.

"Blair Ewing was responsible for bringing the board into the modern age," Roscoe Nix, a former school board member and onetime president of the Montgomery County NAACP, said yesterday. "Montgomery County has lost a giant."

Blair Gordon Ewing was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Kansas City, Mo., and grew up in the southwestern Missouri town of Nevada, where his father was mayor and a member of the school board. An uncle was a Missouri governor, and his grandfather was chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

Ewing was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Missouri, served in the Army and, in 1960, received a master's degree in political science from the University of Chicago. He was a journalist and political science professor in Chicago before moving to Binghamton, N.Y., in 1962 to teach at the State University of New York.

In 1966, he waged a losing campaign for Congress, despite making a campaign appearance with Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.).

"I did better in that district than any other Democrat had," Ewing told *The Post* in 2001. "And I also thought, 'If I'm going to keep doing this, I'd better go somewhere where I can win.'" The next year, he moved to Silver Spring.

He was a program analyst and planning and management specialist with several federal agencies, including the Justice Department, Office of Management and Budget and Defense Department until his retirement in 1998.

That year, he was elected to the Montgomery County Council, where he led the liberal wing opposed to development and highway construction, including the Intercounty Connector. He was an early advocate of managed growth concentrated around Metro stations and remained as pugnacious as ever, engaging in heated battles with political opponents, including then-County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. He lost a reelection campaign in 2002 but came out of retirement in 2007 when Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) appointed him to the state board of education.

His marriage to Barbara Thompson Ewing ended in divorce.

## **Ken Ewing (1928-2009)**

**Los Alamos Mountaineers ([www.lamountaineers.org](http://www.lamountaineers.org))**

### **Say 'Good Bye' to Another Fine Friend**

By Norbert and Lynn Ensslin, June 3, 2009

Kenneth James Ewing, age 81, passed away on May 30, 2009. Ken was a colorful addition to the Los Alamos community for many years and was a very active member of the Los Alamos Historical Society, the Los Alamos Outdoor Association, the Los Alamos Ski Patrol, and the Los Alamos Mountaineers. He retired from the Lab many years ago, but continued to work part time on various projects over the years.

Ken requested that his ashes be spread on Pajarito Mountain. Many of his friends meet at the Pajarito Ski Hill lodge on June 21st, 2009 and celebrated his life by sharing many wonderful recollections of Ken for a full hour. His ashes were spread by about a dozen friends after a joyful hour of marvelous stories, mixed with much laughing. Each person who participated in spreading Ken's ashes was given a small bag of ashes and spread them where ever they thought appropriate on the ski hill, probably thinking the whole time of Ken and perhaps offering their own small prayers to a man of large connections.

Ken had recently suffered a fall, fracturing his pelvis, and had spent about a week in the hospital and a week at the Sombrillo Nursing Facility. During our visits with him at Sombrillo he seemed to be recovering from his fall. But apparently he had a heart attack and died as a result of that.



**Ken on Wilson Peak with the Mt. Wilson  
– El Diente Ridge in the Background**

**John Ramsay Photo, May 1957**

To many of the new members of the Los Alamos Mountaineers, Ken Ewing was just the "old" guy who sat in the front row during our monthly meetings, asking questions after each presentation. But to those of us who have known him for many years, Ken was much more than that. Ken worked as a chemical engineer in the WX-3 explosive technology (S-Site) group all of his career. He was famous within that community for having plotted an important set of shock wave data being generated at the lab. Ken was also one of the seven outdoor people who founded the Club in 1952. He remained an active member for the rest of his life – 57 years - - and we were very happy to have a founding member of the club still attending our meetings.

In the 1950's Ken served as President and Treasurer of the Mountaineers, and over several decades he led or participated in many club outings to Colorado, the Tetons, the Wind Rivers, and the High Sierra. He led trips to many Colorado Fourteeners, including Blanca, the Wilsons, Sunlight, Eolus, and Pikes Peak. Ken's outdoor adventures were not restricted to the US. He climbed some of the Mexican volcanoes in 1982 and 1984 and joined other Los Alamos Mountaineers on Colorado Mountain Club trips to Scotland, England, and Norway. For many

years Ken also participated in white water rafting trips with the Los Alamos Explorer Post 20. He was a volunteer in many of the search and rescue practices carried out by the Mountaineers or other state organizations. Ken was also very active in folk dancing, the Pajarito Ski Club, and the Los Alamos Ski Patrol. He taught First Aid classes as well.

As long as he was physically able, Ken helped out in the Mountaineers' annual climbing school, especially with the snow and ice classes. He had a colorful and dramatic way of describing how to recognize avalanche conditions as he dug down through each snow layer. But the Club's senior members recalled that he was very conservative and careful on snow climbs, and he was especially respected for his judgment in avoiding an avalanche on the north face of Blanca Peak that caught another more-experienced LAMC party during a May 1972 climb.

Many of the Club's senior members will remember Ken as the leader of their first Colorado Fourteener trip or as the instructor who taught them ice axe techniques during the climbing school. He was a wonderful story teller who still had a remarkable memory up to the day he died. For example, on our last visit with Ken, he entertained us with anecdotes of various trips he had been on with other mountaineers. He recalled that early Mountaineers trips had a 4-person minimum number. One trip with Gregg Brickner ended up being only him, Gregg, and Gregg's dog Max. He remembered that Gregg and he decided that if you counted how many "legs" were on the trip, it equaled the equivalent of 4 people. Ken's accurate recollections were extremely helpful in documenting the early history of the Mountaineers.

Ken was certainly one of the Club's most colorful members. His mock crankiness and quirky sense of humor could put people off. He told us strange stories about how to kill grasshoppers, how to cook porcupine, and what to do with frozen sticks of dynamite. But we also learned some important lessons from Ken. He showed us how to make do: "you just have to want less." And he showed how hard it can be to maintain dignity and privacy in one's old age. In the end, we respect his long life as a mountaineer and appreciate his contributions as a trip leader, friend, and story teller. We will miss seeing him in the front row during our meetings.

Ken did not have any close surviving relatives. The Los Alamos Mountaineers and his friends at the Senior Center were his "family." His financial affairs are being well-attended to by Gary DeRosier, President of the Los Alamos Branch of the First National Bank of Santa Fe. He was a member of the United Church.

#### *LAM Official Duties*

Ken was the first Treasurer of the Los Alamos Mountaineers (LAM) when founded in late 1952, and continued for quite a few years thereafter. Tom Newton who served as LAM's first President remembers that Ken kept the treasury in a paper bag. The club's founding members were Tom Newton, Ken Ewing, Bob Mulford, Liz Gittings, Tom Stevenson, Stan Landeen, and Gene Tate.

Ken served as President twice. He may also have served as Vice-President, but did not recall ever teaching the climbing school. Ken was an active club member, seldom missing our monthly meetings, until his death.

*Activities and Recollections*

Ken recalled some anecdotes from the clubs early trips. On a trip to the Wilson Peak and Mt. Wilson area in May 1957, John Ramsay, Ken Ewing, Liz Gittings Marshall, and (maybe) Gene Tate climbed Wilson Peak. Don Hagerman and Harry Hoyt climbed Mt. Wilson. Ken got pulmonary edema for a few hours on Wilson Peak. The others in the party went ahead and came close to getting hit by lightning. Ken could feel the hair rising under his hard hat until a local stroke discharged the field. On a saddle near the Wilsons, there was an old mining hut where they found sticks of frozen dynamite. John Ramsay noticed that the dynamite sticks were exuding liquid, a sign of instability, so he knew that they were dangerous!

On a trip to the San Juan Needles area, the Mountaineers climbed Sunlight, Windom, and Eolus. On this trip, a porcupine showed up and ran into one of the tents. They chased it out, and Ken hit it with his ice axe. The porcupine died, although Ken hadn't meant to kill it, and he felt very badly about that. But since it was dead, they had to eat it. One member of the party was a biology student. He dissected the porcupine, looking for worms in the stomach, but didn't find any. So Liz Gittings Marshall cooked it, which took hours. It turns out that porcupine meat tastes like pine trees, which is what they eat!

Ken also recalled trips to the Southern Wind Rivers (Cirque of the Towers) and to the Northern Wind Rivers (where they camped at Island Lake and climbed Gannett Peak via the glacier). On the 1958 trip to the Cirque of the Towers, the group climbed Warbonnet, Pingora (by the standard route), and an Unnamed Peak. John Ramsay remembers that they had to do a very scary rappel at an angle of 45 degrees to get down from Pingora. John had also been to the Cirque of the Towers in 1951 before he moved to Los Alamos. That trip was probably the second climbing trip ever to the Cirque, after the original visit by the Bonneys.



**Ken demonstrates ice axe techniques during the April 1968 climbing school**  
Bob Cowen Photo

On two early club trips to the Tetons, one in 1953 and one in 1955, Ken climbed the Grand Teton on each trip and did the free rappel using a (padded) duffersitz technique, which he dutifully taught to LAM Climbing School students for many years. They also climbed Mt. Moran via the Skillet Glacier. This was too steep for ice axe self-arrest (60 degrees), so they did ice axe belays all the way up and down. They also climbed the South and Middle Tetons.

Chuck Mader climbed Little Bear in August 1955 with Ken on a trip led by Tom Newton. Later Ken, Dave Brown, and Don Liska led beginner rock climbing parties on the Little Bear – Blanca

traverse. Ken recalled climbing in Colorado with George Bell and Bob Thorne. These early trips led to the formulation of the Club's "Articles of War" (the trip rules), which were read annually at one of the meetings. These trip rules included, "the local leader is in charge of all the people on the trip," and "other members of the party can't leave the trip until everyone is done."

Through the 1980's, the climbing school included a day of snow climbing instruction. This was usually held at Pajarito Ski Area, Santa Fe Ski Basin, or Lake Peak, depending on snow conditions and on whether the ski areas were open or closed in mid-April. The snow climbing day always included instruction from Ken on analyzing snow packs for avalanche danger.

The Mountaineers used to conduct annual rescue practices at the Back Rocks or the White Rock "Y." Ken often volunteered to be "rescued," and endured many bumps while being lowered in the litter. Once Ken also had the thrilling experience of being lifted up into an army helicopter while strapped into a litter. Ken learned how to carry an injured person by having them sit in a coiled rope and then strapping the rope to his shoulders so they could ride on his back.

Ken once jumped out of a helicopter during a rescue exercise with college students from St. John's. It has been suggested he was trying to get the attention of one of the coeds. He landed badly and hit his knee very forcefully, leaving him with a permanent limp.



**Herb Kincey and the Mountaineers carry Ken in a litter during search and rescue practice at the "Y."**

**Bob Cowen Photo**

## **Beautelle (Ewing) Crowder (1928-2009)**

***Charleston Post & Courier, May 8, 2009***

Beautelle 'Bootsie' Ewing Crowder, of Summerville, widow of Benjamin Crowder, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 2 o'clock at Summerville Baptist Church, Summerville. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, Summerville, SC.

Boots was born June 17, 1937 in Rockingham, North Carolina, daughter of the late Lloyd and Leoma Baker Ewing. She attended Anderson University. She was an active member of Summerville Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and drama director. She was a member of the Joy Singers and Fidelis Sunday school class. She taught and choreographed dance for 23 years and was an actor and dialect coach in the film industry and a member of the screen actors guild. Surviving are her daughter, Susan Sargent and her husband Charles; two granddaughters, Savannah and Kate Sargent; two sisters, Patsy Withers and Kaye Birt and her husband Wesley; one niece, Adrienne Birt; two nephews, David Withers and Eric Birt; two great-nieces, Caroline and Brenna Craighead and Jillian Birt; one great-nephew, Andrew Birt. She was predeceased by her son, Randall Ewing Prince.

## ***In Memoriam: James Roland McMichael (1932-2009)***

### **Biography**

The following was provided by Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home, Conroe, Texas, and posted on Dignity Memorial's web site at [www.Dignity.mem.com/Story.aspx?ID=3056274](http://www.Dignity.mem.com/Story.aspx?ID=3056274).

James Roland (Jimmy) McMichael was born March 1, 1932 in Celeste, Hunt County, Texas. He was the ninth of ten children born to Gertie Mae Ewing McMichael and William Word McMichael. He passed away June 10, 2009 in Conroe, Texas. Jimmy attended Celeste public schools and graduated from Celeste High School in 1949. While in high school Jimmy played basketball, baseball, and football where he was quarterback for the Blue Devils. He also served one year as class president during his high school years. He was preceded in death by his father William Word McMichael, his mother Gertie Mae Ewing McMichael, brothers Ewing, Ray, and Joe Dan McMichael, sisters Louise Davidson, Zoe McNabb, Beulah Mae Rigsby and Nell Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 53 ½ years Jessilyn Husung McMichael of Spring, Texas, sons James Larry McMichael of Spring, Texas and wife Sue, Charles Randall McMichael of San Francisco, California, Robert Craig McMichael of Flint, Texas and wife Amy; 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter, Matthew, Andrew, and Sarah McMichael of Spring, Texas, Taylor and Joel McMichael of Flint, Texas.



Shortly after graduating he moved to Dallas, Texas and was employed for several years by the Petroleum Engineers Publishing Company of Dallas. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army on August 15, 1952 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served two years at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri and was honorably discharged on August 14, 1954.

Jimmy returned to the Dallas area and was employed by Texaco where he remained for 36 years until his retirement in 1990. While in Dallas he joined Ross Avenue Baptist Church where he later met his future wife Jessilyn (Lynn) Husung. They dated for three months and were married on December 10, 1955. Larry, their first of three sons, was born on October 19, 1956. Jimmy was transferred to the Houston area in June, 1958 and their second son, Randy was born August 31, 1958.

In Houston Jimmy began his pursuit of a college degree from the University of Houston by attending night classes three times a week. On September 21, 1962 his third son, Rob, was born. While in college he was intrigued by a computer course and his love for computers began. He was transferred into the data processing department after being in the credit department for 12 years. He remained in the data processing department as a senior systems analyst until his retirement. In 1965, James served a two-year term as President of the Houston Retail Credit Association. While at Texaco Jimmy was instrumental in the creation, design, and implementation of the pay-at-the-pump feature currently seen at most gas stations nationwide.

Jimmy and his family lived in Houston for nine years before moving to the Oak Ridge area in the spring of 1967. He and his family joined Spring Baptist Church and attended there for about a year. In July of 1968, they moved their membership to Oak Ridge Baptist Church where they remain members to this day.

Jimmy had a number of hobbies, one of which was woodworking. He soon began building furniture and produced a number of fine pieces. Jim was also an avid golfer. After his retirement, he worked part time as a marshal for 12 years at the Woodlands Country Club golf course. He reached a personal goal of shooting his age and hitting a hole-in-one. He continued to play golf 2-3 times per week until his illness in August, 2008.

Another hobby that occupied much of his time was genealogy. He was instrumental in the founding of the *Ewing Family Association* (formerly known as *Clan Ewing in America*). He was the founding editor of the *Ewing Family Journal* and served multiple terms on the Board as well as holding many offices. He last served as a member of the Board of Directors and the Activity Coordinator/Genealogist. Jim authored a book on this own family history and it was published in 1999. Jim offered genealogy assistance to a number of individuals across the country. He was remembered as an astute genealogist and accurate researcher.

He was a deacon, treasurer, and trustee of Oak Ridge Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Capital Campaign Building Fund at Oak Ridge Baptist Church, 26569 Hanna Road, Oak Ridge North, Texas 77385. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 13 from 6-8 p.m. at Forest Park The Woodlands, 18000 I-45 South. Memorial service will be held Sunday, June 14 at 2:00p.m. at Oak Ridge Baptist Church. Interment will be held Monday, June 15 at 11:15 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

## **Mr. Clan Ewing**

### **George William Ewing**

It was a privilege to have personally known and worked with the individual I warmly remember and have referred to as *Mr. Clan Ewing*.

In 1995, still a novice after just a few years in family research, it was my good fortune to become acquainted with Jim McMichael.

In search of information on my Indiana Ewing family roots at the Allen County Library in Ft Wayne, and nosing through the index files under 'Ewing' I came across a card titled *Clan Ewing in America* and the name, address and phone number of its founder and first Chancellor, Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing of Madison, Indiana. After returning to my home in Battle Creek, Michigan, I phoned Rev. Ewing's residence hoping to find answers to some of my questions. Unfortunately, I was told of Rev. Ewing's recent death. I chatted with Dorothy Ewing, his widow, who was willing to help me all she could. She suggested I contact Jim McMichael, then Treasurer of *Clan Ewing in America*, in Texas for help. She referred to Jim as 'Mr. Clan Ewing'.

Jim McMichael had more knowledge of Ewing family history than any person I had ever known.

Jim encouraged me to become a member of what was then *Clan Ewing in America* and is now the *Ewing Family Association*. After becoming a member, I soon found that Jim wore many hats in the organization: He was a founder, Treasurer, *Journal* Editor, Genealogist, Board Member, Web Master and Member of the Executive Committee of *Clan Ewing in America*. All at the same time!

Jim had a 'Queries' segment in the *Journal of Clan Ewing*. In this section, Jim took the time to post questions from members and non-members alike, answering many of these himself and guiding countless researchers in the right direction when seeking their family line.

Jim was more than willing to give people the right advice: He took time to personally advise many of us on techniques to trace our family and verify what we had found, insisting we cross the T's and dot the I's, making sure to get it right and document the information. I know of no one Jim failed when asked to come to their assistance when in search of their family roots, going well beyond the call of duty. It is easy to see why Dorothy Ewing and later myself, called Jim 'Mr. Clan Ewing'.

Without a doubt, I personally would not have found my way back to my own ancestors and John Ewing of Carnashannagh without the guidance of this fine man.

Busy as he was, Jim still had time for small talk: At age 76 — one year my senior — he was one proud man last year when he mentioned that he shot his age in golf. Quite an accomplishment!

The members of the *Ewing Family Association* will sadly miss Jim. And while I will personally and deeply miss him, warm memories remain.

*George Ewing*

## **A Very Valuable 'Founding Father'**

**Jean McClure**

Jim McMichael might well be called a 'Founding Father' of the *Ewing Family Association* because he had much early correspondence with Rev. Ellsworth Samuel Ewing and attended the first gathering of *Clan Ewing in America* in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1990.<sup>1</sup> Jim attended and participated in all but one gathering since then until 2008 when he could no longer travel.

Jim worked in many ways to enable the *Ewing Family Association* to grow and develop into its currently large membership. On January 27, 1991, he sent a lengthy letter to Ellsworth Ewing, and eleven additional people, outlining needed organizational steps. Jim sent two more letters on this subject before he set up and published the first *Journal* in August 1994. He served as Editor until recently. He served as Treasurer and was on the Board of the *Ewing Family Association*, encouraging members to donate a small additional amount to send the *Journal* to prominent genealogical libraries. Jim procured an official P.O. Box for the *Association*. He developed the *Ewing Family Association's* web site to share information.

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<sup>1</sup> There was a prior, informal, gathering in 1988 in Vincennes, Indiana, at Mt. Clare, the home of Nathaniel Mark Ewing.

Jim's carefully-kept records enabled him to prepare an alphabetized list of members with address, telephone number, EMail address, and name of ancestor of each. He also developed a lineage table for all the verified Ewing lines and encouraged members to research back to immigrant ancestors. Jim published his research on his immigrant ancestor<sup>2</sup> and also assisted Margaret Fife in publishing her research.<sup>3</sup> Jim McMichael insisted that research be verified and correct and, if found later to be incorrect, that the research be corrected. He was a man of integrity and corresponded willingly with many people to help them.

*Jean McClure*

## **A Bridge to What We Are Today**

**Jill (Ewing) Spitler**

Jim was the cement that held us together after Ellsworth passed away. Joe 'Neff' Ewing, Bob Johnson, and Jim were the three who kept us moving forward. I had a lot of talks with him about the William Ewing line as Ellsworth had it and with respect to expanding it, as we later did, to all Ewing descendants.

There were times of confusion, when talk was to just let it go, and I honestly believe Jim's fine work on Margaret Ewing Fife's book<sup>4</sup> and putting it on the Internet was the tipping point that made us what we are today. Margaret wanted her legacy to encompass all Ewings, and I believe Jim carried out her wishes far more than Margaret visualized.

Jim and I didn't always agree, but I always thought we both wanted what was best for our family association. He always had an idea of somewhere or something else to check if one were stumped. Genealogy was a major love in his life and we have lost a great friend as well as a member of the *Ewing Family Association*.

*Jill Spitler*

## **Our Friend and Our Teacher**

**David Neal Ewing**

I did not meet Jim McMichael face-to-face until a couple of years after I had become active in *Clan Ewing in America*. He had not made it to the gathering in Northeast, Maryland, in 2004 when I was first elected to the Board, and that was concerning to many of the old-timers there, both because of their friendship for him and because they knew how important he was to the organization. I do not remember his stated reason for not coming to the gathering, but from what I could gather he was pretty well fed up with having to do such a large fraction of the work single-handedly. One of my first priorities as newly-elected Chair of the Board of Directors became making sure that Jim knew we recognized what he had done for *Clan Ewing in America* and how much we appreciated it. We started an EMail correspondence.

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<sup>2</sup> McMichael, James R. *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) & Descendants*, Self Published, 1999. Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index\\_Book\\_JimMcMic.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index_Book_JimMcMic.html).

<sup>3</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

My first impression of Jim was that I had never worked with anyone quite so prickly. He had clear and definite opinions about what constituted responsible genealogy and he did not mince words in condemning the torrent of sloppy work, hearsay, and wishful thinking that are propagated endlessly on the Web and passed off as genealogy. I agreed with him about this and had some ideas for working against the trend, at least with respect to Ewing genealogy. But I learned that I needed to walk on eggs when discussing my ideas with Jim, because he was apt to think that I expected him to do the work, and (as he was fond of saying) he already had way more on his plate than he could say grace over. He never hesitated to gripe about being too doggoned busy. But he was too valuable a resource to neglect so I stuck with it and tried to handle him with kid gloves.

Gradually, I got to know him pretty well and we became friends. He stayed prickly, but I came to realize that this was actually the opposite of his underlying character. At his core, Jim was kind, helpful and downright sweet. He fielded thousands of genealogy queries through the years and to my knowledge he never responded to one with a simple "I don't know," as I often do. If he did not know, he checked his files and did some research. He answered as best he could and always gave some pointers on how the person asking for help might find more clues and information on their own.

And it turned out there had been no need to handle Jim with kid gloves. His character was such that he would try to help and do what he thought was right, no matter what. Jim did not need any 'handling'; I just needed a little thicker skin. He was our friend and our teacher. We will miss him sorely.

*David Neal Ewing*

## **A Basis for Our Future**

**William E. Riddle**

I first learned about the *Ewing Family Association* by stumbling, several decades or so ago now, upon the Internet posting of Jim's manuscript<sup>5</sup> about his ancestry.

I found that Jim and I might be cousins of some sort, but this wasn't (and still isn't) all that certain. However, the information in his book overlapped the data I had about my ancestors so extensively that I surfed around other parts of the *Association's* web site finding many connections. I quickly became a member of the *Association*.

After a while, I found that I could contribute to, rather than just benefit from, the *Ewing Family Association*. Long story short, I first became the *Association's* Web Master and, shortly thereafter, the *Ewing Family Journal's* Editor.

To succeed, I needed to know what had previously been done with respect to editing the *Association's* journal and managing its web site. In addition, I needed all sorts of suggestions about how to improve the journal and the web site. Jim quickly became my primary source. He'd 'been there and done that' with respect to all of my duties and concerns. He became a

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<sup>5</sup> McMichael, James R. *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) & Descendants*, Self Published, 1999. Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index\\_Book\\_JimMcMic.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index_Book_JimMcMic.html).

major source of insights about the rationale devolving from the past. Better yet, he had given considerable thought to improvements and was a fountain of ideas about how to improve the journal and web site. The journal and the web site are better than they were a decade ago. I made this happen, but only as a result of Jim helping me understand what should happen.

As Editor of the *Journal*, I 'massage' contributions, making sure they are not just coherent but also that they contribute to the mass of data about the forest of Ewings on our side (to the west) of the Atlantic and our origins on the other side (to the east) of the 'pond'. In this capacity, I had to edit many articles that Jim prepared for the *Journal*.

Jim's contributions were always easy to handle. They were coherent to the extreme. And, also to the extreme, his articles reflected a strong concern for accuracy, making sure that the data were correct and that questionable conclusions were presented as exactly that, possibly incorrect and questionable. Sources were always cited for the information in his articles; some of the cited sources were secondary/tertiary but many of them were primary. His conclusions were always carefully argued. In all ... Jim was a consummately careful researcher. I personally learned, by example, what it means to be a highly professional genealogist.

Jim was the reason that I am the genealogist I am today as well as the reason that the *Association* is what it is today. More importantly, however, he has provided a strong basis — both by example and through his many, many as-yet-unimplemented ideas — for a dramatically improved and valuable *Association*.

*Wm E. Riddle*

## **Selected Brief Remembrances**

Many people provided their comments and condolences in the online Guest Book provided by Dignity Memorial ([www.Dignity.mem.com/Story.aspx?ID=3056274](http://www.Dignity.mem.com/Story.aspx?ID=3056274)) and as postings to the *Ewing Family Association's* Forum ([www.groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](http://www.groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)). The following selection shows the incredibly high regard in which Jim was held and the very wide influence he had, both spiritually and genealogically:

*The Ewing Family Association* has been blessed by all the work that Jim completed and he will never be forgotten. I only wish he and I could have had more time to compare our work. His knowledge of the earliest known Ewings was so great. No one will probably ever know as much as Jim had learned in his studies of the Ewing family. *Karen Avery*

I've known Jim since late 1975 when we first joined Oak Ridge Baptist Church. He performed so many duties at church and did them all well — deacon, Sunday school teacher, and recently the Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, a job where his administrative talents really shown. I last talked to him about 3 weeks ago when he gave me some advice about genealogy. It was obvious that it was a passion of his. Even though he was quite sick at the time, his final words were "Call me anytime." How I wish that were still possible. Yet, I am glad that his many months of suffering are over. What a privilege to have known Jim. His legacy will live on forever in the service he so willingly gave to our church. *Beverly Britton*

James will be greatly missed by the Ewing Clan and the many he helped with research of their Ewing branch. He was a busy man with many interests. Our thoughts and prayers to the family left behind until they meet again. *Dick Ewing Childs*

It was with great sadness to learn of the passing of Jim. He was kind, funny, and a great guy to be around. I and my family met him at the 2000 *Clan Ewing in America* gathering in Lancaster, Ohio. We shared a table at one of the meals at that event and were able to talk about genealogy with him in depth; it was a wonderful to be able to do that as he was most knowledgeable in Ewing genealogy. I also corresponded with him on many occasions on genealogical issues. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. *Richard D. Ewing*

I only had limited EMail communications with Mr. McMichael over the years, but in all my communications he was always helpful and available with his time and knowledge. I'm sure I join all the members of the *Ewing Family Association* in expressing our sorrow for the loss of the McMichael's family loved one and a great member of our *Association*. *Steve Ewing*

Jim could always be counted on to substantiate his (and others) genealogy with facts, not folklore or family legend. He was wisely cautious, yet always supportive of other Ewing genealogists. His work in strengthening the *Ewing Family Association* and its quarterly journal cannot be matched. He was an inspiration to me and to many other Ewings. *Wally Ewing*

Jimmy was a delight to have in my life. I never met him nor knew him personally. His knowledge of the Ewing family led me to discovering my birth parents and their background. I will miss him dearly and wish his knowledge could have been recorded in detail. *Jorita Hagins (Ms. Ewing Watts)*

I only knew Jim by correspondence through our common interest in genealogy. We were distant cousins through our Ewing connections. I always found Jim to be quite knowledgeable and willing to help me in my efforts to construct my family tree. He will be greatly missed. *Pete Hamilton*

I enjoyed working with Jim when I was transcribing two books for posting on the *Ewing Family Association's* web site. Jim caught my typographical errors and helped make some crucial decisions in interpreting segments which were not well written or in obvious error. I regret that I didn't get a chance to meet him in person. He was obviously a man of many talents and definitely a 'Ewing' in heritage. *Patricia Ewing Hammond*

I am so sorry to hear that Jim has died. He and [my husband] Bob worked very well together and were good partners in the Ewing Clan. I am glad that we were able to have lunch at the gathering in Fort Wayne as Ewing friends at the Cracker Barrel. I will have fond memories of all the gatherings that we worked together. I remember at the last gathering that he sent me some candy from the outing that we were unable to attend. *Doralyn B. Johnson*

I only met Jim once, at my first Ewing Gathering — the one that was held near Elkton, Maryland. I was impressed by Jim's helpfulness and firm leadership of our clan. At several times in my research of my side of the Ewings, Jim kindly helped me along in a timely fashion. I know that the *Ewing Family Association* has lost a dear friend and guiding light. I send my deepest regards to the McMichael family. *Susan Ewing Mellups*

Although I was not able to spend much time with [my brother-in-law] Jimmy due to living in another state, I immediately recognized and highly respected his values, love and support for family, and his love for God and Jesus Christ. He led a life to be celebrated! ... Jimmy, to me, exemplified the epitome of a true Christian and American. If we had a world full of Jimmy McMichaels we would have no troubles. He is in a wonderful place now, with never again a pain ... there has been added another very bright star, and we are all just a little better off by having known him. *James Pollard*

Jim and I shared genealogy research information about the Posey family. Though I never met Jim face to face, I knew him as a friend via Internet communications. I will miss sharing the research of our ancestors. *Murlen Posey*

Jim was one of those few that I felt comfortable in going up to and giving a hug. Sherwood remembers that Jim was always on a committee. He is missed for many more things listed here. *Dian and Sherwood Stagner*

We who knew him loved and appreciated him for all his hard work on genealogy. ... It was a joy to have known him for these past twenty years. *Eleanor Swineford*.

## **Chancellor's Message**

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

### **A Difficult Passage for the Ewing Family Association**

Jim McMichael has died. Previously in this issue is an article that has his obituary and testimonials from many of the people who knew and loved him. The fact is that there would have been no *Clan Ewing in America* and no *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* if it had not been for Jim McMichael's tireless efforts through the years. In this message, I want to focus on what we can do now that we no longer have Jim to shoulder the load. No one can ever replace Jim, and no one person could ever do all the things he was doing for us. But if we will work together, our *Association* will become stronger for it, and it will persist into the future. This will be a legacy that would make Jim proud.

### **Wally Ewing Elected to the Board**

Jim was a member of the *EFA* Board of Directors. After he died, the Board held an electronic meeting to fill the vacancy in accordance with the bylaws. I am pleased to announce that Wallace K. Ewing (*EFA* Member #755) of Grand Haven, Michigan, was elected by the Directors unanimously to serve out the remainder of Jim's term. Congratulations and welcome to the Board, Wally! Directors are elected at the general membership meeting every other year at the gathering. I am hopeful that Wally will stand for re-election next fall in Pittsburgh.

### **Ewing Family Association Genealogist**

Jim had also long been the *Ewing Family Association's* genealogist. After Jim got sick, I asked Karen Avery to lend a hand with genealogy queries, and she has been assisting Jim for several months. A few others have also been helping informally with queries about their lines of interest. I have asked Karen to assume the role of *EFA* Genealogist. She has graciously agreed to do so, on the condition that she get some help from others of us with respect to their individual lines of interest.

### **EGD Committee**

Jim was also Chair of the Ewing Genealogy Documentation (EGD) Project Committee. Indeed, as far as I know Jim was the only member of the EGD committee except for myself, *ex officio*. I think Jim had gotten so used to doing everything by himself that he got the idea that no one else wanted to help. He single-handedly prepared the EGD genealogy on the John Ewing of Carnashannagh line and for a long time that was the only EGD genealogy. Now, Bill Riddle has prepared and posted an EGD genealogy for the James Ewing of Inch line, and he continues to expand it as he learns more about the branches of some distant cousins who have contributed new information after he put up what he knew. These two genealogies are terrific assets, but sadly, so far these are the only two that have been submitted and posted.

Let me remind you about the idea behind the EGD Project. A one-sentence statement of the *Association's* purpose is:

The *Ewing Family Association* is dedicated to fostering and facilitating the development and dissemination of accurate, verified and well-documented histories and genealogies of Ewing families around the world.

The *Journal*, the web site, the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project and the gatherings are all intended to support this purpose and all have reached a valuable level of maturity. A Ewing One-Name Study has also been proposed, but so far has pretty much fallen flat for want of volunteers. The EGD Project is maybe the best idea we have had and has the potential of being the most valuable resource for Ewing researchers into the future if we can build on the work that Jim and Bill have done. The idea is simple: collect documented genealogies for each Ewing line up to (at least) about 1900. The only requirement is that every fact in each EGD genealogy must have a reference.

The idea is simple, but it sounds intimidating. Anyone who has done much genealogy knows that 'proof' is hard to come by and that every genealogy contains errors. But we are not requiring error-free, fully proven genealogies; indeed, such exist only in our dreams. We are only requiring that if a fact is adduced in an EGD genealogy, a note be made about where that information came from. This will allow future researchers to evaluate and check the evidence, and to make arguments for correcting mistakes. For example, many of the references in the John Ewing of Carnashannagh EGD genealogy that Jim prepared cite chapter and verse in Margaret Fife's book.<sup>1</sup> This is a tertiary reference and it is known to contain many errors. Hard-core genealogists almost do not count such sources as references. The idea of the EGD Project is that it is important to start somewhere, but always cite the basis of claims. Even "Aunt Minnie told me so and she seemed to have a pretty good memory" is a reference. "This is a wild guess I just made" is also a reference. The reason we want the EGD Project to be such a stickler for references is that this provides the basis for disagreement, discussion and finally correction and refinement of each of the genealogies as time goes along and new sources and references are found.

So what do we need? We need a representative from each line to sponsor an EGD genealogy. Bill Riddle is sponsoring the James of Inch EGD genealogy. We need someone to take over sponsoring the John of Carnashannagh genealogy — the work of establishing this genealogy is done and now what is required is someone to field inquiries and evaluate new evidence as it arises.

By coincidence, these two lines are also the two best-represented lines in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (Groups 1a and 1b). The next best-represented lines in the Y-DNA Project are Groups 1c, 2a and 4a. It would be really nice to have sponsors for these groups, too.

Though it is interesting to correlate the Y-DNA Project results with the EGD genealogies, and this is most robust when we have several representatives from a given line in the Y-DNA Project, EGD genealogies can also stand alone. Indeed, there is no reason that we cannot post an EGD genealogy for a line that leads to only one of our members who has not been able to connect with any of the other lines. There is no requirement that any member of a line in the EGD Project have a Y-DNA test. While it is interesting to correlate conventional genealogy and Y-DNA evidence, these are conceptually distinct projects.

We need sponsors for EGD genealogies now, even before they are ready to post a genealogy, because we want the sponsors also to be the 'go-to people' for queries about their respective lines. We hope that each sponsor will organize a working group something like the *Inching Along* working group that Bill has organized for the James of Inch EGD genealogy. If we can get some participation on this, it will kill a couple of birds with one stone. First, it will give Karen the help and confidence she needs to answer queries. Second, we hope it will get several lines started working on their EGD genealogies for the web

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<sup>1</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

site. Please don't let the technical aspects of this give you pause. Bill Riddle is a genius at helping get this stuff into shape for posting in the EGD part of the web site, and the finished product can be a thing of beauty and value.

I see bringing the EGD committee to fruition as the next step in taking the EFA where we want it to go, but nothing can happen without the participation of some dedicated Ewing genealogists. Bill Riddle has agreed to chair the EGD Committee. If you are willing to sponsor your line or help in some other way, or if you have questions about what exactly is expected, please contact Bill (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*) and me (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*) for further discussion.

*David Neal Ewing*

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

**James Earl 'Jim' Ewing Jr., Chair of the *Ewing Family Association's* Board of Directors  
(+1 434.634.9227, *jeej at telpage dot net*)**

Evelyn and I send greetings to all our *Ewing Family Association* cousins! We hope all are enjoying the summer with lovely vacations and family visits. While visiting with family and friends, we have been 'spreading the word' about our Pittsburgh-area gathering in 2010. We have contacted several Ewing families here in Virginia who are interested in experiencing our gatherings and may join us in Pennsylvania. The Pittsburgh area is wonderfully convenient for us on the East Coast.

*Jim Ewing*

## ***Secretary's Message***

**Eleanor (Ewing) Swineford (*louruton at futura dot net*)**

### ***Ewing Family Association Board of Directors Meeting***

Electronic Board Meeting

June 23, 2009

Subject: Board Member Vacancy

Chancellor David Neal Ewing called a Board Meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy of James R. McMichael as a Board member due to his recent death. David Ewing nominated Wallace K. Ewing to be the new board member. The EMail votes were unanimously in favor of Wallace K. Ewing, and he has been elected to be the newest member of the Board of Directors.

In addition, Karen Avery has accepted the position as the *Ewing Family Association's* Genealogist to replace Jim McMichael.

*Eleanor Swineford*

## Membership News

**Jill Ewing Spitler, Coordinator - Current Members (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*) and Karen Avery, Coordinator - New Members (+1 703.743.1293, *BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

The summer is flying by. I hope all of you have had as nice a summer as I have had. It's been cool, and the humidity has been low. I have spent more time outside this year than any summer in my memory, sitting around the campfire, swimming and just enjoying family events.

I have lots of exciting things planned for my genealogy research this fall. Bill Riddle and I are going to be working on a list of members with their lineages as far back as we know. This should help new folks find where they might belong and find current-day cousins. It is always exciting to find a new cousin! Jim McMichael created such a list for our early members. Bill and I hope we can catch it up with respect to the *Association's* current membership.

Our membership continues to grow even though I have run out of ideas about how to attract new members. If you have any ideas about how we can identify and 'rope in' new members, please let Karen and I know.

*Jill (Ewing) Spitler*

### Corrections

Linda M. Ewing's lineage was incorrectly stated in the last, May 2009, issue: Her correct lineage is:

father	Raymond A. Ewing (1915-1992)
grandfather	Percy Berwell Ewing (1891-1967)
great-grandfather	Albert E. Ewing

### New Members ... Welcome Aboard!

**Charles Michael 'Mike' Ewing** and his wife, **Janet**, live at 415 Wintery Circle North, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919. His phone number is +1 719.338.4236, and he may be reached at *mike at ewing dot net*. His lineage is:

parents	Charles G. Ewing m. Kathleen Cason
grandparents	Charles H. Ewing m. Jennie Donnell
great-grandparents	Putnam Ewing m. Sarah Ann Hackleman
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	Patrick Ewing m. Lydia Morgan
great <sup>3</sup> -grandparents	Putnam Ewing m. Jane McClellan
great <sup>4</sup> -grandparents	Patrick Ewing m. Jane Porter
great <sup>5</sup> -grandparents	Joshua Ewing m. Jane Patton

**Thomas H. Ewing** and his wife, **Judy**, reside at 49 Fairfield Avenue, West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006. His phone number is +1 862.485.5230. Thomas may be reached at *tewing1 at comcast dot net*. His lineage is:

parents	Franklin John Ewing (1924-1973) m. Lorraine Paula Weber
grandparents	Ethelbert Embree Ewing (c1885-1936) m. Gertrude V. Hausmann
great-grandparents	John Ewing (c1864->1930) m. Mary 'Mamie' <unknown>
great <sup>2</sup> -grandparents	James Ewing (c1833-1880) m. Elizabeth <unknown>

## Keeping Up With the Ewings

Linda M. Ewing (*LMEwing at directv dot net*) reports some recent successes in tracing her heritage:

Some of what I have is first-hand from my family in Nova Scotia. Much, however, is from Canadian Government records. The Canadians keep much better records than we do! I even have newspaper vitals back to the 1900s. I will be spending ten days in Nova Scotia. My family still owns the land that was part of the original land grant in 1829. I'll be staying in the house that was built on that land in the late 1800s, sleeping in my great-a-few-times-grandmother's bed complete with original furniture and quilt. I'm told that there is a plethora of records kept at the house and two elderly cousins meet there to keep the records updated. Imagine my amazement when I called the first time and they knew who I was and had a copy of my birth certificate in the family file. My paternal grandmother apparently caused a serious family rift and all contact was lost. As a child, I was told I had no relatives still alive in Canada. I just can't believe the thrill of finding family.

Jim Ewing (*jeej at telpage dot net*), Chair of the *Ewing Family Association's* Board of Directors, says:

I have just, this July 23<sup>rd</sup>, received a new pacemaker/defibrillator. I'm still weak but gradually regaining my strength. I very much look forward to being a NEW man!!

## Deaths

With sincere, heartfelt condolences to her family, we note the passing of:

### **Leona (Crum) Scott (1928-2009)**

Obituary (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, April 12, 2009)

Scott, Leona C. (Crum) 87, of Oakdale, North Fayette Twp., on April 11, 2009; beloved wife of the late Warren Scott who passed away on June 24, 1991; daughter of the late Howard and Irene (Myers) Crum; mother of John H. (Debbie) Scott of Oakdale and Jeffrey L. (Cathleen) Scott of Oakdale and Warren W. "Bud" Scott of MD; grandmother of William, John, Jr. , Jennifer, Alexander, Benjamin, Meredith and Amanda Scott. Preceded in death by a sister Marion Proctor. Mrs. Scott was a retired middle school Reading Teacher for West Allegheny Schools where she taught from 1959 to 1985. She was a graduate of Monmouth College and she received her Master from the University of Pittsburgh. She was a member of the Union United Presbyterian Church, was a member of DAR, the Western Allegheny Community Library, the Montour Cemetery Board, the Pioneers West Historical Society, the Moon Twp. Historical Society and the Allegheny County Conservation District. ... [Services] will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Union United Presbyterian Church, Robison Twp. Interment will follow in Union Church Cemetery.

Comments from William E. Riddle

Leona was a distant cousin. She was also a major source of information about my heritage and the ancestry of many others who settled the Pittsburgh area. She amassed an incredible amount of information about the families — among them some fifteen of my ancestral families including the family of Squire James Ewing (1732-1825) — who settled southwestern Pennsylvania in the late-1700s. She was always watching for information that pertained to my ancestors and the ancestors of others. She was an exceptional

clearinghouse for those of us researching the southwestern Pennsylvania area. She will be sorely missed, both personally and genealogically.

Comments from Linda McCalmont (posted to *NorthFayette@rootsweb.com*)

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Leona Scott; one great lady, known well on this board. I was blessed to have met Leona several years ago, when she graciously brought me into her home and treated me like family, sharing her information and knowledge and bringing me one step closer to understanding my family history. We joked that genealogy research gives new meaning to the term 'extended family' and that our shared passion connected us in ways that blood can not. Leona showed the Genie Act of Kindness time and time again; with each response she provided to this board, she gave of herself and her knowledge and her passion for history. Leona will be greatly missed, but her memory will carry on through the many lives she touched.

## ***Information Available and Sought***

This section is intended to facilitate dialogues among members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* as well as between them and non-members. It includes items sent directly to the *Journal's* Editor which offer up or request Ewing-related information. It also includes selected requests for information and offerings of information posted to several sites focused on Ewings, for example, the Ewing-related rootsweb message board at *boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx*. Selected postings to *EFA's* Forum at *groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation* are also included. Finally, this section also includes selected queries and offerings of information sent to the *EFA* Genealogist.

For all but the last type of these items, only the item itself is included here. Readers interested in further information for all of these all-but-last type of items should go to the item's cited URL to find further information. For queries and offers of information to the *EFA* Genealogist, the dialog following from the query is reported here; this dialogue would not otherwise be available.

### **Civil War Letters**

#### **Wallace K. Ewing (*wkewing at charter dot net*)**

*Journal* readers, especially descendants of Pocahontas James, may be interested in the information available at [www.seekingmichigan.org/discover-collection?collection=p129401coll15](http://www.seekingmichigan.org/discover-collection?collection=p129401coll15).

### **Pocahontas James Ewing and His Sons, Indian John and Swago Bill**

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

Over several decades, Nancy (Hanks) Ewing and Barbara (Ewing) Powell amassed a great deal of material — about five four-drawer file cabinets of material — in the process of preparing their book<sup>1</sup> (with Nancy as author and Barbara as editor) concerning James 'Pocahontas James' Ewing (1721-1801) and his sons, John 'Indian John' (1747-1824) and William 'Swago Bill' (1756-1822). Barbara has recently donated this material to the *Ewing Family Association's* Archive.

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<sup>1</sup> Ewing, Nancy Hanks (ed. Barbara Ewing Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document\\_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html).

Barbara characterizes the material as follows:

The majority of the material comprises Alvin Enoch Ewing's research from the 1890s. He kept copies of all his source material. Nancy (Hanks) Ewing, his granddaughter, inherited his research material when he passed away in the 1940s. I was given conservatorship from John Burris of Woodlake, California, who had gotten, on her passing, most of Nancy's and her grandfather's research materials from Nancy's daughter, Barbara Sager. (I do not know where Barbara is at this time, but her uncle, Wallace K. Ewing, might know.)

There are binders on each of the children of Indian John and Swago Bill. There is a binder that John Burris compiled regarding 'his' Ewings (which are also mine). Indian John's daughter, Lydia, married a Burris.

The material includes:

- My personal files and correspondence during the 1990s including personal address cards as well as various documents, histories and information
- Nancy Hanks Ewing's) family research binders other than for the Ewing family
- Alvin Enoch Ewing's writings and pictures. (Important family information!)
- Price's Pocahontas Times early newspaper articles about numerous Ewing Families
- Information about early 1900 Family Reunions of Swago Bill and Indian John's descendants with locations, pictures and lists of who attended and from where
- Military pensions
- Family histories
- Family history-related primary documents
- Alvin Enoch Ewing's book on Enoch Ewing, published in 1933
- Maps of Ohio, etc.

Where there is a question, I've enclosed a note. There are 'lots of notes'; I never do things merely lightly.

After considering several options, it was decided to have Richard D. Ewing become the 'keeper' of this extremely valuable genealogy research material. Richard is a third-great-grandson of Swago Bill, one of Barbara's cousins, a long-time *Ewing Family Association* member, and participant RD in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. In addition, he is very familiar with the material, having corresponded and shared Ewing-related knowledge with Barbara for more than a decade. For information about this material, Richard may be contacted at *JEPArchive at earthlink dot net*.

### **Sarah Ewing, Daughter of Samuel Ewing**

**Posted by Nancy Shire on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1939/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1939/mb.ashx))**

In my efforts to find the first wife of my ancestor Samuel Jackson who may have been Sally (Sarah) Ewing, a daughter of Samuel Ewing, I have discovered all sorts of confusing and contradictory data. Some sources list Sally as one of the children of Samuel Ewing and his wife Elizabeth Ramage. Others list her as one of the children of Samuel Ewing and Esther Caldwell. The only thing certain about Sally Ewing Jackson is that she had a sister, Elizabeth, who married John Love.

Sally and her sister Elizabeth seem to be claimed by both the Samuel Ewing/Elizabeth Ramage faction and the Samuel Ewing/Esther Caldwell faction. There were a number of other children — William, John, Esther, Margaret, Jane, and Henry. Other sources list an 'Allinor' (Eleanor?) . William Ewing married Jane Enloe in 1804 in York County, South Carolina; his brother John married Hannah Enloe.

The Ewing lineage I'm researching was, I believe, from York County, South Carolina. Yet, the Samuel Ewing who was married to Elizabeth Ramage was from Chester County, Pennsylvania, and he died in Amelia County, Virginia, with no apparent connection to York County, South Carolina.

Is it possible that there were two Samuel Ewings, both born about the same time? Or was Samuel Ewing married twice? I welcome anyone's thoughts and comments on this issue.

### **Ewing – Dodrill**

#### **Query by Dale Clark (*wabonseetrail at iowatelecom dot net*) to the Association's Genealogist**

I'm trying to update the mapping of a long lost Dodrill and Ewing cemetery. (See the next page for more information about this cemetery.) Does anyone know of any Dodrills or Ewings buried in the Dodrill Cemetery, Wayne County, Iowa, Southfork Township, Section 9 and whether or not any of the Dodrills and Ewings buried there were in the military?

I have identified some relevant people: Andrew Ewing, born May 4, 1809; William Coleman Dodrill, Andrew's uncle; Andrew's wife, Taphena Holcomb; Mary (Ewing) Byxbie, 1840-1867; Rebecca (Ewing) Rogers, 1842-1874; Mehitable M. Ewing, 1853-?; Gabriel Ewing; and Andrew Byxbie 1863-1884.

I have been working on this project for about two years. I would like to remap the graveyard and honor the military veterans with the respect they deserve.

#### **Response by Wally Ewing (*wkewing at charter dot net*)**

While there must have been others, I have been able to ascertain only that William Dodrill was buried in the Dodrill Cemetery in South Fork Township, Wayne County, Iowa, in 1857 (Iowa Graves Survey, 1930). I have perused what I have on the Dodrill genealogy, and found nothing there. Ewings that I found in Wayne County were buried in Wright Township (Iowa Graves Survey). I wish I had more, and I hope you will share with me any discoveries you make regarding the Dodrill Cemetery.

One other note: The 'Dodrill Cemetery Mystery' write-up notes that Amanda (Holcomb) Dodrill, widow of William Coleman Dodrill, married Thomas Scoulan. My information gives her second husband's name as Thomas Schooler. They were married in Putnam County, Iowa, on May 28, 1869. Are Scoulan and Schooler variations of the same name? And does the marriage date I have agree with the date in your records?

#### **Response by Dale Clark (*wabonseetrail at iowatelecom dot net*)**

I don't even know where to start. My son, Daniel, and I have been working on this cemetery site and the surrounding area for about two years. We have had lots of ups and downs on this project.

Our work started with my interest in archeology and my son's interest in military history. I have always lived in Wayne County, Iowa, and have been interested in all aspects of the history about this county. My son was in the military for several years and is interested in the military history of the county he was born and raised in. This led us to this project.

## Dodrill Cemetery Mystery

A mystery surrounds a cemetery in South Fork Township located north of Promise City near the banks of the Chariton River. A short story in *Wayne County Cemeteries* states the cemetery no longer exists. Although the graves remain all stones were removed or destroyed, although no one seems to know why. Any record of who is buried there has been lost.

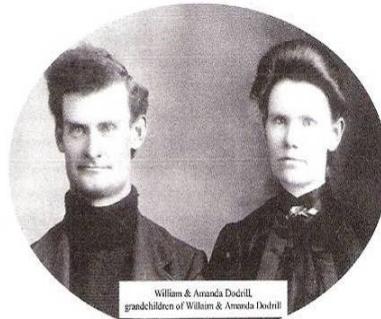
Zeora Hesseltine Fisher lived as a child on a farm adjacent to the cemetery and recalls a wrought iron entrance gate with "Pleasant Hill" or "Pleasant View" framed in the top of the gate. She believes the last burial was around 1910-11 and recalled watching from the farmhouse yard as the long horse drawn funeral procession came across the creek bottom to the cemetery. The family returned one Sunday after dinner out to see that all the military stones were gone and gradually all the other stones disappeared.

Records at the Wayne County courthouse indicate land for the ½ acre cemetery was given by Amanda Dodrill Scoulan widow of William Dodrill for the purpose of burial. In future deeds as the surrounding land was sold the land was "excepted" out. As time passed there was no visible sign of the cemetery and many in the community didn't realize it was there.

William & Amanda Dodrill and their six children came to Iowa in 1852 from Gallia County, Ohio. They sold their farm, packed all their possessions into a covered wagon and ox-cart, and joined the immense wagon train of emigrants on their way to the western lands in the spring of 1852. They traveled through Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. As they approached the Mississippi river at Keokuk, William and Amanda found thousands waiting their turn to obtain passage on the ferry. The family camped for three days before their turn came to cross. Each day some 600 persons with heavy laden wagons would cross the river.

Dodrill purchased 50 acres of land from the government in South Fork Township, section 9 for \$1.20 an acre in Sept. 1852. William and his sons quickly erected a cabin. Then they cut down trees and made rail fences to contain the animals. Clothing was made of flax and that was one of the first crops to be planted. Amanda and the older children knew how to card, spin, weave, and knit. Food was no problem in the new settlement. Deer, prairie chicken, quail, wild turkey, geese and ducks were available to the hunter with a musket.

The family grew to eight children and was just getting started in the new land when William died. This left Amanda a widow with a large family to care for. By 1870 all the children had left Wayne County with the exception of James who settled on the family homestead. James is the father of the two young people pictured at right. Courthouse records indicate Amanda, now remarried to Thomas Scoulan, sold the original parcel of land in 1870 with the exception of ½ acre that was a cemetery.



William & Amanda Dodrill,  
grandchildren of William & Amanda Dodrill

One report says that most of the cemetery was filled with military markers. A Civil War Encampment was reported to be close by and many of the burials were made during the winter encampment – deaths due to pneumonia or dysentery. Other burials in the cemetery probably include the old pioneer, William Dodrill and possibly a son and daughter who died in South Fork Township. Andrew Ewing, a cousin of William and married to Amanda Dodrill's sister, arrived in Wayne County in 1853 and lived nearby. He was killed by lightning in 1885 and along with some of his children, who died in childhood, is buried in the Dodrill cemetery.

Does anyone among our Society members have knowledge of persons buried in the Dodrill Cemetery? Any information would be appreciated and added to the genealogical library records. The river channel was changed several years ago and marsh wetlands have been developed along the Chariton River, so the cemetery is bordered by this area. After so many years the Wayne County Historical Society would like to establish the cemetery location with a marker for those wishing to visit it.

We understand through a story from the Wayne County Museum that there was a military mustering station close to the Dodrill Cemetery, and some of the soldiers experienced hardship during a winter at the mustering station and were buried at the Dodrill Cemetery. Also, many stories have been told as to why the stones were removed from the Cemetery and where the stones are now.

Our intent is not to just find errors with the record of what has happened at the cemetery, but also to correct the record and preserve the history that surrounds the site.

In search of the missing grave stones, we have found two Indian campsites from the Woodland time-period (200 BCE - 1673 AD) and two historic sites both from the time period when Dodrill first bought the land around the cemetery. One of the two historic sites is south of the cemetery, and one is west of the cemetery on the land that the Dodrills first purchased. We also found a gristmill site south of the cemetery and two schools north and northeast of the cemetery. We are working with the Wayne County Museum to get an historic marker put in place near or in the cemetery. We also have had a flag pole donated to this site. We have had the metal for an entrance gateway donated and are working on the boundaries of the cemetery with the University of Iowa Burial Program. We have located all the deeds at the Wayne County Attorney's office needed to make sure that the ownership of this site is well understood. The County Road department has agreed to put a driveway back into place after they removed it many years ago. The Sons of the Civil War Veterans Administration are helping us with the military issues. We have not yet found records of the mustering station or any military burials in the cemetery; all we have are stories. We have not found much concrete information about the people buried in the cemetery. We do have a few names of burials in the cemetery. We are working on a list, and once the project is finished we will provide a final list.

My son and I gave a speech at the Wayne County Museum for those in the general public interested in historic sites. In addition, I will be publishing several more articles in the local newspaper about this project, asking for help from friends and neighbors for information about the stones they may have seen or taken from the area. The University of Iowa has agreed to provide a machine that can make buried objects visible without disturbing the ground. We hope we can find all the graves and the boundaries of the cemetery.

We will ask the Iowa Heritage Foundation to plant trees and prairie grass around the cemetery. We are not sure who will be mowing the site at this point but we are working on this also.

Daniel and I have enjoyed working together on this project and can only hope we can help make things right, after so many years of being wrong, as well as preserve family histories in Wayne County, Iowa.

We can send anyone interested in more information a packet of information that is too large to send by EMail. We also would be happy to keep people informed of the project's progress.

### **Response by Wally Ewing (*wkewing at charter dot net*)**

Good to hear from you and to learn more about your project, one that you are approaching with passion and commitment. Congratulations on your good work! We have a similar situation in my county (Ottawa), but it has nothing to do with Dodrills or Ewings. The Poor Farm Cemetery has been neglected for years, and a group of interested citizens is trying to return some dignity (as well as headstones) to the overgrown, forgotten plots.

You mention you have a large packet of materials you are willing to share. If the materials include genealogical information about Dodrills or Ewings, I would be delighted to receive it. Otherwise, I suspect my interest in it would be only casual.

I hope you and your son have continued good fortune in your cemetery project and garner even more community support for it.

**Catherine (Ewing) Richardson, born 1809 in Indiana**  
**Query by Robin K. Reed (*RKReed at PeoplePC dot com*) to the Association's Genealogist**

Catherine (Ewing) Richardson's maiden name is confirmed as Ewing by a mixed marriage dispensation record at St. Joachim's Church, Washington County, Missouri (available on microfiche: son John Richardson, Protestant, married Rose Boyer, Catholic). Catherine married John R. Richardson, who was born in England and served in the Mexican War. They had ten children, then settled in Washington County, Missouri, in the 1840s. Some of the children were born in Willow Springs, Cook County, Illinois. One son, John C. (my ancestor), was born in Virginia. Catherine died after 1880, presumably in Washington County, Missouri. Can you help identify her ancestry? According to census records, her father was born in France and her mother was born in England. Thanks in advance!

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

It is with regret that I must tell you that I am unable to help you with your Ewing ancestry. The very fact that Catherine's father was born in France and her mother in England would be unique to most Ewing families.

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

It's a very long shot, but ... 'Richardson' rang a bell. Family stories from Margrett McCorkle have appeared in several *Ewing Family Journal* issues; they are posted at:

[www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/McCorkle\\_Articles/DocDirectory\\_Clan\\_McCorkle.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/McCorkle_Articles/DocDirectory_Clan_McCorkle.htm)

Margrett was born a Richardson and has some ties back to Ewings with a link to France. I'm sure she'd be happy to explore possible links and can be reached at *Margrett42 at comcast dot net* (note that 'tt' is not a typo).

**Hannah (DeSpain) Ewing**  
**Posted by Lori Wooten (*g-lwooten at valornet dot com*) to the EFA Forum**

I am a great-great-great-granddaughter of Hannah (DeSpain) Ewing through her daughter Dorinda who first married Thaddeus Constantine McCaleb and lived in Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, before moving to Hopkins Country, Texas, after the death of her husband and several children who died of Yellow Fever after 1850.

I am looking for any old pictures people might have of the Ewings, Despains and other connected families, especially of Hannah (DeSpain) Ewing. I have one of Rachel Lynn Despain, Hannah's mother, and Dorinda (Ewing) McCaleb, her daughter, which I will be happy to share with others.

I have the history of Milam Myrl Ewing's family. He and I shared information with each other in Tulsa several years ago.

I am also looking for the book *Thank God We Made It*. It's now out of print, but I would like to see a copy of this book.

Any information anyone has would be greatly appreciated.

**James Ewing; born 1759, possibly in Pennsylvania; died 1810 in Smith County, Tennessee**

**Query by Margaret Moseley (*arpkl at westnet dot com dot au*) to the Association's Genealogist**

I am looking for proof that my ancestor James Ewing was a Patriot. James Ewing married Ladovesy Dillard, I believe in Smith County, Tennessee. Among the children they had is my great-great-great-grandmother, Melinda Ann Ewing, who married Robert Jones on April 5, 1827, in Hardeman County, Tennessee. Where can I find information I can use to prove this line for the DAR? I would appreciate what ever help you can provide. By the way, I live in Australia.

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Our records show that James Ewing (c1758-1810) and Ladovesy Dillard had five children: William, Alfred, Melinda, Sarah, and Nancy. On page 83 in Fife's *Ewing in Early America*,<sup>2</sup> the mother of this James is said to be the second wife, Sarah Edwards, of James of Pocahontas (1721-1801). There is considerable doubt, however, that James of Pocahontas had a second wife named Sarah Edwards.

As to proving whether your James was a Patriot, your best bet is to look through the information in the DAR Library, available online at [www.DAR.org/library](http://www.DAR.org/library).

**Response by Margaret Moseley (*arpkl at westnet dot com dot au*)**

Thank you very, very much for answering my question and providing information about my ancestors. I now have my James Ewing's military record which I recently received from the National Archives in Washington, DC. He resigned just three weeks after he enlisted. It's hard to decide what happened, but I think his father died and he went home to help his mother. The way I see it, he must have been no more than fifteen years of age, if that much, when he enlisted.

**John Ewing (1825-?)**

**Posted by Nikki Perry on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1933/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1933/mb.ashx))**

John Ewing, born 1825, married Margaret Maloney in Chester County (according to the 1850 census). His family moved to Lancaster and then York County. I have extensive information on this family coming forward from 1825. But I have a 'brick wall' prior to 1825. There are so many Ewing families in Pennsylvania. Any information related to his parents would be appreciated. By the way, John is buried in York, Pennsylvania, at the Gatchelville Cemetery.

**Ewing Families in the Northeast**

**Posted by Louis Lehmann (*loulehmann at comcast dot net*) to the EFA Forum**

I am interested in the Ewing families of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. I have been researching Rev. James Ewing (died 1806, Hopewell, New Jersey) and his uncle,

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<sup>2</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

William Ewing, the 'soldier-preacher' described in Fife's *Ewing in Early America*.<sup>3</sup> Currently, I am seeking help in deciphering confusing language in 18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish legal documents. I have a testament which appears to address 'Horning' (which I think focuses on debt owed by one party to another). The document contains confusing terms, some of which are Latin. Is there anybody out there who might be able to help me with this challenge?

### **Edley Ewing Descendant**

**Sent by Carol Virginia Hail Weller (*carolweller at ma dot .com*) to David Neal Ewing**

I recently found the Lineage Chart for William Myrl Ewing posted on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web site. He is descended from Edley Ewing and Elizabeth Love. I am also a descendant of Edley Ewing and Elizabeth Love. My ancestor connected to him was a daughter, Amanda Ewing, who married Jonas J. Hail, also of Nashville and later settled in San Augustine, Texas. She must have been the sister to the Henry Ewing in the Lineage Chart.

Amanda and Jonas had a son, Wilson Ewing Hail, who married in San Augustine and moved to Houston County, Texas, to the town of Crockett. His son Taylor Hail married Jenny Long and had a son Wilson Ewing Hail who married Sue Farmer. Their third child was my father, James Edward Hail, and I am his second child.

I lived in Los Angeles, California, for thirty-five years and just recently moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. I have been asked to be on the Board of the East Tennessee Historical Society, and I would like to become a member of the First Families of Tennessee. I would appreciate any information that anyone has and would be willing to share. I am a member of the DAR, and Andrew Ewing is one of my Patriots; in fact, I think he is the one that I joined under. The others were Gilbert Marshall and Joseph (or John) Love.

Feel free to call me at +1 865.692.6795.

By the way, I have noticed there are several Ewings in Knoxville and it would be interesting to see if they are from my line.

### **Response by David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)**

It would also be a good idea to post your query on the Ewing Family Forum. The link for it is *EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com*. You can post without joining the forum, and you can join the forum for free without joining the *Ewing Family Association*. Finally, you might want to contact Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) who maintains a large database for many different Ewing lines. I have an idea she might like to add your line to her database, and she may have information of interest to you.

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<sup>3</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from *www.HigginsonBooks.com* and online at *www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org*.

**Nathaniel Ewing of Cecil County, Maryland****Query by John D. Kilbourne (*jkilbourne at verizon dot net*) to the Association's Genealogist**

I am seeking the ancestry and biography of Nathaniel Ewing of Cecil County, Maryland, elected Lieutenant in Smallwood's Battalion of the Maryland troops in 1776. He apparently was still living in Cecil County in 1790. He had no pension or Bounty Lands.

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Do you have any other information about this Nathaniel Ewing? I have no knowledge of a Nathaniel with regard to service as a Lieutenant in Smallwood's Battalion.

Actually, I have only one man in my database that would be of the appropriate age. This Nathaniel, born c1747 and died in 1822 in Christian County, Kentucky. He married Rebecca Osborne. (He is the grandfather of Adlai Ewing Stevenson, who served as Vice President 1893-1897.) Nathaniel was born in Cecil County, Maryland. He also lived in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and Rowan/Iradell County, North Carolina. The one reference I have about service in the Revolutionary War was that he served with Captain James Houston's Company.

**Response by John D Kilbourne (*jkilbourne at verizon dot net*)**

Thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiry. I am writing biographies of the Maryland officers of the Continental Army, and my particular interest is now James Ewing, Ensign in Captain Thomas Price's Regiment on April 11, 1777.

Here is what I have about him: Second Lieutenant on April 17, 1777; First Lt. on May 29, 1778. In February 1780 he was in Maryland on recruiting duty. He was wounded in the Battle of Eutaw Springs on September 8, 1781. He was promoted to Captain on November 6, 1781. He was 'deranged' on January 1, 1783. He was an Original Member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland, and the Maryland Legislature voted him half-pay as a Captain in the Maryland Line. He was a beneficiary in the will of Captain Ebenezer Finley in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1784. His will was probated in Somerset County on March 25, 1794. He was unmarried, and left his property to Army friends.

My primary question: Is this the James Ewing, born 1734, on page 269, Chapter XXXI in Fife's *Ewing in Early America*?<sup>4</sup> If so, he would have been more than forty years old in 1777, rather old for an ensign in the Continental Army. If not that, then who? Any suggestions or information will be cheerfully received and acknowledged.

By the way, I made a mistake in naming my own connection as Ewing Kincade McLaughlin. His name was Wallace Ewing McLaughlin, and I have always suspected his mother was a Ewing. Wallace was born in 1815 in Peach Bottom Township, York County, Pennsylvania, or in Harford County, Maryland.

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<sup>4</sup> Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers, Bountiful, Utah, 84101. Available from [www.HigginsonBooks.com](http://www.HigginsonBooks.com) and online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

**Mary Lee Ewing**

**Posted by tjaystried on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/626.1.1/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/626.1.1/mb.ashx))**

My great-grandmother was Mary Lee Ewing, the daughter of Fannie Eslick and Ed Bradley Ewing. She died when I was nine years old so I do remember her well. My grandmother was Margie Wisinger Ross. I am Margie Wisinger's granddaughter and Brenda Bratton Brasier's daughter.

I just started researching the Eslicks and can see that I need help. In particular, I'm seeking information about Fannie Eslick being Indian? I always thought my aunt Jesse looked Indian and am wondering what others may have discovered.

I would welcome any information on the Eslicks/Ewings. I do not know how others may fit in the family, but I can answer questions regarding Ewings/Belchers.

**Moses, Wm. and Joseph Ewing from Culpeper, Virginia**

**Posted by cbinred ([cbinred at gmail dot com](mailto:cbinred@gmail.com)) on the EFA Forum**

I am researching my Ewing family in Logan County, Ohio, and have stumbled upon a Moses Ewing with two sons, William and Joseph, who followed the Sharp and Stokes families from Culpeper County, Virginia, to Perry Township, Logan County, Ohio, around 1805. These three families, along with the Garwoods, are the first to settle this area.

I've searched all the regular sources and can not find who these men were. Were there Ewings in Culpeper County, Virginia? Virginia didn't have a census until 1810 so I'm out of luck there. I have found John Smith Ewing, son of 'Indian John' and his family who settled in another township in Logan County. They are pretty well documented. Were these two groups related?

I am pursuing this because two Ewing brothers from my early Ewing family moved to Logan/Hardin Counties in Ohio from the Chester/Lancaster areas of Pennsylvania in the 1850-1860 timeframe. I would love to know what drew them to that area specifically. Were family members already there? Answers to these questions could put a big chink in the big brick wall we all have as to who our Ewing ancestors are prior to 1825. Any help would be very appreciated.

**Response by Georgia Morgan ([geoiamorgan at att dot net](mailto:geoiamorgan@att.net))**

Moses Ewin(s), of Burlington County, New Jersey, and Rebecca Stokesberry married in New Jersey on May 1, 1782. (See New Jersey Marriage Licenses, p. 128; also, Colonial Marriages, 1666-1799, p. 218.) An abstract of Moses' will in Logan County, Ohio, is indexed as Evans. Moses was a son of Julius Ewin (born c1700, Juliustown, New Jersey) and Anna Mott(e). Quaker records in New Jersey, Burlington Monthly Meeting, help with this family.

**'Momma' Ewing**

**Query by Doinette Sanders ([Dee at SupremeLiving dot com](mailto:Dee at SupremeLiving dot com)) to the Association's Genealogist**

My Cherokee great-grandmother was known as 'Momma' Ewing. My Native American family had three Scots-Irish family surnames: Ewing, McDermon and Sanders. I am wondering how and when this happened.

**Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)**

I'm so pleased that you wrote to the *Ewing Family Association* about your Ewing heritage. I will be happy to help in any way possible. In order to begin research on your Ewing lineage, however, more information is needed.

Have you begun your own search? If so, can you provide names and dates of birth, marriage and death of people of your line? You need not provide data about living persons, but we need data on at least a couple of people to begin. The places where your ancestors lived is also very important in getting a good start into your ancestry. The most current U.S. Census that is public is for the year 1930. If you can find your family (parents and grandparents) in that census, you will be off to a good start. If you need help in searching the census, please let me know, and I will be happy to help and/or guide you.

***Ewing Exchange*****William E. Riddle (Riddle at WmERiddle dot com)**

I was recently asked about a publication called *Ewing Exchange*. I thought the following might be interesting to anyone looking for this publication.

The Latter Day Saints (LDS) Library's online catalog notes that publication probably ceased with issue 54 in June 2000. It cites Victoria Wilson as author (editor?) but doesn't provide any way to contact her via EMail or SnailMail. The LDS catalog entry says that it has 'Vol. 1 no. 1 = whole issue 1 (June 1987) - vol. 14 no. 2 = whole issue 54 (June 2000)', with some issues ('Vol. 9 no. 2 whole #34; vol. 10 no. 1 whole #37; and vol. 12 no. 1 whole #45') missing. Net sum: You can (expensively) get to see this publication by traveling to Salt Lake City. Alternatively, you can (less expensively but with some access-time lag) visit an LDS Family History Center — use:

[www.FamilySearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset\\_fhc.asp](http://www.FamilySearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp)

to locate the nearest — and they will help you access the information held in the LDS Library system's central library in Salt Lake City.

Bottom line: Looks like: 1) *Ewing Exchange* has ceased publication; 2) There's no way to get copies of back issues; and 3) One can access this material (albeit expensively or slowly) via the LDS Library's system. The latter, I know all too well, is all too common and extremely frustrating!

**John and Sophia (Ewing) Preston****GeneJ (GeneJunky at cox dot net)**

I am looking for information on "John Preston b.c. 1790 married Sophia Ewing on October 13, 1814 in Miami, Ohio" who are cited in an issue of the *Ewing Exchange's* volumes 1-through-14 (1987-2000).

**Udell Ewing Busch Book****Query by Theresa Nicholson (nicholson at mercury.freedback dot com) to the Web Master**

I would like to get a copy of the book: Udell Ewing Busch, *Ewing Family Chronicles 1629 – 1979* 350 Years Revisited, Self Published, 1984. Could you please help me?

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

This book is really hard to get. A year ago, an original copy was available for \$200 OBO on eBay, but I just (July 2009) checked and it's no longer listed. There's a copy in the Ewing Family Archive maintained by the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* at the Historical Society of Cecil County in Elkton,

Maryland. Unfortunately, however, the Historical Society does not provide copying services; you'd have to visit them to access (or copy) the book.

These archives are also available at *EFA's* biannual gatherings, the next of which will be in the Pittsburgh area in September 2010. I'll be at the Pittsburgh-area gathering and could possibly make a copy for you, but that would be quite a while from now. From *WorldCat* ([www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)) I found that there's a copy in the PBL Libraries of Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan. It's OCLC Number is 62882898 and your local library can use this information to make an inter-library loan request. Be prepared to be disappointed, however, since libraries usually have just a single copy of privately-printed books and rarely let them out on inter-library loan. The PBL Libraries of Saginaw might, however, be willing to make a copy for you.

### **Sarah Rachel Ewing (1802-1875)**

#### **Query by Ann Giron (*ms\_talker at msn dot com*) to the Association's Genealogist**

I have been researching my family genealogy. I found Sarah Rachel Ewing's line back to Ireland — even Scotland. It showed her ancestor immigrated in 1725 and they were in the Scotch Irish settlement in Virginia.

I'm specifically looking for information about Sarah Rachel Ewing, born December 9, 1802, in Kentucky. She married James Henry McClary in 1822. She died May 8, 1875, in Mount Sterling, Brown County, Illinois. I have all her children, their dates, and descendants (see below), but I am stuck in finding her ancestors. I did find them once, but unfortunately I did not save a link the web site. Any and all help would be much appreciated.

#### Generation No. 1

1. James Henry McClary was born March 1799 in Kentucky, and died 18 May 1846 in Fairmont, Caldwell, MO. He married Sarah Rachel Ewing Abt. 1822. She was born 09 December 1802 in Kentucky, and died 08 May 1875 in Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois.

Children of James Henry and Sarah Ewing are:

- i. Martha Elizabeth McClary, b. 11 April 1824, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; m. (1) Jonathan C. Edenfield, 10 April 1844, Cass, Illinois; m. (2) L. Thomas Shockley, 02 January 1852.
- ii. George Edwin McClary, b. 01 December 1825, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; d. 02 April 1889, Brownville, Nemaha, NE; m. Meranda Jane Scott, 01 February 1889, Brownville, Nemaha, NE.
- iii. (#2 below) John William McClary, b. 23 March 1828, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; d. 15 December 1911, Ripley, Brown, Illinois.
- iv. James Hamilton McClary, b. 22 June 1830, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; m. Mary.
- v. Mary Jane McClary, b. 24 March 1833, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; d. 22 May 1913, Westminster, Orange, California; m. Charles Nelson Hickox, 16 August 1852, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois.
- vi. (#3 below) Joseph Ephriam McClary, b. 17 October 1835, Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky; d. 16 September 1908, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- vii. (#4 below) Ruth Ann McClary, b. Abt. 1839, Illinois.

- viii. Rachel McClary, b. Abt. 1844, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois.
- ix. William E. McClary, b. Abt. 1846, Caldwell, MO.
- x. Irene McClary, b. Abt. 1847, Caldwell, MO.

## Generation No. 2

2. John William McClary (James Henry) was born 23 March 1828 in Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky, and died 15 December 1911 in Ripley, Brown, Illinois. He married Elizabeth McConnell 26 May 177 in Illinois.

Children of John McClary and Elizabeth McConnell are:

- i. James Francis McClary, b. March 1878, Illinois; m. Lydia Jane Hendrick, 30 October 1904, Virginia, Brown, Illinois; b. Abt. 1886; d. April 1928, Ripley, Brown, Illinois..
- ii. Mary Elizabeth McClary, b. February 1879, Illinois; d. 21 August 1958, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois.

3. Joseph Ephriam McClary (James Henry) was born 17 October 1835 in Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky, and died 16 September 1908 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. He married Nancy Jane Harris 02 May 1871 in Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois, daughter of Greenville Harris and Ruth Stephenson. She was born 12 April 1854 in Cabell/Wayne, VA, and died 31 January 1904 in Westminster, Orange, California.

Children of Joseph McClary and Nancy Harris are:

- i. Mary Rachael McClary, b. 13 March 1872, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 21 September 1876, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois.
- ii. Julia Ann McClary, b. 24 September 1873, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 29 June 1955, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California; m. Fred Huntington Coppage, 10 June 1894, Bogard, Carroll, MO; b. 10 September 1874, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 27 February 1957, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California.
- iii. Paulina Gertrude McClary, b. 26 April 1875, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 29 August 1942, Westminster, Orange, California; m. George Carson Applebury, 19 September 1893, Tina, Carroll, MO; b. 19 September 1871, Mandeville, Carroll, MO; d. 07 February 1952, Orange, Orange, California.
- iv. Willard Joseph McClary, b. 18 December 1876, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 20 September 1965, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California; m. Ethel Inez Mark, 02 September 1902, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; b. 12 July 1883, Elgin, Kane, Illinois; d. 12 December 1955, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, California.
- v. George Stanley McClary, b. 23 January 1879, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 07 September 1954, Yucaipa, San Bernardino, California; m. Ina May Martin, 20 October 1904, Garden Grove, Orange, California; b. 10 May 1876, Elmira, Solano, California; d. 12 May 1958, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- vi. Louis Leonard McClary, b. 07 March 1881, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 14 January 1960, West Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; m. (1) Cora May Howard, 15 June 1902, Santa Ana, Orange, California; b. ID; d. 02 September 1909, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; m. (2) Mildred Grace Abbott, 08 October 1914; b. 04 July 1897.
- vii. Anah Pearl McClary, b. 05 October 1884, Mt. Sterling, Brown, Illinois; d. 27 January 1893, Tina, Carroll, MO.

4. Ruth Ann McClary (James Henry) was born Abt. 1839 in Illinois. She married William Alexander Kendrick 10 April 1854. He was born 1828 in Georgetown, Scott, Kentucky, and died 19 February 1893.

Children of Ruth McClary and William Kendrick are:

- i. John William Kendrick, b. 23 June 1855, Brown, Illinois; d. Table Grove, Fulton, Illinois; m. (1) Emily Belinda DeWeese; m. (2) Mary Ward; m. (3) Mary Jane David, Abt. 1875.
- ii. Joseph H. Kendrick, b. 1858.
- iii. James A. Kendrick, b. Abt. 1861, Brown, Illinois; d. 12 December 1869; m. Martha Weightman.

#### **Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I do not have this family group in my database. Using Google, I found only one item: [boards.ancestry.com/surnames.ewing/392/mb.ashx?pnt=1](http://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.ewing/392/mb.ashx?pnt=1). This was posted by Donna Brown. It's dated August 31, 2000, and after 2001 there are no more posts by Donna at *Ancestry.com*.

I don't know where you might have found the information. I'm sorry I can't be of more help. If you can find it again, the *Ewing Family Association* would be very grateful if you would share it with us for our files.

#### **Leah Letitia Perkins Who Married Leland Jordan**

**Sent by Frances Fabian (*fabian3738 at comcast dot net*) to the Association's Genealogist**

Leah Letitia Perkins was a granddaughter of Henry C. Ewing (1788-1815). Her Ewing-related genealogy is discussed in Chapter XXVI of Elbert William R. Ewing's book *Clan Ewing of Scotland* which may be found online at [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingEWR/ewr\\_Chapter\\_26.htm](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingEWR/ewr_Chapter_26.htm). I have quite a bit of information on all of the descendents of Leland and Leah Letitia (Perkins) Jordan, my great-great-grandparents. I'd be pleased to share it with anyone.

#### **Jane M. Ewing (c1797-?)**

**Posted by Marianne Granoff (*fabian3738 at comcast dot net*) to the EFA Forum**

I am absolutely stuck on an ancestor of mine. Her name is Jane M. Ewing. I am descended from her and John Jefferson S. Miles through their daughter Sarah Louis Miles who married Marcus De Lafayette Allen.

The information that I have says Jane M. Ewing was born in Hancock County, Georgia, about 1797. She married Jefferson S. Miles who was born in Baldwin County, Georgia, about 1793. The record of their marriage says they married in Hancock County, Georgia, in October 1827. They lived there a couple of years and had one child, Roxaan Miles, in 1829 and then moved to Dooley County, Georgia, for a few years and had one or two additional children. They continued west, staying in Alabama briefly and finally settling in Leake County, Mississippi, by 1850. They raised a large family in Leake County and are both buried there.

I can not find Jane M. Ewing's parents or any evidence of them anywhere. I have looked in the records and stories of the few Ewing families in Hancock, Georgia, in the late 1700s and early 1800s, but nothing mentions Jane Ewing or Jane M. Ewing.

There are three or four other genealogists also looking for her, and we are all up against the same stumbling block. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas on this, I would appreciate hearing from you.

**Civil War Soldier George P. Ewing (1844-?)**

**Posted by rubyfoz on rootsweb ([boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1927/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1927/mb.ashx))**

I'm trying to find a death date and burial place for George P. Ewing as well as the names of his six children who predeceased him.

George was born to Matthew and Sarah Ewing in Trenton, Oneida County, New York, on February 17, 1844. He enlisted in Co. G of the 108th New York Volunteer Infantry in 1862, and was mustered out in 1865. In 1879, George moved from Rochester, New York, to Chappell, Nebraska. He married a widow, Anna Shove, who had two children named Maude and Louis Shove. George and Anna had six children together. Anna (Shove) Ewing died in Chappell, Nebraska.

I found a possible match for George Ewing in the Chappell, Nebraska, 1910 Federal Census, although his birth month and birth year are off. I'm hoping someone can tell me his death date and place of burial. Thanks in advance!

**Response by Tammy Mitchell ([ancestry at ripandrevmedia dot ca](http://ancestry.at.ripandrevmedia.dot.ca))**

I can't help you. But I am interested in Matthew Ewing. I wonder if you have any further info on him? I have some Matthew Ewing's in my ancestry, the earliest dating back to about 1760 in Ireland. He had three sons (at least, as far as I know so far), and I am wondering about the slight chance of a connection.

**Response by Steve Ewing ([eaglewing at osprey dot net](mailto:eaglewing@osprey.net))**

Check out the Civil War Soldiers And Sailors System web site ([www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)). I found your George listed there.

**James (c1800-c1849) and Sarah (c1801-c1858) Ewing**

**Posted by Dennis Skidmore ([DennisSkidmore at hotmail dot com](mailto:DennisSkidmore@hotmail.com)) to the EFA Forum**

I am searching for information on James Ewing (c1800-c1849), his wife Sarah (c1801-c1858) and their ancestors. James and Sarah had four known children:

- 1) Margaret Ewing was born about October 15, 1831, in Ross County, Ohio; died March 1877, in Bowling Green Township, Marion County, Ohio; and married William Melvin on October 19, 1853, in Madison County, Ohio.
- 2) Rachel Ann Ewing was born July 10, 1833; died November 15, 1852; and married Samuel Melvin on January 8, 1852, in Marion, Ohio.
- 3) Robert Ewing was born September 23, 1835, in Marion County, Ohio; died August 13, 1892, in Crawford County, Kansas; and married Rozella Russell on April 11, 1854, in Marion County, Ohio.
- 4) Jemima Ewing was born about 1838 and married Charles D. Melvin on December 18, 1856, in Madison County, Ohio.

In the 1840 Federal Census, James Ewing is listed as head of household with tally marks representing a family of six consistent with the children's ages above: 1 male between 40-50 and 1 female between 40-50 living in Montgomery Township, Marion County, Ohio.

The 1850 Federal Census record shows: Sarah Ewing [age] 49, [born] VA, [deaf and dumb, blind] Blind; Rachael Ewing [age] 17; Robert Ewing [age] 15, [occupation] Laborer; Jemima Ewing [age] 11; Bowling Green Township, Marion County, Ohio, taken the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850, p. 5, dwelling 439, family 443.

I've found several real estate transactions at the Marion County Recorder's Office, Marion County, Ohio, in the Deed Index Book E-1, 1828-1979. The deeds clearly show a James and Sarah Ewing, his wife, selling land in Bowling Green Township, Marion County, Ohio, in 1838. Two years later, James Ewing is still in Bowling Green Township leasing land. Eight years later, James Ewing purchased section 10065 consisting of 22 acres in Bowling Green Township, Marion County, Ohio. Then in 1858, Robert Ewing purchased section 10065 from William A. and Margaret Melvin, his wife, and Charles D. and Jemima Melvin, his wife. Robert sold the same section of land on February 15, 1859, and headed west to Illinois and then on to Kansas about 1866.

This is presumably because James Ewing (the father, not appearing on the 1850 census and having died before 1850), and Sarah Ewing (the mother, having died before 1858), and the children had inherited the land. This clearly shows the transfer of land from father to the children and then to Robert. Rachel (Ewing) Melvin is missing from the transfer because she passed away in 1852. No wills have been found for James or Sarah.

In the 1880 Federal Census, Robert states his father was born in Ireland and his mother in France (which conflicts with the 1850 census where Sarah states she was born in Virginia).

Any help in connecting my Ewings to the rest of the Ewing 'forest' would be greatly appreciated!

### **James Ewing (c1720-?)**

#### **Query by Geoffrey Randall (r3341 at comcast dot net) to the Association's Genealogist**

Do we know if James Ewing, born c1720, served in the Revolution since there is some doubt as to his being a Captain (as indicated in some reports)? And what do we know of his father William and the area in Scotland where he lived?

I am researching my Ewing ties and can provide the following:

My mother, Dorothy (Ames) Randall is the only child of Homer Ames (1907-1941). Homer was the youngest son of Florence Alma (Walker) Ames (1867-1943). Florence was the daughter of Eliza (Ewing) Walker (1833-1899), who was the daughter of Samuel Ewing (1797-1855).

Samuel Ewing (1797-1855) was the son of John Ewing (1747-1824).

#### **Response by Karen Avery (BK Avery2 at comcast dot net)**

We have a brand new discussion about the man we call Pocahontas James Ewing (1721-1801) in the latest issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* — Vol. 15, No. 1 (February 2009). It's so new, I have not even had time to review my records to be certain I have entered all the known data for this line into my database. I'll try to catch up and get back to you.

**Herbert Stultz Ewing**

**Query by Vickie Ann Ewing Rogers (*beachdeamin at bellsouth dot net*) to the Association's Genealogist**

Where am I originally from? All I know about myself and my family is: My great-grandfather was Herbert Stultz Ewing. My grandfather was Albert Franklin Ewing Sr. and he died in 1968 in Brandon, Mississippi. My father is Albert Franklin Ewing Jr. He was born in 1933 in Monroe, Louisiana, and married Jane Carlton (who was born in Allendale, South Carolina) in 1953. They were married in Camden, South Carolina, and had two daughters. My sister, Sandra Leigh, was born 1960 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and died in 1972 (hit by car). Albert Jr. died in 1991 of cancer in Atlanta, Georgia. [*Editor's Note: In keeping with the Journal's policies, information about living persons has been removed.*]

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

Thank you for your query. You have a lot of good information for recent generations which is wonderful. I have a large Ewing database, but do not have your lineage. I have tried to check other sources including the 1930 U.S. Census, but more detailed information is necessary to locate your great-grandfather (if he was living in 1930) or your grandfather. Are there other living Ewing relatives in your father's generation? If so, be sure to speak to them.

You say your father was born in 1933 in Monroe, Louisiana. There seem to be two counties in Louisiana named Monroe. If you don't have death certificates, a family Bible, an obituary, or some other source, you will need to discover which county is correct.

It seems that your father would have received Social Security benefits, but I do not find him listed in the online Social Security benefits information under his date of death in 1968 in Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi. You should check on that also.

I'm sorry I can't help you more at the moment. If you discover additional information, I would be happy to help you.

**Porter Connection**

**Posted by Bill Willis (*wmwillis at earthlink dot net*) to the EFA Forum.**

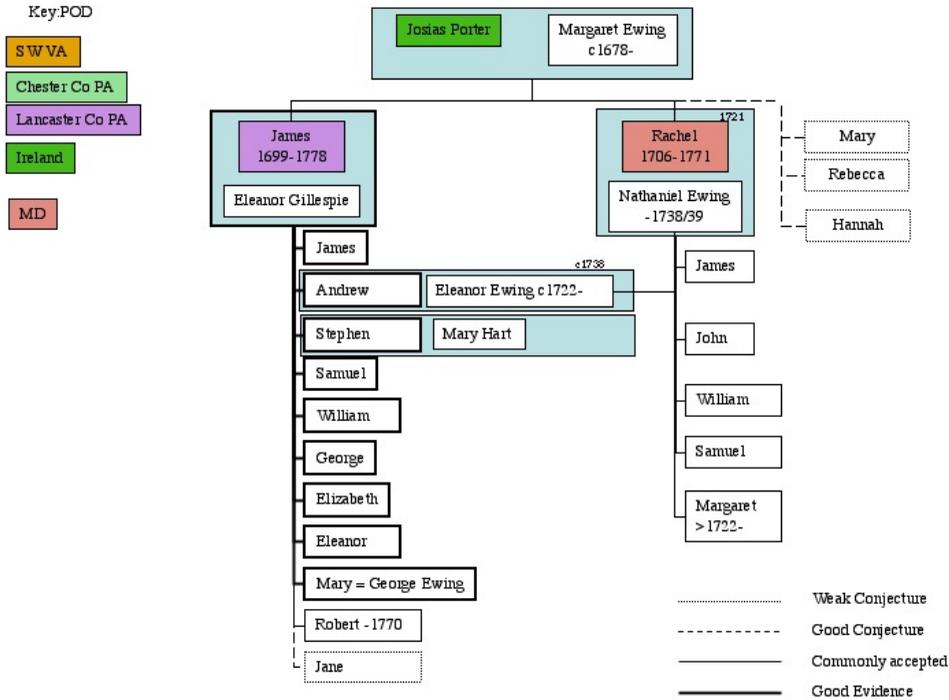
I'm interested in several lines of Porters who settled in and near Old Chester County in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. Some are closely connected with the Ewing and Gillespie lines. This includes, in particular, James Porter who married Eleanor Gillespie and James' sister Rachel who married Nathaniel Ewing.

My working diagram of these families appears on the next page. There's no pretense to accuracy here – I'm still in the data collection phase —this reflects how most Porter researchers view the relationships.

I've been looking at some of the data available on the *Ewing Family Association's* web site and was impressed both by the depth and breadth of the information presented there. I also noted frequent notations concerning Porters in close proximity to Ewings at least in Ireland.

Given that, I thought perhaps someone would know the answer to a couple of questions:

First: There are numerous lines of Porters in Old Chester County. Some probably originate in Ireland, though at least one, Gyles Porter, appears to be of English origin. Does anyone know of other lines of Porters, besides that of Josias, which point back to the Londonderry area?



Second: Some of the Porter lines in Old Chester include an unusual given name, Violet. This is unusual in the sense that I don't often see it in 18<sup>th</sup> century Scot-Irish lines, but it appears repeatedly in the line commonly associated with a Nathaniel Porter and Violet Oglesby. Given a close connection between the Ewings and Porters, I wonder if this given name also appears among the Ewings?

**Andrew Alexander Ewing (1883-1950)**

**Query by Darla Ewing Weiser (*darlacpa at sbcglobal dot net*) to the Association's Genealogist**

My great-grandfather — Andrew Alexander Ewing b. 3/27/1883 d. 5/31/1950 — was born in Seguin, Texas and married to Hetty (Hadie) Benner on February 13, 1907. I don't have any information about his ancestors and wondered if you might have some information.

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

I do not have your great-grandfather in my database and have not been able to find him in the 1900 or 1910 Federal Census. Perhaps his name is spelled incorrectly in the census records. I have no way of knowing if he remained in Texas.

My suggestions are that you obtain copies of the death certificates of your parents and grandparents and also their marriage certificates. That may give you more data with which to work.

You can go to your public library and probably access both the *Heritage Quest* and *Ancestry* web sites. I suspect you will be able to discover more there.

When you have more information, please contact me again. I will keep your information and try to connect your lines with ones I do have in my database.

p.s. Do you have any Ewing male of your line who might be persuaded to do a Y-DNA test? That will help you greatly in discovering where your line fits.

**Response by Darla Ewing Weiser (*darlacpa at sbcglobal dot net*)**

Just yesterday, I picked up an old cedar chest from my father's home (he passed away five years ago). My step-sister had 'all this old Ewing stuff' in the chest. I discovered that my great-grandfather's name was Alexander Andrew Ewing, not Andrew Alexander Ewing as I previously indicated. The birth and death dates are accurate and he was born in Seguin, Texas. His parents were Steve M. Ewing and Marjorie Fennell; his birthplace is listed only as 'Texas'.

My brother may be willing to do a Y-DNA test. I'm not sure what that is or where to get one. Do you have any suggestions?

**Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)**

You are so lucky to have some precious 'Ewing stuff' in your possession. With the new information you provided I will tell you that you have 'hit the jackpot'!

A manuscript was published by James R. McMichael that has some information about your ancestors prior to Stephen Sr. and his wife, Margaret Fennell. Go to [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) to find this information. In the 'Reading Room' drop-down menu select 'Books'. At the very bottom of the page you will find a book by James McMichael about Alexander Ewing (1676/7 to 1738). Use the 'find' capability and enter Fennell. That will bring you to the section where your line falls.

We have one man from this line who is a member of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. From the main page, go to the 'Activities' portion. Then to 'Project: Ewing Y-DNA Testing'. There is much to read here and directions to discover more reading material. For now, scan down to the 'Result' portion. There you will see an gray/green-colored 'here' link. Click on that. Then, look under 'Lineage Charts' and go to the initials, 'TG'. You and he are cousins of some sort.

Another site where I found some information on your lineage is found at:

[www.FamilyTreeMaker.com/users/c/r/a/Gwen-E-Crawford/index.html](http://www.FamilyTreeMaker.com/users/c/r/a/Gwen-E-Crawford/index.html).

I suggest you do lots of reading about the Ewings posted on the *Ewing Family Association's* and the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web sites. Plus, it would be great if your brother had a Y-DNA test. This would help to confirm your line.

If you have any questions, let me know. You have your work cut out!! I'll be happy to add your recent generations to my database if you care to provide it. Also, please consider joining the *Ewing Family Association*. The cost is only \$25.00 per year and that includes outstanding quarterly journals.

**Response by Darla Ewing Weiser (*darlacpa at sbcglobal dot net*)**

A BIG thanks to you, Karen! You are right ... I hit the jackpot! I will certainly be sending in my \$25 to join the group!

## Upcoming Events

**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. Basic information about this event may be found at [www.HomeComingScotland.com](http://www.HomeComingScotland.com). Information about specific events and activities may be found at [visitscotland@news.visitscotland.com](mailto:visitscotland@news.visitscotland.com).

**2009 August 26-30:** *2009 Genealogy Conference and 'Land Cruise,'* Orkney Springs, Virginia. Sponsored by Wholly Genes, developer of The Master Genealogist (TMG). "In this, our fifth year of the event, we continue the tradition of a robust genealogy conference marked by first-class speakers and a great educational opportunity. But this year it will not be on a cruise ship but in a 19<sup>th</sup> century hotel in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, about two hours from Washington, D.C. and Dulles International Airport." More information may be found at the event's main web page:

[www.Whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE](http://www.Whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE).

Note that the event is 89% sold out as of February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 September 1:** *An Evening in New Oxford*, Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter, Tim Smith and Patrick Sullivan. 7:30 PM. Adams County Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, [info at achs-pa dot org](mailto:info@achs-pa.org)) for further information.

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

**2009 September 5-17:** The 6<sup>th</sup> *Annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise* will leave Barcelona and sail to Rome, Naples/Pompeii/Capri Italy, Dubrovnik Croatia, Venice Italy, Katakolon Greece, Piraeus/Athens Greece, Ephesus Izmir Turkey, and Istanbul Turkey. Join the Legacy Family Tree experts for some of the best classes we have ever had. In addition to classes on using Legacy, learn about other genealogy technology. For detailed information, go to:

[legacynews.typepad.com/legacy\\_news/2008/12/legacy-genealogy-cruise-2009-mediterraneangreece-sep-5sep-17.html](http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/2008/12/legacy-genealogy-cruise-2009-mediterraneangreece-sep-5sep-17.html).

**2009 October 3:** *The David Wills House: The Journey of Bringing Its Stories Back to Life*, Barbara Sanders. 7:30 PM. Adams County Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, [info at achs-pa dot org](mailto:info@achs-pa.org)) for further information.

**2009 December 1:** *Bender's Church: Preserving the Past, While Forging the Future*, Glenda Dove. 7:30 PM. Adams County Historical Society Monthly Meeting. Alumni Auditorium, Valentine Hall, Lutheran Theological Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Contact the ACHS (+1 717.334.4723, [info at achs-pa dot org](mailto:info@achs-pa.org)) for further information.

**2010 late-September:** Eleventh Gathering of *Ewing Family Association*, Pittsburgh Area, Pennsylvania. See [www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org](http://www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) for more information.

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