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From the Editor

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Getting from There to Here and Beyond

I replaced Jill (Ewing) Spitzer as Editor of the *Journal* in mid-2006, a little more than five years ago. Jill was 'burning out' handling both membership coordination and the editing of the *Journal*. She asked for help, and I volunteered to take over as the *Journal's* editor.

My first major goal was to change the *Journal's* format and nature into something akin to that provided by professional genealogy societies such as the *National Genealogical Society* and the *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society*. A second major goal was to use modern word-processing technology to create a uniform 'style' and provide a proper Table of Contents and Index. I'm quite satisfied to have achieved these two goals by 2008, creating a 'best in class' publication which won that year's *National Genealogical Society's* competition for the best Family Association Newsletter.

Since then, I have been working on a third major goal: separating the *Journal's* content into: 1) a first part, roughly the first half, that treats the past – our ancestor's birth/marriage/death/burial data, the genealogical relationships among our ancestors, their origins in the British Isles, and the nature of their lives and times as they migrated to America and, subsequently, ever farther west across America; and 2) a second half that treats the present –the *Association's* activities, genealogical information about new members, current members' activities, the passing of members, and the genealogical puzzles and mysteries members and others in the Ewing 'forest' are currently grappling with.

I feel that this issue demonstrates I have now accomplished my third goal. The first half of this issue contains contributions of many sorts that focus of several families in the Ewing 'forest' and the happenings in their lives over time. The Ewing Digital Library section in the first half contributes additional data and insights as well as examples of how back-and-forth EMail exchanges can help genealogists collaborate online to tackle their puzzles and mysteries.

The issue's second half helps readers keep up with what's happening in the *Association*: the issues facing the *EFA*, our Activity Coordinator's work, our new members, the members we have sadly recently lost, our members' lives, and the difficulties members and others are having with their genealogy work.

You might wonder: What's next? I've come to feel that the two parts should become separate publications with complementary but distinct purposes, different styles and appropriate publication schedules. In the course of making this separation, I think it would be good to start including 'how-to' articles designed to help people choose and efficiently/effectively use a good genealogy database application, prepare professional genealogy reports, search the Internet to solve their puzzles and mysteries, etc. If you have any comments or suggestions about moving in this direction – or, even better, if you'd like to volunteer to help me – please contact me by EMail or by Voice.

Wm E. Riddle

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Down the Ohio and Westward

***Twelfth Gathering
of the Ewing Family Association***

Gallipolis, Ohio

20-23 September 2012

PLAN AHEAD!
Pencil It In On Your Schedule

Matthew Roberts' Trip to the California Gold Fields

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Matthew S. Roberts was born September 14, 1822 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio and died August 18, 1850 in Sacramento, California just short of his 28th birthday. I obtained copies of his letters from Robert H. Kauffman of Merrillville, Indiana who is my fourth cousin. Our common ancestors are our great³-grandparents, Silas and Cassandra (Sparks) Roberts. They were the parents of Matthew S. Roberts, my great²-grandmother Prudence (Roberts) Ewing, Robert H. Kauffman's great²-grandmother Elizabeth (Roberts) Kauffman, and several other children. Quite a number of documents and artifacts from the Roberts household stayed in the Kauffman family, I think mainly via William Kauffman of Bellefontaine, Ohio who was a son of Elizabeth (Roberts) Kauffman.

In transcribing these documents, I have mostly retained the spelling in the original, but have added some punctuation – particularly adding periods and capital letters to distinguish sentences. I also have neglected to capitalize random words everywhere that Matthew did. In the first letter below I am not perfectly clear which order the pages should go in, so I have indicated the start of new pages in square brackets.

Rushville, Schuyler Co. Ill., Novm 13, 1847

Dear Father,

I have neglected writeing longer than I Should have done but I think I understand the nature of matter relative to the property on which you have a Claim and Shall endever to explain it satisfactorly to you. The ¼ Section ½ of which was sold for Tax I think is safe. The certificate of sale which was given and which would have demanded a deed from the Sherif has been transf to the hairs of L. Sparks.¹ Aunt S² also obtaind a cirtificate of Redemtion In the name of the hairs for the ¼ of frac^B Section 15. She has also paid the taxes for 1846 tho kiept given in the name of the hairs. now She has given me these cirtificates and Repis and says there was no intention on her part to try to defraud you out of your rights. now there is a difficulty about this fractl Sec 15 (on which you have Claim for the un^Div^D ¼) which always has been & theirfore Could have never been settled with less dificulty than it Can now or any time after. now the nature of it is this, fractl Sect 15 when first Surveyed Suposed to contain 18 acres and to extend to the margin of the River, now since a recent survey there is vacant or what is cald lost Land laying between the 18A. and the River to the quantity of 88a. which make f.s.15. 106a. instead of 18 a. This is the vacant Land that Aunt S[—] wished to give you an idea [new page] The cause of this lost land along the River was from its being overflowed at the time it was first surveyed. It appears the Land jobbers had an idea of these lands along the river and ware trying to made a difficulty among the Settlers by buying the Land. It appears that Uncle Levi in his lifetime seen their would likely be difficulty about the matter some time. And went to the Land office in Quincy and also to the dept Surveyer Gnl at St. Louis, and he told him that he could Claim and hold to the River and if the land was ever taken into Consideration by Goverment that he would have the privelidge of entry. now these lands have been ordered to be sold by the Ge...l Surveyor at Washington. who has instructed the officers

¹ I believe this to be Levi Sparks, a brother of Cassandra (Sparks) Roberts, so Silas Roberts' brother-in law.

² Matthew uses the initial, but I think this to be Levi's widow, Sophia.

at the Land office to give the privelige of entry to those persons who had the Best right or who suppose they owned the land. I went to the Land office to see who would have the privelidge of entering his 88a. They told me as this patil 5.15 had been a partnership Consenr and had been bought and sold and a mortegage is on it, also that thy had wrten to the Genl Land office for furter instruction on the Case. And S__ produced all the regular Claim of Title that they required of her to show the true owners of F.S.15 who thy tell me will have the right of Entry as they suppose that the entrence money will have to be paid in by the parties interested in the name of the man that made the first entry and let the ____ first Pattant Stand as it as it onely Calls for F.5.15 and no quantity specified [new page] as for Closeing the mortgage. I Saw the Lawyer he say their would no difficaly in Closeing it though he will charge near \$100 his fees and their will be cost of Selling and advertising &c in all perhaps would not be less than \$150_ And then their would I suppose be a lawsuit to get posession of this Lot & house that was sold after mortgage. it will be less dificult perhaps to settle after this decision of Entry is made. paci 5_25 has been negletd to be assessehd theirfore was never Taxd nor seto it also only Contains 18a. now I suppose you as well as myself always thought that these fractions to contain a greiatell more land. now I consider the 1/4 Section the Principal of which you have to make your own which is worth now perhaps \$1000. These fraction on the River being small and in a kind of Confused Condition ____ it is uncertain what can be made out of them____ now from the view I take of the matter I would not think it best to enter into Litigation about it at present as I think It will be settled with less difficulty after while. I think it will get no worse at least. It would cost perhaps what would buy 1/4 S_ of Land and then be no more profit to you than it now is. Aunt S__ is makeing a good living on the Land. She has plenty of Corn and Pork and appear thankfull that you intended to let her Remain on the land if she would take care of it and pay the Taxes. I gave Wm Sharp (who lived at the ____ house) an opportunity to talk about the property on which you have a Claim thought perhaps he say what he would give for your Claims [new page] but he said nothing about the nature of affairs there now what he would give for your claim. he is the man that their would be the most apt to buy, as he owns 1/2 F_S_15. I said nothing to him supposed he would think you were anxious to sell or doubtfull of the Result of Entry. I hope that this letter will explain and Satisfy you as to the nature of the (hard case) [new page] Say to Aunt Ruth that Uncle Lem³ _ has collected case of Dunlaps and perhaps will collect some more for her and and send the money with me, it will not be necessary for you to me as to start home shortly. My sheet is full

I Remain Yours acting according to the best of judgement M.S. Roberts

Received of Silas Roberts by Matthew his agent & Attorney in fact a mortgage and note of hand on Levi Sparks (Deceased) Given by Sparks to secure the payment of sixteen hundred and eighty dollars on the SE qu of Section (9) Nine in Township Two North Range Two East of the fourth principal Meridian the undivided fourth of fractional section (15) fifteen in same Township and Lot No one in Block No three, Lot No (6) six in Block No Two in the Town of Sparkshaven and also fractional Section (25) Twenty five in Township No (20) Twenty North of Range No (11) eleven West of the third principal Meridian situate in the Countys of Schuyler &

³ I take Uncle Lem__ to be Lemuel Sparks, another brother-in-law of Silas Roberts and the brother of Levi Sparks mentioned above. I believe this to be the same Lemuel Sparks who wrote Silas in Aug 1850 to tell him that Matthew S. Roberts had died.

Menard, also certain certificates of the sale of a portion of said premises for taxes, bought by Joseph Montgomery and by him transferred to the heirs of Sparks, which I am to foreclose & procure a decree for the title to the same or the amount of money secured thereby Nov 20th, 1847

Wn A Minshon

Received of Silas Roberts by the hand of Mathew S. Roberts his attorney in fact One hundred which is to be applied by me in payment of a certain agreement which I hold on him bearing date the 25th day of November AD 1847 in which it is agreed that for the consideration of one hundred dollars I am to foreclose and obtain a diener in the Schuyler circuit court on a certain Mortgage against the Estate of Levi Sparks deceased and obtain a deed to Said Roberts for the property therein described or the amount of the Mortgage Money on said decree of foreclosure and interest without any other costs of court or other charges of any kind other than the one hundred dollars and whereas Said Roberts has this day paid me the said sum of One hundred dollars in advance of the services I do in consideration thereof agree to pay on said sum of one hundred dollars interest at the rate of se'n percent from this date until the obtaining of the decree in the premises and have a consideration thereof discounted and paid the same for the period of six months to come. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of November AD 1847

Wn A. Miushou

Next, a letter in an envelop addressed to Mr. John Roberts, Xenia, Green Co., Ohio and postmarked New Orleans, March 22nd.

New Orleans, March 21st 1850

Dear Father, Brothers and Sisters,

I write to inform you of our progress on our journey and adventure to Calafornia we left Cincinnati Friday night 15th inst on Board the Boat Western World arrived at New Orleans Friday night 15th inst⁴ Ja⁵. Townsley⁵ was not here when we arrived but came on the 19th. We saw Wm Horne and Lewis Eyler in Cincinnati. They said they had been anxious to go to California and had heard of us going and entened going with us. They weare not Ready to start with us from Cin_, but would get ready and join us at this place. Lewis arrived here on the 18th and reported that Bill could not come as his Brother was sick but that he expected to be in Calafornia with us in July. Ryan Gowdy⁶ has become discouraged from fear of traveling by water, and trouble about his financial and domestic afaires, he tells me when he takes every

⁴ This doesn't compute, obviously. They cannot have left Cincinnati and arrived at New Orleans on the same Friday night – I don't know how long the trip takes, but more than a few hours, certainly. Incidentally, "inst" means "in or of the present month."

⁵ This letter reasonably clearly says "Jas.," which I take to be an abbreviation for James, but the passenger list from the New Orleans Picayune shows "John Townsley," so I'm not sure which is the correct name for this man. Townsley was the maiden name of the mother of John Ewing, who was married to Prudence Roberts, and there were a number of her Townsley relatives in the Xenia area.

⁶ Gowdy is another family name that is connected with John Ewing of Xenia—John Ewing's partner in his first business in Xenia was a Gowdy, who I believe was also married to one of the Townsleys. I don't know what relation this Ryan Gowdy may bear to them, but surely something.

thing that has past into consideration that he has nothing to promt him to make exertion to get to the mines and that he will theirofore returne Home to Xenia and as he^s is getting old he never expects to be able to do any more than support himself and will endever to lead a different life and Repent of many wrongs of his past life and try to pass the ballance of his days in such away that he may have the hope of being happy when time shall be no more with him. I think he has come to a wise conclusion for if he lives the remainder of his days in such a way that he may be rewarded with eternal happiness after death it will be better than all the gold in California. Such is Mr. Gowdy's fear of traveling by water that he will return Home all the way by land his son W^m go on with us as he wishes to go and his father thinks it will be the best.⁷ We are all in good health and sperits and have been sience we left Home and have this day taken passage for Chagres on the Brig Octavia which will Sail on Saterday 23rd through in 15 days fare \$31 1/4 for Sterage passage, fare on Boat from Cin_ to Orleans \$10. Perhaps it would be best not to say aneny thing abut Mr. Gowdys Coming home unless to some of his friends. There are a greart many going to the mines and a number have arrived heare from the mines since we have been heare makeing all Kinds of reports both good and Bad theirfore there is nothing to be know untill we go and see There was 25 or so on our Boat from Cin_ going some had fathers and some Brothers in the mines that had encouraged them to come their was 2 married men going from Mason Co Ky. They was aquainted Mr Slacks famely. 1 young man from Larosel(?) Pa(?) aquainted with all the Connells he tells me Robert Hedrick is in Calaforna he started frome withe \$5. he went the overland Rout to Independince and drove an ox Team through for his passage. Everything is the talking about going to Calafona some are going across Mexico and a great maney by the Isthmus. Ja^s Townsly is decidedly in favor of the Isthmus Rout Saml Crumlaugh wishes you to tell his friends he is well and in good sperits and will write to them when he gets to Panamah. I would say to you all that I entend to Conduct myself Right and perhaps I will come near doing so that if I had have stayed at Home I hope to have the pleasure of getting Home again and seeing you all again. But if we never meet again on this Earth, I hope that when our time comes to leave it we will feal worthey of the merit of All meeting in a world wheare we shall live for Ever and never part. Remember me to all my friends and aquaintence I will write from heare to our friends in Ill and let them know where I am gone and Reques the favor of them to write to your in regard the land their &c, as it is getting late in the Evening and wish to mail this letter this Evening I won't wright and perhaps you had better

Yours Affectiontely, M.S. Roberts

On the back of the page there is a column of figures totaled up: 55 Gold, 470 dolls, 135, 20 = \$670, plus 60 = 730.

⁷ No Wm Gowdy appears on the passenger list of the ship they take from New Orleans to Chagres, but Lemuel Sparks' letter of 23 Aug 1850 from Sacramento telling Silas of Matthew's death mentions "Wm Goudy your townsman.".

Chargrees New Grenada⁸ South Ameriaca, Aprile 14th 1850

Dear Father, Brothers, and Sisters,

I write to inform you that I am yet aliveing, and of our Safe arivel at this place, which is about 3500 miles from Home or about halfway to Sanfrancisco by this rout. We arrived heare on the 11th Inst. Being 15 days from New Orleans, and about an average time for a Sail vesel we sailed from Orleans on the 27th instead of the 23 as I wrote going We are all in good health and have been since we left with the exception of Sea Sickness which every one who makes a sea voyage must expect. Their was several vesels landed he about the same time that we did from different ports. The steamer Creasent City came in from New York with about 500 pasenges men, women and children all for California, which makes buisness veary Good at such times. The fare up the river 38 miles to Gorgona in a canoe is from 5 to \$10 according to the number of passangers, from Gorgona to Panamah for Bagage if as much as a large trunk 8 or \$10, and passangers about the same, if they ride, but they can walk if they chose. James Townsley⁹ Bought Lumber and other meterial for makeing a Boat of the Right Kind for the Chagres River, which we have been working at sience we have been heare and expect to have her ready to Launch tomorrow evening we will then start upp the Boat is 40 ft long of about 5 Tons Burthen and Carrys 50 passanges and their Baggase he has several passanges engaged to go in his Boat and likely have more aginst we start as their will be another vesel in tomorrow. Their is no difficulty in getting upp this River in a canoe as there is aney quantity of them but I think Jim's Boat will be more pleasant and better calculated for the buisness he intends to sell it when we get up the River but if he can't get what will enduce him to sell he will make and other trip with her and then sell. I think if he has luck he will make a good and potafable opparation. This Town is a curious kind of a place. The natives line one side of the River. The Amerecans that have came heare during the last year on the otho. The deserand[?] for most every thing that is needed well supplied and plenty of operatons to do what buisness is to do notwithstanding you have to pay well for aney thing you get done or buy as men wont stay in this unnatural and wild looking place and risk their health without getting paid. Their was 20 or 30 Americans heare when James left a year ago and there is not one of them heare now. About half of the Town burnt down lately. Theirfore their is a demand for Carpenters and Lumber Carpenters get \$6/day and Lumber will command most any price. We would like to get a Steamer from Panamah to San Francisco but the probabiliaty is doubtfull at present. We have came to the Conclusion it is uncertain as to the time Sail vesels will be out as we had adverse winds Crossing the Carabien Sea and was driven back in a Bay South of the Island of Cuba and in sight of it for three or four days and driven back some distance. We understand their is no difficulty in getting a sail vesel at Panamah at aney time as their is a number their at present but we think of waiteing for a steamer if their is aney profability of getting one in seasonable time. Steamers make the trip in from 15 to 20 days and Sailers from 30 to 90 days. The competition in vesels in this Calaforna Trade is not greateit enuf to make accommodation

⁸ At that time, New Granada was a Spanish colony in the area occupied by modern-day Colombia and Panama. Panama did not become 'independent' from Colombia until 1903 – I put 'independent' in quotes because the U.S. had an important part to play in this and itself achieved a degree of domination over Panama. The name of the town he is trying to spell is almost certainly Chagres, a village on the Atlantic coast of the Isthmus at the mouth of the Chagres river about eight miles west of Colon. It was the chief Atlantic port of the Isthmus at the time of the Gold Rush, but lost its importance when a railway was completed across the Isthmus in 1855.

⁹ Here, he spells out 'James' clearly.

yearry Good as yeat though we can not complain much at our fare this far although we thought it rather hard at times we expect to have harder fare on the other side. I should like to have you write me and particularly if any thing of importence accrues. I suppose if you write it wold be best to direct your letter to Sanfrancisco. Boarding is high heare \$2 pir day and common at that. We bought in New Orleans provision to do us while we remaine heare and untill we get to Panamah and are boarding ourselves. As I write in a yearry Rude and inconvenient place and in a hurry you will excus all omitions and erroros. Perhaps I will write you again on leaveing Panamah and let you know how we are getting along. As the Boys are all writing Home each can give an account of himself. Do not neglect writeing me and give all the news.

Yours affectionately, M.S. Roberts

Panama New Grenada South America, April 22nd 1850

Dear Father, Brothers and Sisters,

I arrived at this place on the 20th Inst and write to inform you of our progress and prospects. I wrote you from Chagres on 14th Inst. We have since Built the boat and came up the River Jas made \$100 in the trip. We left him at Porgona as he intended to return to return to Chagras to dispose of his Boat or make another trip. he said he would then meet us heare perhap if we waited for a Steamer and if not heare he woudl in Calaforna. but we have today taken pasage on the Sale Ship Clairessa. She is owned by Coscrine &co who is the American Counsal at this plaice. we expect to have rather a teageous time going up on her as voyage on the Pcaific is uncertain. They are out from heare to San Francisco from 40 to 80 days. We expect to make it in about 50 days, but I hope we will get along as well as we have this far for I must say that crossing the Istmiss of Derian has been bad enough but it was but Sport to what I expected it would have been from what I had heard. We run the Boat up the River ourselves. We had a great time rowing poleing cordelling, swiming and wadeing going ove the Rappids & Swift corrents. I seen monkeys and heard the Tigers growel at a distance, but I have seen no elaphant as some say they have in crossing the Istmus. This being the dry season we had a yearry pleasant time but I suppose from apearences it is yearry unpleasant in the rainey season as seen a great many dead mules on the road as their was rather a slack in buisness and but few Passangers at Gorgona we got our Baggage Carried over yearry Reasonable. I gave \$4 for my Trunk, Blankets Carpet Sack overCoat &c. Some paid more and some less according to their Bagage a native carried mine on his back. Some much larger was carried in the same way. It is surpriseing to see what loads they can carry. we all walked, and got along much better some that rode mules. There is agreatel of uncertainty in the Through ticket Some passangers have waited heare 40 or 50 for the conection on this side. The are a number heare have been waiteing heare now until they have become tired and sold their tickets and are going on Sail vesels. We could have bought Steamer tickets heare but their was not telling how long we would have had to waite heare on expence and we would have had to pay an advance for the Tickets. Their has been a great dissatisfaction heare among Steamer Passangers. They say the Company of Howard & Sons have been pacticizing deceptions and intrigue, the Steamer Samle Sands left a few days sence, whose passangers had been waiteing heare some 40 or 50 day for her to come around and which time the passangers calld a meeting and resolved if they were not satisfied for their detainnse heare that the would when they arrived at San Fran- raise a mutaney and Sink the vessel. It surpriseing to see the great number of Persons Crossing heare and their anxiety to get on. Ohio appears to be better

represented then aney other State. I seen Jesse Elder the man who I traveld in with from Ill. He was located at Gorgona. Their several going on our Ship from Ohio some from Union Co. Some from Cairmont Co.

When we ware in Orleans after we had been their several days waiteing for Jas. We concluded he woldent Come and as their was a company of 30 Good fellow from Pen. Going across Mexico to Mazatland and had bought tickets on a steamer to Brassos San Diego but before we got Jas Come and woulent go that way as he though this much better. I had a notion to go through Mexico alone with that Company and was the last selling my ticket. I have often thought that the better way since I have seen the difficulty in getting a Steamer heare. We gave \$120 for a Sterage passage from heare to San Francisco. It will cost me includeing wot the cost of compleating my outfit &c about \$200 from Home to San Fran—

I write in greaite haste or I woul ____try and give an discription of the country and the manners and customs and doings of the natives. The letter I wrote you from Chagres I gave to the Capton of our Ship to mail at New Orleans and perhaps you will get this as soon as that. Give love to all my friends. It will be along time before you will hear from me a gain.

Yours affectionately, M.S. Roberts

The next letter was in an envelop addressed to Mr. John Roberts, Xenia Green Co., Ohio and was postmarked Sacramento, California on July 8th.

Sacramento City Calaforna, July 4th 1850

Dear Father, Brothers & Sisters,

I write you again to inform you that I am yet on the Land of the liveing and in good health and of my safe arrivel to Calaforna. We we sailed into the harbor and anchored at San Francisco on Sunday the 30th June and landed on July the 1st after a long tedious and pairlous voyage of 67 days from Panama. we ware out of all kinds of provisions and would have perished if we had have been out much longer, but thank god we did not. we had the plasure of seeing our friends Al Galloway, Wm Smith & Mr Blathes in San francisco. R. Perkins was out of town dureing the time we stayed their. We found Jas. Galloway at this Plaice. I could not aneything obut Geo Cordwell it hard to find a person in this country peiticurly if do not know them. I found the Citys San Francisco & Saramento places much larger than I had expected much better buildings and of more buisness. We all kinds of buisness as fluctuateing and uncertain as well as mineing. We have spent this 4th of July resting ourselves under the shade of a large spreading oak on prararie in the vacinity of Town as we been on the go for abut 4 months, we enjoyed the luxary of refreshments in this shade to day and have made arrangements to start to Coloma or Sutters Mills. We will perhaps commence mineing near their. The American Consel at Panama instead of seeing we ware not imposed upon and that the ship went to sea regularly fited out with provisions and not more passengers she was aloud to carry They acted to the contrary. The ship was not sufficiently supplyed for such a long and uncertain voyage and she had more passengers than she was aloud to carry by law. Their was about 125 passangers aboard about 60 of which ware from Ohio. The passangers wrote to the President and stated how they had been treated by the American Consel. They also Sent a Statement with all their names signed to Some Eastern paper for publication. This was done to expose the imposition practiced on Calaforna Emigrants by the Owners & Captens of vesels engaged in this trade. I would advise all persons to beware of all Sailing Crafts on the Pacific Ociان particularly the Bark Clarrisa owned by Coruine Brother & Co. The Emigration

have began to come in it said maney of them are suffering in the mountains. The weather is
vearry warme heare dureing the middle of the day. this town is situated on the Bank of the
River and in one of the most beautifull planes I ever seen. It is _____ spaced with groves of the
most Beautifull Large spreading Oaks and from heare you can see the snow at this time on the
tops of the mountains perhaps 200 miles off. There is considerable quantity of vegitable being
this on the Banks of Streams wheare the ground keeps moist and wheare it can be irrigated the
season is much earleyn than in the States. their is the finest kind of vegitables heare melons &c
but they sell 10 times as high as in the states. We expict to find T. M. Perkins and McDaniel at
that place. The Rivers and streams are higher than common at the Season of the year and
makes it unfavourable to the miners. We got heare soon enough to commence buisness is
said to be dul in this country at peasent as the miners have not been making much. I shall try
the mines for a while as would like to have some got in that way if I am unfortunate I will go at
some other buisness. Men who have good leads in the mines are paying from \$5 to 10 per day
for good & experienced miners. a person caqn not Rely on aney thing he may heare in this
country. Every one will give you information according the way he feels his on Interest. we
have all been vearry luckey on our long journey heare and I believe their is none of us reget
comeing as yet, but notwithstanding I would all who think of comeing to this country even those
who may think thy are fond of adventure to consider the the thing well and be certain they are
ripe and justifiable in comeing for I have climed up in the riging of the ___ Ship get out of the
sight and heareing of men who had regreded starting from Home it is said they are a greate
maney unfortunate persons heare engaged both in mineing and business but from the
apearence of the Towns and buisness their must be some of them flourishing. I have not time
nor do I feel like giveing you a detailed account of my voyage on Pacific Ocien but can say that
we have seen whales, whales in reality and the whale in the shape of impositions. I often think
of you all and would like to hear from home. I thought perhaps I would have gotten a letter at
san francisco from you but did not. Al. Galloway Red me a letter from his Father dated May 6th
said Bill Horne had started for this country. I heard of Harry Kendle and understand he is not
doing well. We met Jas. M. Pool in this place. He has been mineing in the southern mines has
not been vearry successful. He is going with us to the nothern mines. he wishes to be
remamberd to all of his old friends and to say to them that he hopes to make a raise before he
leaves Calaforna. I hope you will excuse unperfictions of this sheet for I have not time write as
would like to do. I expect Di_ & Lou. & Emma. will think it Bad Composition and spelling &
scribbling. I hope you are all contented and enjoying yourselves. I hope Cage is contented and
will not think of Roveing. I fancey I a Mellon pack that Cage & John have raised this year and
that I can see going out to salt the cattle and that perhaps they have commenced makeing hay
and setting in the shade by the spring in the oald orchard as we have often done together. I
hope in a year or two enjoy the same pleasure and of seeing you all, when you write me direct
your letter to Sacramento City—Louis Eylar wishes to be remamberd by and sends his kind
Regards parents & friends if Ryan Gowdy is about Xenia till him I say he nead not regret that
he turned back. I say this because I think it is the fact I expect to have \$500.00 left against I Go
get to making somethin I will keep that sunk in case of amerjancys.

Yours affectionately, M.S. Roberts

August 23, 1850

Sacramento City Upper California

Brother Silas it becomes my duty to write to you on a lamentable subject. I wish you and family to arm your selves to hear it. Your son Mathew is no more. He departed this life on the 18 inst. His complaint was Diarhea. I am not able to tel perisely how long he was sick. I was sick my selfe. He paid me a visit on Monday. He was then in health. I saw him no more until Saterday about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when I was informed b Wm Goudy your townsman that Matthew was verry sick and wanted to see me. I went imediately near the $\frac{1}{4}$ of amile in a feeble state threw a hot sun shine to see him ana found him in almost a deranged state at a place where there cold be no care taking of him. I imploid some men to take him to the house where I was staying. I had two Doctars implaid amedidately to wait upon him. They verry quick pernouinst him incurable. His pulse was sunk. They applied drafts of mustard to his ankles and wrists and gave him brandy in order to stimelate him. About 10 o'clock he revived a little and they gave him medison. In the morning his pulse sunk to rise no more. He died at two o'clock that afternoon, Sunday the 18 of August.

I maid free to open his trunk in the presence of Wm Goudy and Mr. John Mckee who is an old neighbour of mine. We found in it \$460. four hundred and sixty dollars in gold coin. I deposited it in the hand of Mckee for safe keeping. I know him to be a responciable maan. I paid out of that sum the following items:

Fore one Coffin	\$35.00
Halling to and digging gave	15.00
Doctors bill	22.00
Carrying from the place where I found him to the place where he died and a yonge man to wait on him him to his death	20.00
for the use of the house	<u>15.00</u>
	97.00
for storage on trunk	2.50
for sroud	<u>3.50</u>
	\$103.00

Leaving a balance of \$359.50 [sic]

While Mathew was here he was imploied in chopping wood. I understand he has 20 cords of it. If I can find it, I will make the best I can out of it.

I am at a loss to no what to do with his clothing. They will sell for but little here. I want you to write to me amedidately concerning this matter whether I shall send it to you in a check)the money I mean(or whether I shall let some of Matthew friends that came out with him or whether I shall keep it until I return and bring it my selfe. I expect to return this winter or next spring.

Buisness in this country is dull. The country is crowded to over flowing. The emigrants from the States is coming threwe rapidly a great deal of suffering amongst them. I have bin sick three weeks. I am just geting about again.

I remain your friend

Silas Roberts Lemuel Sparks

Marysville Aug 10th 1852

Mr John Roberts:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the Bills for the Grave Stones and Pailing around your Brothers Grave. The Stones are plane and neat being of Marble and as good as can be had in this Country at present. The Pailing I have made substantial and plane and painted white. The Inscription you gave mi I had lettered upon the head stone and when the flower season comes again I will endeavour to plant some about the Grave. The balance of the money I can send you if you wish or let it remain until my return if you think proper.

I have seen nor heard nothing from your Uncle thus far since my return, but it may be possible I may meet him sometime.

I have chainged my place of buisness and residence from Sacramento to Marysville and am engaged in the wholesale Grocery & Provision buisness. Our City is situated about two hundred miles north of San Francisco on the Yeuba¹⁰ River which flows into Feather & it into the Sacramento River, and although it is very warm weather here, in twenty four hours you can ride to where there is perpetual snow.

This country is progressing rapidedly in every branch of improvement and you would be surprised to see what cities & towns have sprung up within three years. Out of this City of some three thousand inhabittats you see from ten to fifteen fine Troy Conus [Coners?] leaving for different portions of the mines on the rivers & in the mountains and all go er_dus with men seeking there fortunes. From this point goods are generally taken on Pack Mules to different trading posts in the mountans, the roads not admitting of wheel carriages. I would like some of your Xenia folks to see from five to eight hundred pack Mules loaded, up with about three hundred pounds on each, starting out of town. It is equal to an animal show to one who has never seen it. Buisness is very good in this country generally and a great many persons engaged in it making compititn great & profits not so large as formerly. Goods of every description are higher than for two years past. Flour sells here (where we have steamboats running the year round) for 25\$ per barrel & Pork is worth 45\$. Barley 2\$ per bushel and wheat though little of it for 4\$ to 5\$ per bushel. Lard sells for 50 cts and butter 60 per lbs, Potatoes 10^{cts} per lbs & onions 20^{cts} per lb, so you see if these prices could be had at Xenia there would be no use coming to California.

There is some sickness among us, but no cholera thus far and I think we may escape it if the Immigration from the Planes does not bring it with them. They are arriving in great numbers

¹⁰ Presently, Marysville, California is on the Yuba River in Yuba Co., California. It is north of Sacramento, and about the same distance from Coloma, where gold was first discovered at Sutter's Mill in 1848, as Sacramento. Marysville was one of the principal cities of California in the 1850s.

& have got along very well, still there will be much suffering on account of the scarcity of this Grass. The Xenia Boys have arrived I understand but have not seen them. Ryan Gowdy I learn was at Georgetown in this country when last heard from. Say to Mr. Ewing I gave that mony for him to Albert und he has been writing to Oregan thinking he was there. Wills Treder is at San Francisco doing nothing I understand but dissatisfied with the country. which I am sorry to hear as I supp____ hee would have done well here. Tom Perkins is still at Coloma, mining & Bob at his old trade near San Francisco. Poor Horne & Binckly are drowned as you have heard. Sam Kyer was at Shorter mining when last heard from & Gary Kincer is there also keeping a Hay. Garret Shorta is in the extreme north of California. The Taylor Boys I have heard nothing from. Cascel of Fairfield is near here trading and teaming. His brother in Law Shoffer is following Tirining buisness here. Poor fellow he lost his wife the other day. There are many Ohio folks about Marysville, but I do not remember all there names nor places of residence.

Labor is plenty & commands about seventy five to one hundred dollars per month and some more & others less. The Mines are paying very well thus far & no doubt more gold will be taken out this year than any proceeding one, though it will be more distributed. The Farmers have done well this season & men are satisfied this is an agricultural as well as mining country. There is but little wheat in the country, but this fall extensive crops will be sown & Flour mills erected for grinding it. California is improving in her morals, the gambling solons are in a great measure deserted, & but few are taken in by them in comparison to 1849. The Ladies, God bless them, are producing this change in a great measure and you now see them every day, while two years ago they were a curiosity. Persons in the Atlantic States think our Laws are too seviere when stealing is a hanging offence, but it is the only way to get clean of robbers & assassins who came here from the English Possessions. A week or two since a man was hung here in our City according to law he had been stealing goods by the wagon load from stores about town & thus had to pay the penalty. Our former townsman J W Denver occupies a very unenviable position now. He killed a man by the name of E. Gilbert formerly the first congressman from Calafornia, in a Duel. Gilbert published him a Loafer in his paper & Denver replied to it pretty severely through another paper whereupon Gilbert challenged him. They fought with Rifles distance 40 steps and on the second fire Gilbert fell mortally wounded. Denver has not been heard off since & may not be in this country. But I must close this long hasty letter, as I had no idea of boring you so when I commenced. I often think of good old Xenia & the good folks in it, and I dare say there is not a more pleasant place to be found than that old place of steady habits. I should be glad to hear from you at anytime. Remember me kindly to your sisters, and family and any of my friends you may see & believe me yours Truly, James E. Gallowey

Pittsburgh Pa, Jan 4th 1913

William Kauffman, Architect
800,801 Lewis Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Aunt

Your favor of the 3rd is received. I am pleased to learn that the candy was all right in taste as well as looks. I should have liked very much to have injoyed your New Years dinner. We have had considerable snow here in the last few days and are having fine Winter weather at the present time.

You remember when I was in Xenia the last time I agreed to write to the Superintendent of the Sacramento City Cemeteries for information regarding the possible removal of the remains of Mathew Roberts to Ohio. I wrote him several weeks ago, and this day I received a letter from him in which he states:

"A Stake marked #450 is doubtless the mark over Mathew Roberts remains. Have referred the matter to an Undertaker. He says \$40⁰⁰ will put it in shape for express Co. Cost of express will be determined by weight. Do not suppose there can be much of it, as 62 years burial is a long time. Remains have to be hermetically sealed and made air tight &c makes it cost. If you desire upon recip of the money we will place same in care of express Co." signed H.S. Joslyn, Sup.

Received a letter from the girls at Bellefontaine they report 6 inches of snow, are all well. Hoping this finds you in the best of health and a happy New Year.

Your Nephew, Wm Kauffman

Pittsburgh Pa, Jan 22, 1913

William Kauffman, Architect
800,801 Lewis Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Aunt:-

Your letter of the 21st is received. The stake marked #450 is doubtless the mark over Matthew Roberts remains, and to my mind would be more reliable than if the grave stone had been moved and set up in the new cemetery, as the probabilities were that when the remains were taken up and removed, the coffins were numbered to correspond with the numbers on the stakes, which were attached to each coffin, and as each coffin was buried in the new cemetery, the stakes were set up at the head of the grave.

Of course you understand that at this late date there would be no possible way of identifying the remains in case a mistake in locating or recording the graves has been made, but the possibilities of such a mistake having been made are so remote that it is hardly worth considering. The probabilities are that the coffin is intact as wood buried in the ground should last for ages, and should there be a metallic plate on the coffin, with his name on it, this would be conclusive proof of identification; otherwise, you must take it for granted that they are his remains.

There is no reason why Dr. Jones, or any other party in whom you have confidence, could not be present when the grave was opened and attend to this matter satisfactorily to you. Dr. Jones has the advantage of being much nearer than the rest of us, as the trip to him would be about the same as Xenia to Chicago or from Xenia to New York, while from Xenia to Sacramento is over six times that far.

We are now having fine winter weather here. Hoping this finds you in the best of health, I remain, as always, Very truly yours, Wm Kauffman

Pittsburgh Pa, Jan 30th 1913

William Kauffman, Architect
800,801 Lewis Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Aunt,

Your last letter received in due time, have not been able to answer it until now. You will remember that when last we talked about the removal of Uncle Mathew remains, I stated to you at that time that if you wished me to go to Sacramento and attend to the matter I would do so.

Sam and Lizzie¹¹ always thought Dr. Jones would be pleased to attend to the removal at that end of the line for you as Dr. Jones is not actively engaged in any business and lives not far away. The expense would be much less than for anyone from the East to go out to California for that purpose. Should you desire me to go I shall be pleased to do so but can not at the present time say when I can go. I have some matters to attend to here before I could go as it would require at least two weeks or more to make the trip and return. I have only this day been notified by the estate that owns the building in which my office is located that they have arranged to improve and rebuild a larger Department Store on this property and adjoining holdings (to cost 5,000,000⁰⁰ so the papers state & leased by the estate for a term of 100 years) and it will be impossible to renew my lease for the coming year. So I shall be compelled to find a new location and move by April 1st. I have occupied my present quarters over 20 years, this moving will be quite an inconvenience as well as difficult to find a desirable arrangement of rooms for our use having north light. So you see the position I am in and how impossible it is for me to set a date when I could go to California at this time, in case you desire me to attend to the matter.

When you write to me use a pencil all the time as it answers every bit as well as pen and ink and is much more convenient and less tiresome to use.

The girls at Bellefontaine were all well the last time I heard from them last week. Hoping this finds you in good health and write whenever you can as I am always pleased to have a letter from you. Meantime I remain as always, Your Nephew, Wm Kauffman

Pittsburgh Pa, April 8th 1913

William Kauffman, Architect
46 & 47 Conestoga Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Aunt

Herein find enclosed my check for \$623.76 for interest due you April 1st 1913. Also receipt for you to sign and return to me.

If you do not deposit this check in your bank until after next Monday (Second Monday in April) you will not have to pay tax on it.

¹¹ This is undoubtedly Samuel Ewing and Elizabeth Ewing, two of Wm Kauffman's first cousins, siblings of Alice (Ewing) Jones, who was married to Dr. Cummins Jones.

Do you remember several years ago I suggested that if a few sleigh bells were hung up in your trees with a string attached so they could be rung from the ground that it might keep the birds from roosting in your trees, and it wuld be much less expensive than shooting them and more effective as I did not think the birds would care to sleep to music. I enclose a clipping on the subject.

Yesterday April 7th was Mathew's birth day if alive would be 95 years old. Hoping this finds yo in the best of health and that I may hear from you soon, I remain, Very Truly Yours, Wm Kauffman This is a fine spring day here.

Sunday afternoon¹²
2101 Gramercy Place

Dear Elizabeth;

Cum and I have been home since Thursday but this really seems like the first moment I have found to sit down and write a letter.

The very first think I want to tell you is that we looked for and found Uncle Math's grave. We reached Sacramento at noon Saturday and Cum went out at once to learn where the cemetery was that was used sixty years ago. We found that it had been moved years ago and big city buildings now stand where the cemetery was. Almost all the bodies were taken to what is now called The City Cemetery 10th and Y streets but some had been taken other places. We went then to the office of the superintendent of the City Cemetery and asked if he had the records of 1849 and 50 and he took out the old books for us and in one we found Mathew S. Roberts Xenia, Ohio died of diarrhea August 18 1850

Tier 4 grave 40

Moved to tier 5 grave 450

We asked the superintendent if he thought we could locate the grave with out help and if there was a head stone. He seemed to think it doubtful as when the cemetery was moved the graves were put much closer together and many of the headstones replaced by square blocks just numbered.

We asked him to go with us and we found the grave 450, where is a beautiful little tree growing over it but no stone marks it. I noticed a number of very old looking head stones lying flat and turned some of them over & read the names, all people who had died in 49 & 50.

I told the Superintendent that I felt positive there had been a head stone of some kind for that grave and it did not seem right that for lack of room or any other reason it should have been left behind when they moved. He said, "There may or may not have been a stone, and after all these years I wouldn't know how to find out. There are more people asleep in this old

¹² This letter was undated and had no envelop. The content of the letter suggests this was a scouting trip to Sacramento previous to the trip in which Uncle Matthew's remains were actually removed. The correspondence between Wm Kauffman and Aunt Di in January 1913 suggests that Alice (Ewing) Jones, and Dr. Jones had not yet been asked to attend to the removal, and the fact that Alice speaks in this letter of considering having the family place a marker suggests that the final decision to move the remains had not yet been made. The 106° weather she speaks about suggests summer – I will guess that this letter was written in August 1913. Subsequent letters make it clear that the addressee is Elizabeth Ewing, Alice (Ewing) Jones' older sister, who I think was living in Xenia at Roberts Villa at the time, though she subsequently moved to California, herself.

cemetery than are living in all Sacramento---and we keep the records so you can find any grave even with out a stone."

That certainly seemed true. We suggested that the family might order a marker of some kind put up and he said he would not advise it, as it would benefit nobody and the grave is marked. I shall remember the lovely little tree over the grave as a prettier marker than any stone could be.

Sacramento was frightfully hot 106° in the shade, it was awful. We made a short stay there. I assure you I'm going to write you again in a day or two and will tell you a little about our trip. I am called down stars now and will mail this as I want you to know about Uncle Math. Lovingly, Alice

Wednesday, November 5th¹³

Dr. Cummins B. Jones
2101 Gramercy Place, Los Angeles

Dear Elizabeth,

As the papers told you all about that hot spell of weather that nearly broiled us no doubt they have also told you that just after that came our first winter rain, not so heavy here but a soaker up north so we had to wait again.

Every thing seems to be settled now and we expect to land in Sacramento Monday November tenth about noon.

Aunt Di is right about keeping to our selves what is in that box. We went to the superintendent of the Rosedale Cemetery here who is now engaged in moving all the bodies from our old City Cemetery & some of them he is shipping away. He says if the box is shipped as a body or the remains of one, the railway company, or express co. has the right to make you buy two whole fare tickets, one for the body and one for the person who should accompany it.

Some of the bodies being moved from our old cemetery have been there sixty five years. They are just the bones and the largest box they use in shipping a body is 24 inches long 12 inches deep and ten inches wide. Some times when more of the bones have crumbled they use a smaller box.

When we reach Sacramento the first thing we do will be to go to the health office for a permit to move the body. The sexton of the cemetery wrote Cum that he would do the work for us as soon as we arrived. The permit must accompany the body. We shall probably tack it on the box inside the wrapping, nobody will see it there and it will do no good except that we must obey the law. I rather think Cum & I will take the box to the hotel, wrap it our selves and take it to the express office. I think it would be a good thing to send you a telegram after we leave the box at the express office. Then you would know that in about a week it would be in Xenia. Any way if a telegram comes now you needn't expect to find bad news when you open it.

¹³ I believe this letter was in the same envelop postmarked November 10, 1913 that contained the next letter below – perhaps Alice sent Elizabeth two letters written a few days apart in the same envelop.

I believe Cum has inquired into every thing that should be done and we don't anticipate any trouble at all. The only place we might have a little would be the express company & we don't expect it there.

*For Aunt Di's sake I'll be glad when this is all over for I know she is worried about it.
Nothing but an earthquake is going to prevent us going this time.*

This would be my birth day if I had 'em any more. You know they are out of fashion. With love, Alice

Hotel Sacramento, the only absolute fire-proof hotel in Sacramento Sacramento, California¹⁴

Dear Elizabeth:

We arrived here this morning had a very early lunch and went at once to the Cemetery. The man who did the work for us said the bones were well preserved considering the years they had been in the ground. I could hardly stand it to look at them but I did. I lined the box with soft white tissue and Cum and the man laid in the bones then we plaited layers of tissue & packed it in so there would be no jostling. the box in the grave was very much decayed.

It was foolish to ever fear we couldn't find the right body. Every grave is carefully marked by number & the name & number recorded in a book. There is no chance to make a mistake.

We brought the box to the hotel, wrapped it and Cum took it to the express office and had to prepay all charges.

The permit is tacked on the box inside the wrapping. I enclose a copy. I'll not write any more to night. Lovingly, Alice¹⁵

Nov. 10, 1918 Local Registrar's Permit for Burial or Removal¹⁶

BONES

Full Name: Matthew S. Roberts Date of Death: Aug 18, 1850

Cause of Death: diarrhoea

Medical Attendant or Coroner: Dr. McDonald Proposed date of Removal: Nov. 10, 1913

Place of Removal: Xenia, Ohio Undertaker: Sexton, C.C. Sacramento

Night Letter, The Western Union Telegraph Company

HO Sacramento Calif Nov 10 1913

Miss Elizabeth Ewing, The Roberts Villa, Xenia O

EVERYTHING HERE SATISFACTORY SENT PACKAGE BY WELLS FARGO EXPRESS SHOULD REACH XENIA IN
SIX OR SEVEN DAYS A E JONES 804AM

¹⁴ Undated, but found in an envelope postmarked November 10, 1913.

¹⁵ This letter is from Alice Ewing Jones to her maiden sister, Elizabeth Ewing. The envelop is addressed to her at "The Roberts Villa" in Xenia, Ohio.

¹⁶ There are more fields in this certificate, but they are empty and I included only those with information.

Wednesday, November 12th¹⁷

*Dr. Cummins B. Jones
2101 Gramercy Place, Los Angeles*

Dear Aunt Di,

Cum and I are safe at home again none the worse for our trip up North. When we hear from Xenia that the box arrived safely we shall have nothing to worry about.

I am not going into detail. You know just what had to be done and nobody could have taken greater care than Cum did to have it well done.

*It takes a trip up North to make us realize that we have the longest state in the Union, seventeen hours from Los Angeles to Sacramento and a big portion of the state is north of that. Both of us are good travellers and and a railway jaunt is no hard ship. No doubt the nervous strain of waiting has been harder on you and we are glad it will soon be over. Yours
Affectionately, Alice Ewing Jones*

March 12th 1914

*Dr. Cummins B. Jones
2101 Gramercy Place, Los Angeles*

The Estate of Diana Roberts,

To C. B. Jones, Dr.

To traveling and other expenses, in November 1913, in exhuming the remains of Mathew S. Roberts, at Sacramento, Calif., and shipping same to Xenia, O., \$200

[written in longhand pencil on the bottom was what follows]

<i>Railway and Pullman fares</i>	<i>\$63.40</i>
<i>Cemetary expenses</i>	<i>22.50</i>
<i>Express</i>	<i>3.10</i>
<i>Hotel and other expenses</i>	<i><u>13.90</u></i>
	<i>102.90</i>



David Neal Ewing has been a member of the Ewing Family Association since 1996 and has served as its Chancellor since 2006. He previously served as Chair of its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006. He is also Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, which he founded in 2004, and he is a regular contributor to the Ewing Family Journal. Dr. Ewing has a private practice in clinical geriatric neuropsychiatry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his M.D. degree from the University of New Mexico and did his residency training at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

¹⁷ This letter was dated only with month and date – no year – but it is very plain from the content that this was also from 1913.

Honeymooners at the 1893 Columbian Exposition

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My father was Burke Ewing, the son of Alvin Enoch Ewing who was my grandfather. During his second year as representative from Hillsdale to the Michigan legislature, A. E. – as Alvin was known – was invited to attend the Grand Opening of the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. He and Carlotta Parthenia Walkley¹ were married in Grand Rapids on April 5, 1893, when he was twenty-eight and she twenty-two. Their journey to the World Fair became a honeymoon.

A. E. opened a law office in Grand Rapids when his legislative term ended. Carlotta was introduced to the Grand Haven area by her father, Wyllys Walkley, who was a physician in the Grand Haven area since 1879. In 1910 she and her husband bought thirty acres of lakefront property near Rosy Mound. Ten years later they sold that land and purchased a large parcel about two miles south of Rosy Mound, 199 acres of wooded dunes and beach that became known as the Wilderness.

Carlotta recorded her impressions of their 1893 trip to Chicago in her personal journal. The following excerpt is transcribed as she wrote it, unless otherwise indicated by brackets.

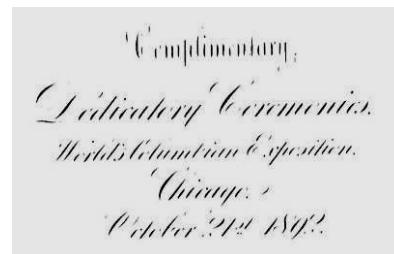
Carlotta's Journal

April 28 Fri. Worked in the morning on doilies and after dinner got ready to go to Chicago. Rather warm but windy. After supper went to train. There were five special cars. Ours was the "Glacier." At Jackson we went up town then retired about 12. just as we left Jackson.

April 29 Sat. I awoke just as Lake Michigan came in view at Michigan City. After two hours of flats and water interspersed with suburbs we arrived at Chicago. Went to hotel Oakland and had breakfast then to fair grounds. We first attended dedication of Michigan building. Gov. Rich Ex Gov Alger Pres. Angel of Ann Arbor. Lieut. Gov. Giddings and others made addresses. The building was very beautiful inside finished in hardwood with nice fire places which we enjoyed as it was such a cold day.



Carlotta, Burke, and A. E. Ewing, 1897.



The envelope for Carlotta's and A.E. 's complimentary tickets. The opening was delayed until May, 1893.

¹ She was born Carlotta Parthenia Walkley, the third daughter of Wyllys Walkley. When her father decided to go to medical school rather than return to the farm after the Civil War, he "gave" Carlotta as a foster child to Freeman Bailey and his wife. Carlotta was about two-and-a-half years old at the time. Her foster parents were generous and loving, and she adopted (not legally) their family name and, after her marriage to A. E. Ewing, she referred to herself most often as Carlotta Bailey Ewing.

After the exercises Mr. McKinlay of Detroit, Rep. Miss Heilig, Mr. E[wing] and I went out looking. Went first to Horticultural building and it was like Paradise. In the center was a huge mound of tropical plants and trees reaching almost to the top of the huge dome and surrounded by palms and beautiful tall trees. Birds were flying about and in both wings were flowers and fern trees with miniature landscapes of foreign countries.

We then went through the mining building very hastily then to Manufacturing Hall the largest building on earth at date. 1700 feet long 280 high 380 wide with tremendous steel arches supporting [its] oval roof. Here after dinner we found the English arranging their exhibit and one of the men showed us a banqueting room in miniature – an exact copy of one used by Queen Elizabeth and I sat in a chair 400 years old of carved mahogany. The floor was of [?] tiling with a large rug in center.

The ceiling and sides were of carved woods also the large fireplace above which hung a large painting.

We next saw their china exhibit and it was beautiful beyond description. Also we saw the German ware. We saw the Dutch exhibit of fine tiling which was wonderful in conception and workmanship. Across the aisle was the Swiss exhibit with paintings of the Alps cold Jungfrau and magnificent Mt. Blanc with Swiss villages nestling at the foot.

I talked with one of the men as he arranged some large figures of hunters in danger and their prey carved from wood as only the Swiss can do.

We saw a Swiss cabinet carved from wood worth \$4,000. On it there was a basket full of fruit in which you could see even grapes on a cluster and the whole was not an inch high.

Pres. Cleveland drove by and I saw him very plainly, the first Pres. of the United States I had ever seen. After returning to the Mich. building we saw the old Liberty Bell which first told the story of Freedom to citizens of this New World as it was brought on the grounds drawn by sixteen black horses with silver mounted harness and laying on a bed of flowers with arches of green. Riders on black horses preceded and followed.

We were standing in the window of the Michigan building and AE clapped his hands. We then went up to the hotel and prepared for the theater and waited for Mr. McKinlay but he didn't come as we started out to find Chicago.

[A.E. Ewing and his young wife spent Sunday, April 30, visiting relatives in nearby Harvey, Illinois.]

May 1 1893 Mon. Very damp and cold. As soon as we arrived at grounds we went to Mich. bldg and left baggage then went to Administration Bldg before which the dedicatory services of the World's Columbian Exposition were to be held.

On the north side of the bldg a large grandstand had been erected and seats reserved for noted men the Gov's of states and for our legislature though no one knew it so those seats were unoccupied. In front of this was the speaker's stand on which sat Grover Cleveland the Duke of Veragua a descendant of Christopher Columbus and director general of the Fair Davis.

We were standing in mid [of] a crush of people before this stand.

The crush was so terrible the swaying seething mass of people so dangerous to be among we retreated as soon as possible so didn't hear the speeches but we saw Cleveland turn as he touched the electric button bell which set the machinery of the gigantic exposition in motion at

which sign hundreds of flags of all colors and all nations were unfurled from many flagstaffs on all the buildings the flags of Arragon and Castile were raised before the Administration Blvd with the glorious Red white and Blue between. Whistles blew long and loudly, fountains threw themselves high in the air huge cannon boomed and loud cheers rose from the thousands of throats while soon above the din never sweeter or more grand rose the sound of the magnificent orchestra playing "America."

We then spent our time looking over the grounds and looking for dinner which we didn't find in any satisfactory form. We Saw the Liberty Bell again at nearer range.

We then went to the Auditorium Hotel and as we were going up in the elevator the Duke of Veragua descendant of Christopher Columbus went up with us which afforded me my first glimpse of royalty.

The hotel is grand, the grandest in America at present as is also the theater which we attended after supper and saw the magnificent spectacular drama "America."

After the theater we went to the train and went to bed awaking as we passed through Battle Creek [and returned to Lansing, Michigan].

Wallace K. Ewing's grandfather, A. E. Ewing, bequeathed him the family genealogy gene. Some of Wally's earliest memories are of sitting on A. E.'s lap listening to stories of their early Ewing ancestors: Pocahontas James, Swago Bill, and Indian John, among a host of others. A. E knew how to tell a story and how to make history personal and exciting for even a five-year old. "More than seventy years later," Wally says, "my pulse still quickens when I read or hear about another Ewing, and if that Ewing is remotely related to me, my heart beats even faster." A retired teacher, Wally has delved deeply into the history of his hometown as well as his family genealogy. He can be reached by EMail at WKEwing@charter.net.



Paraprosdokians, Part II

Paraprosdokian: Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

1. Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.
2. My weight is perfect for my height – which varies.
3. How can there be self-help "groups"?
4. Swimming is so good for your figure; so how do you explain whales?
5. Why do buffalo wings taste like chicken?
6. They told me I was gullible, and I believed them?
7. What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
8. Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
9. I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.
10. I went to San Francisco and found someone's heart. Now what?

Robert Patterson Correspondence to his Wife Amy Hunter Ewing, Part 2

David 'Bruce' Frobes (Frobes@npgcable.com)

In the February 2011 issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*, I wrote about Revolutionary War-period letters between my great⁴-grandmother, Amy Hunter Ewing (1751-1822), and her husband, Robert Patterson (1743-1824).¹

Amy was born on January 20, 1751 in Greenwich, New Jersey to Maskell Ewing (1721-1796) and Mary (Padgett) Ewing. Amy Hunter Ewing was named after Amy Hunter, wife of Rev. Andrew Hunter, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Greenwich from 1746 to July 1775. The reverend's wife was so respected by the Ewings that it was an act of respect to name one of their daughters 'Amy Hunter'. Amy married Robert Patterson on May 9, 1774. She died on May 25, 1844 at the age of ninety-three in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My great⁴-grandfather, Robert Patterson, was a friend of Thomas Jefferson, sharing with him, among other things, an interest in ciphers.² Robert was born on May 20, 1743 on a lease-held farm near Hillsborough, County Down, Ireland, emigrated to the United States in 1768, and died July 22, 1824. During his life he was: a professor of mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania and vice-provost of the university; an assistant surgeon in a New Jersey militia company during the Revolutionary War; president of the *American Philosophical Society*; and director of the U. S. Mint.

In my previous article, I reported that I have copies of a collection of thirteen letters^{3,4} Amy's husband sent to her between July 22, 1776 and September 19, 1776 during the Battle of Long Island and subsequent battles with the British up to Fort Washington. The letter transcribed in this previous article was dated July 29, 1776 and included a reference to Patterson and Amy's brother, Dr. Thomas Ewing, being introduced to "His Excellency George Washington" by General Joseph Reed and then being invited to dine with General Washington.

For this article I have chosen a letter Robert written to Amy on September 5, 1776 from "Camp Washington".⁵ Between July 29, 1776 and the date of this letter, the British forced the Continental Army



Robert Patterson

Painted by Rembrandt Peale in 1830, six years after Robert Patterson's death. Peale used earlier portraits as a basis for this portrait.

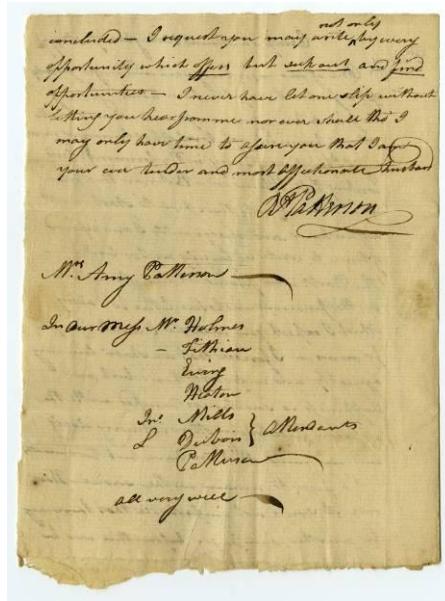
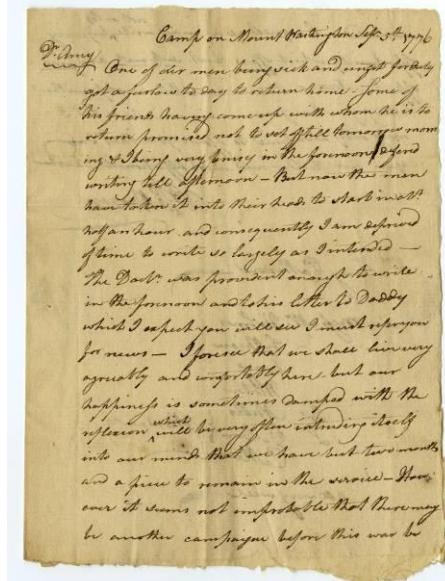
¹ Frobes, David 'Bruce'. Robert Patterson Correspondence to his Wife Amy Hunter Ewing, Part 1, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 2011), pp. 1-2

² Riddle, William E. Robert Patterson's Ciphers, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), pp. 42-46

³ Thirteen Letters from Robert Patterson to his wife Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson: from New York, July -Sept 1776, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Henry C. DuBois collection (1184), Box 1, Folder 16

⁴ It is possible that Robert Patterson wrote more than thirteen letters to his wife, Amy Hunter Ewing, during this period, but to my knowledge only these letters survived.

⁵ Fea, John. *The Way of Improvement Leads Home: Philip Vickers Fithian and the Rural Enlightenment in Early America*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008. [Cited as Fea, John]



September 5, 1776 Letter from Robert Patterson to his Wife, Amy Hunter (Ewing) Patterson

from Long Island across Kip's Bay, through Harlem Heights, White Plains, and then to Fort Washington which was ultimately conquered by the British on November 16, 1776. Up to this point, all of the people listed at the end of Patterson's September 5th letter and living "In our mess" were in good health – Holmes, Fithian, Ewing, Heaton, Mills, Dubois and Patterson.

What was their common bond? All of them hailed from Cumberland County, New Jersey, referred to at the time as 'Cohansie' and situated about forty-five miles southwest of Philadelphia. The Cohansey River, and particularly the landing at Greenwich, New Jersey played a major role in this area during its development as a port for commerce and transportation.

All those men shared similar ancestry history from the old country where British rule prevailed (Scotland, Northern Ireland and England) and which their families had left. Now they were called upon to fight against the British in the new land called 'America'. These men were serving together in the New Jersey Brigade that fought in the New York City and Long Island areas to defend New York City from British take over.

Amy's grandfather, Thomas Ewing (1690-1747), came from Londonderry, Northern Island in the early 1700s. Her father, Maskell Ewing, farmed near Greenwich and was extremely active in the affairs of the county and town. In his letter, Robert Patterson refers to 'Daddy'; this was Maskell Ewing, my great⁵-grandfather. I can only imagine the reaction Maskell had to these letters that Amy received from New York that summer and fall.

An image of Robert Patterson's September 5, 1776 letter to his wife, Amy Hunter Patterson, appears to the left. A transcription of this letter is:

Camp on Mount Washington, Sept 5th, 1776

Dear Amy,

One of our men being sick and unfit for duty got a furlow today to return home. Some of his friends having come up with whom he is to return promised not to set off till tomorrow morning & I being very busy in the forenoon, deferred writing till afternoon – but now the men have taken it their heads to start in about half an hour and consequently I am deprived of time to write so

largely as I intended – The Doctr was provident enough to write in the forenoon and to his letter to Daddy which I expect you will see I must refer you for news – I foresee that we shall live very agreeably and comfortably here – but our happiness is sometimes damped with the reflexion which will be very often intruding itself into our minds that we have but two months and a piece to remain in service – However it seems not improbable that there may be another campaign before this war be concluded – I request you may write not only by every opportunity which offers, but seek out and find opportunities – I never have let one slip without letting you hear from men nor ever shall tho I may only have time to assure you that I am your ever tender and most affectionate husband.

R Patterson

Mrs. Amy Patterson

In our mess

Mr. Holmes

Fithian

Ewing

Heaton

Jr Mills) Attendants

L Dubois)

Patterson

All very well

Three of the people – Heaton, Mills and Dubois – are not easily identified in records of the battalions serving from southern New Jersey. As a result of further research I have learned, however, that in addition to the men listed in Patterson's September 5th letter, several other Cohansie sons were serving at New York City, Long Island and Camp Washington in September and October of 1776 and they were all friends. These other friends were Andrew Hunter Jr., William Hollingshead and Enoch Green.

Many historians have used the details gleaned from the diaries kept by Andrew Hunter Jr. and Philip Vickers Fithian to tell the story of this period of the revolutionary war. Andrew and Philip were 1769-1772 fellow students at Princeton of the future President of the United States James Madison and they both were close friends of Abijah Holmes, Dr. Thomas Ewing and Robert Patterson several years before their military service in the Cohansie River area.

Starting in June 1776, men from Cumberland County and other southern New Jersey counties began enlisting for a six-month tour of duty with the New Jersey militia. Amy's brother, Dr. Thomas Ewing, spent time leading up to the enlistment training Patterson in the skills of a surgeon's mate in preparation for military service. These friends all joined Silas Newcomb's battalion in Heard's Brigade.

Newcomb had been an officer in the French and Indian War. At the time of the buildup of troops for the coming revolution, he had a tie to the young men through the local churches and the fact that his two sons, Silas and Ephriam, and Ewing, Andrew Hunter Jr., James Ewing, Richard Howell and Joel Fithian among others were participants in a tea-burning party in Greenwich on December 22, 1774. The ship *Greyhound* had docked at Greenwich to avoid the aroused citizenry of Philadelphia. The tea, stored in a cellar nearby, was removed by a party of patriotic citizens of Cumberland County who disguised

themselves as Indians.⁶ Robert Patterson was running an academy in Wilmington, Delaware at the time of the burning, but he brought Amy back to Greenwich the next year after the academy closed as the war drew near.

Fithian and Hunter, who served as army chaplains, were both ordained Presbyterians ministers and shared the habit of recording daily events in their lives in personal diaries. Here are two examples from Fithian's diary linking his friendship with the residents of Greenwich and Cumberland Counties:

Tuesday, August 24 (1773)

Rose by seven – breakfasted at Home [McCalla's] Went up-Town to see Mrs. Bullock – Spent an Hour before dinner at Mr. Hollinsheads – dined at Mr. Clayton's, where I saw Miss Betsey Grimes – Came Home, at Mrs. McCalla's Request by four – Drest for the approaching wedding – attended Groom in his room ... About nine in the Evening the Revd William Hollinshead & Miss Sally McCalla were married by Mr. Sproat ...

Tuesday, May 10th (1774)

Yesterday, in a private lonely manner, at nine in the morning, were married Mr. Patterson & Miss Amy Ewing. I wish them from my heart a long, unbroken, & mutual, unmixed happiness ...

In his diary, Joel Fithian mentions Rev. Hollinshead in July 1773 in reference to his preparation to become a Presbyterian minister.⁷

Saturday, July 17, Rose before seven. Breakfast by eight. After breakfast at Mr. Hollinsheads request took a walk with him over his Parsonage. But were soon drove in by Swarms of Mosquitoes. I had this day a long conversation on my Offering Myself to the care of the Presbytery, which is to sit there in about 10 days, when he is to be ordained & settled. I have several Objections to offering so soon, but he calls them all frivolous & strongly persuades me to offer myself to them now for examination. Mr. Hunter, also & Mr Green are of the same Opinion, & have both advised me some few Days ago, but I cannot yet determine. Mr Hollinshead showed me his library, which tho small as yet seems to be made up of useful & well chosen books. Went to bed about ten.

Abijah Holmes, identified as "In our mess", was a quartermaster. Fithian's diary mentions regarding Monday, May 18 1767:⁸

Evening I went to the Wedding of Abijah Holmes to Miss Rachel Seeley, saw them married at Sunset.

These men who lived together during the New York campaign only lost one of the Cohansie sons from July 1776 until November 1776. These Cohansie friends wrote diaries and sent letters to their wives and families in Greenwich on a regular basis during their days in uniform.

⁶ Booklet: Greenwich 2008, 100th Anniversary of the Tea Burner's Monument

⁷ Philip Vickers Fithian's personal diary. Cumberland County Historical Society, Fithian, Publication Committee, 1990 [Cited as *Fithian Diary*]

⁸ Ibid

The letter highlighted in this article is representative of the times. A central theme of these letters always seemed to be health, living conditions, and some uncertainty about the future. For example, Fithian wrote on Sunday, September 22, 1776:⁹

Dr. Ewing much unwell. Many of our Battalion disordered at present. I suppose it is brought on by the damp & hard lying in Tents without Boards on the ground. The Col's are both at the advanced lines on Guard, & the Remainder who are fit for Duty are all ordered, as soon as out of Bed, without Prayers, to Fatigue. Our Lads grow tired, & begin to count the Days of their service which yet remain.

This entry in his diary seems to be a foreshadowing of what Fithian himself was about to experience and cause his demise. Starting six days later and until he passed on October 8, 1776, his close friends had the unenviable task of writing to Fithian's wife Betsey, who was living with Mary Beatty Green, wife of Rev. Enoch Green.¹⁰ For example:

Mount Washington, Sept 28, 1776

Madam,

I have a very disagreeable Task imposed upon me by Mr. Fithian, to give you an information which will be so distressing – He was taken very ill last Sunday ... and he is much reduced ...

This letter was signed by Andrew Hunter, his close friend, fellow Princeton classmate and fellow chaplain.¹¹

Further, Reverend William Hollingshead made an entry into his diary:¹²

October 4

.....visited Mr. Fithian who has been dangerously ill these some weeks. I found him lying upon a thin bed raised from the floor only by a little straw covered with a blanket or two.

Reverend Hollingshead further mentions that Joel Fithian has no physician to attend him. Dr. Thomas Ewing must have been attending to other soldiers in the field at the time.

Nevertheless, Dr. Thomas Ewing does get involved as he writes to Betsey Fithian.¹³

Mt. Washington, 8th Oct'r 1776

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to inform you that my dear Friend and your Husband is in all human probability within a few Hours of Death; he was take Sunday, 22nd September and has continued very bad ever since ...

Your Friend & Servant

Thomas Ewing

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ Rev. Enoch Green was also with the battalion at Fort Washington. He contracted camp fever also, but managed to make his way back to Deerfield, New Jersey where he died on December 2, 1776.

¹¹ Cumberland County Historical Society, Fithian, Publication Committee, 1990

¹² Ibid

¹³ Ibid

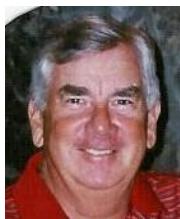
Since Robert Patterson was Dr. Thomas Ewing's surgeon's mate, one would assume that he was also at Fithian's bedside when he expired.

It was Andrew Hunter Jr. who informed Betsey of Fithian's passing on October 8, 1776. Philip Vickers Fithian died as a result of complications related to dysentery while encamped with Silas Newcomb's battalion outside Fort Washington, New York.

My research led me 'home' to the motivation that first brought most of these young men together. It wasn't war or any real hint of it. It was their personal desire to participate in opportunities for higher education. In 1767, Rev. Enoch Green started an academy at Deerfield, New Jersey. As documented in the book about the life of Philip Vickers Fithian by John Fea:¹⁴

Green's first academy class was an impressive group of students. Richard Howell pursued a course in law at New Castle, Delaware, following his graduation from the academy. He served as an officer during the American War of Independence, opened law offices in Greenwich and Trenton, and was eventually elected governor of New Jersey, a post he held from 1793 to 1801. Another of Philip's classmates, Joseph Bloomfield, came to Deerfield from Woodbridge, New Jersey, and would also distinguish himself as an officer during the Revolutionary War before practicing himself at nearby Bridge-Town. Bloomfield became a rising star in New Jersey Republican politics and succeeded Howell as the state's governor, serving from 1801 to 1802 and 1803 to 1812. Thomas Ewing, a Greenwich native and one of Philip's closest friends, studied medicine after leaving Deerfield and eventually opened practices in Greenwich and Cape May. He served as an officer during the Revolutionary War and was elected, in 1781, as a member of the state legislature. Andrew Hunter, Jr., the nephew of the Greenwich minister by the same name, graduated from College of New Jersey with Philip in 1772; presided over several small New Jersey academies; taught mathematics, astronomy, and natural philosophy at his alma mater from 1804 to 1808; and ended his career as chaplain of the United States Navy.

There is a lot more to tell of the lives of the survivors in this circle of friends, especially Amy Hunter Ewing, her husband Robert Patterson and their children plus all those mentioned in this article. I hope to prepare future *Ewing Family Journal* articles exploring these connections.



David 'Bruce' Frobes earned his bachelor degree from DePauw University. He is attached to the Ewings of Greenwich, New Jersey through Amy Hunter who married Robert Patterson there in May 1774. He recently completed his second on-site trip to Greenwich and Philadelphia to study more about his Ewings and the history of that area. His career included the Air Force and thirty-five years in the investment management and trust administration business. Now retired in Flagstaff, Arizona, Bruce has built his genealogical files to include 2,800 names with the Ewings as a prominent focus of his research. When not searching the past and contributing articles to the Ewing Family Journal, he is an avid golfer in the mountains and the deserts of Arizona. You can reach Bruce by Email at Frobes@npgcable.com.

¹⁴ Fea, John, Chapter 3, p. 66

Ewing Digital Library

This section of the *Journal* provides various genealogical tidbits – obituaries, will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. Some of these have been directly submitted; many have been 'mined' from the Internet.

Also included are 'conversations' which reveal genealogical data and/or sociological information regarding the lives and times of Ewing ancestors. These have been extracted from various sources including: *rootsweb*, the Ewing Forum (*EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com*), and EMail exchanges resulting from queries to Karen Avery (*BKAvery2@comcast.net*), the *Ewing Family Association* Genealogist.

The information has been analyzed to varying degrees by its contributors. Some information is presented with no analytic commentary; some has been rather extensively analyzed. Sometimes, the information is annotated with various comments and data. In no cases has the Editor – or, for that matter, other *EFA* volunteers – verified the information presented here.

Dallas Revival

Contributed by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2@comcast.net*)

Production began on October 17, 2011 on a revival of the television show *Dallas*. At least three former actors will resume their roles in the show which is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012.

Back on the Southfork Ranch will be oil baron, J. R. Ewing, portrayed by Larry Hackman. Patrick Duffy returns as Bobby, the younger brother of Linda Gray also returns to the show as J.R.'s wife, Sue Ellen.

The original program ran from 1978 through 1981.

Alexander Ewing (1744-1832)

Query from Steven Craig Ewing (*aquamv@gmail.com*) to Karen Avery (*BKAvery2@comcast.net*)

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Alexander Ewing who was born in 1744 in Muff, County Donegal, Ireland and died in 1832 in Glentouger, County Donegal, Ireland. One of his sons, John Ewing, died in 1843, and one of John's sons was Alexander John Ewing, born 1822 and died 1910. I can trace Alexander to me¹ but can't go further back. Can you help?

Response by Karen Avery (*BKAvery2@comcast.net*)

I have spent some time working with your lineage in the U.S. Federal Census, and I have some questions. [By the way, I found a couple of people on the internet also working on this line. I am attempting to get in touch with them.]

¹ see page 67

I am puzzled about the 1930 census of your grandparents, Bertram and Leona. They are living in Boston, both are working and they live, together, as lodgers with several others in a large home. Bertram was age twenty-six and Leona was age twenty-three. In the column where it asks for 'age when married', those same ages are given.

My question concerns your father, Harvey, for whom I have a birth date of January 4, 1924. With whom was he living in 1930 at age six since he was not with his parents?

Do you have hard-copy documents showing dates of birth, marriage or death? Are you lucky enough to have a family Bible or other treasures handed down through your family?

Response by Steven Craig Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

My grandfather, Bertram, got my grandmother, Alice Conkling, pregnant in 1923 with my father Harvey who was born in 1924. They were 'forced' to marry by my maternal great-grandfather, J. Sterling Conkling, in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. About a year after my father, Harvey, was born, Bertram and Alice had another son, Robert Thayer Ewing. I believe that Uncle Bob was born in Pittsburg. The story goes that at the time of Bob's birth Bertram disappeared.

My father never knew his father; he was raised by his mother and grandparents in Fairhaven with a temporary move to California for a few years. I tracked Bertram down to Pittsfield, New Hampshire where he died in 1981. I didn't find this out until 1995. I spoke with his stepdaughter and found that he had remarried, without divorcing my grandmother. His second wife, also deceased, was Blanche E. Poitras. That should help explain why Bertram was not living with his sons and wife in 1926. I had never heard of the Leona you mention.

There is much more to this story. Someday maybe I'll get a chance to tell you. For now I'm just trying to find out where my Ewing ancestors came from. I've got the Cargills, my mother's family, back to Perthshire in the 1400s.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I didn't mean to pry! Many thanks for being frank about your grandfather's life. These things happened though – probably more than we know. Regardless, it looks like you have a marvelous family. I recently found the obituary for your mother² and could feel the love within your family through it. My deepest sympathy to you and your loved ones.

I am very pleased to hear you have joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Your Y-DNA test results should give you needed help in discovering more about your Ewing family in Ireland. It may also help the entire Ewing 'forest' since you know exactly where your ancestors lived.

Response by Steven Craig Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Thanks for your kind words. My mother was a saint.

I never felt you were prying about my grandfather, Bertram. I'm not ashamed of him; just sympathetic and curious.

² see page 79

How would you recommend I proceed to try and track my Irish/Scottish ancestors? Should I go to Irish sources? My mother's family, the Cargills, came from Scotland through Ireland. Maybe the Ewings did also. Maybe not. Should I hire a genealogist to dig into it? I don't have a lot of free time or I would try myself. What do you suggest? But I don't want to wear out my welcome, I'm sure you have lots of other stuff to do.

By the way, I have sent in my Y-DNA test sample.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I am enjoying working with you, and you have not worn out your welcome! I will be looking forward to the results of your Y-DNA test. Thanks so being so prompt to do the test.

I've made contact with distant relatives of yours and gave them your email address. They are David Scott Jayes (I think he goes by Scott) and his wife, Holly. They may be contacted at HJayes@insight.rr.com. Scott shares Alexander John Ewing (1822-1910) with you as an ancestor.

It is thought that most Ewing families left Scotland and spent time in Ireland – some for many decades. For the most part, they did not marry Irish lassies, but kept marriages among themselves. The *Ewing Family Association* plans to order selected records from Scotland and Ireland, in hopes of uncovering previously unknown information about the Ewings' ancestries.

Since you are so lucky to know the villages where your lines lived in Ireland, you might want to hire a genealogist in County Donegal.

Response by Steven Craig Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

It's always exciting to receive news from you! Thanks for connecting me with some distant relatives.

By the way, I am not a big computer guy. It's hard for me to stare at a screen too long. Spending 40-plus years working on the water probably doesn't help.

My wife, Claudia, and I just spent two weeks in Scotland. Our interest in family history got peaked. Here's a short poem I've written to capture some thoughts resulting from the trip.

Home (Steven Craig Ewing, 2011)

So heist the sails / And cast her off / We're free / As we can be
Leave the mainland / Far behind / And head her / Out to sea
Forget the stragglers / Let 'em stay / Set the course / In stone
Do not waver / Do not stray / Steer her straight / For home

I thought you'd get a kick out of something Scotland dragged out of me.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

The poem is lovely – one of many such you have written!

I feel like I really know you – from reading your poems and reading the article written by Tom Dunlop for *Martha's Vineyard Magazine* in 2008³ with your picture. I find the Internet extremely valuable when I am able to discover materials such as this.

³ see page 70

All-in-all, your life is amazing and intriguing, and I do hope to meet you and Claudia some day.

Message from Steven Craig Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com) to Clan Ewen Google group (groups.google.com/group/clanewen?hl=en)

Hi from Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts.

My wife, Claudia, and I just returned from our first visit to your / my beautiful country. Now I'm hooked on my roots.

I have signed up for the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project to help get further back. My dad, Harvey, founded the Scottish Society on Martha's Vineyard. I am not big on EMail and am quite busy as a full-time dock-builder, but I have enjoyed reading your discussions, etc.

On our trip, we almost made it to castle ruins on Loch Fyne – we did make it to the Oystercatcher Restaurant, walked around Otterferry spit, and kept on walking, but did not have correct information about getting to the castle. We found out later that we should have gone to the hotel and followed the path. Next trip.

Response by Thor Ewing (thor.audaciter@googlemail.com)

Hello and welcome Steve.

Are you still waiting for your Y-DNA results? I just looked for you at the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, and I couldn't find you.

Good to hear from you, and I'm sure you'll find your way to the castle one day.

Response by Steven Craig Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Thanks for the welcome.

I sent in my Y-DNA test sample a couple of weeks ago. No results yet.

I can trace my father back to Alexander Ewing, who was born in 1744 in Muff, County Donegal, Ireland and died in 1832 in Glentouger, County Donegal, Ireland. I've traced my mother back through the Cargills, Blairgowries, Rattrays,⁴ etc. to the 1400s. I'm trying to similarly trace back through my dad's side. Hopefully, the Y-DNA test results will point in some direction.

Our Scottish Society on Martha's Vineyard organization is a low-key social group. We do a Burns Night (about 125 people show up), a 4th of July parade (with the Sutherland Pipe band from off-island), Tartan Day, etc. We don't have a website but are working on one. We have a few recent Scots-Irish immigrants in our group. It seems us Americans get into the heritage stuff more than the average Scots-Irish man/woman. This is probably jealous nostalgia or something. My dad gave me a subscription to the *Scots Magazine*⁵ many years ago that helped peak my interest.

⁴ More information about the Blairgowrie and Tattrey families and their heritage may be found at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blairgowrie_and_Rattray.

⁵ www.scotsmagazine.com

By visiting Scotland, Claudia and I were blown away by the depth of the place. Of course the blooming heather didn't hurt. I'm sure it has the usual social/political issues, but the country still has the best of most of what we've lost over here. Odd!

By the way, I don't normally use EMail except for business, but have recently found that it does have its advantages for finding and corresponding with cousins.

Alexander Ewing, Bishop of Argyll

Contributed by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

I have found, on Google Books, the 1877 *Memoir of Alexander Ewing, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles* by Alexander J. Ross.⁶ It begins with this:

Alexander Ewing was born on the 25th of March, 1814, in Old Castle Street, Aberdeen, but the home of his ancestors lay far away on the banks of Loch Fyne, in the immediate neighbourhood of which, in a later day, his own hospitable but modest mansion was to be found. The "clan" from which he traced his descent claims as its progenitors the Ewen de Ergadia, King Ewen, Eugenius, and others, who have special mention both in local and general history. For originally the forms of the family name which he inherited were Ewen, Ewene, or Ewin; and as probable indications of the vitality and far-reaching ramifications of the tribe thus designated, it may be noted that in the English Domesday Book we meet with allodial Ewings--who are presumed to be Celts with the patronymic Anglicised, while the Welsh Owens, who indeed are Ewenes according to the Cymry pronunciation, have the same armorial bearings as the Caledonian House which in due course of time was to number among its sons the Bishop of Argyll...

...In becoming Bishop of Argyll and the Isles he had come to "dwell among his own people." The oldest traditions, however, of that branch of the Ewene stock with which the bishop was more immediately connected relate, not to Loch Fyne, but to Loch Lomond, in Dumbartonshire...In this region some Ewenes, become Ewings now, established themselves, and of the House of Balloch Alexander Ewing was a lineal descendant.

I am not sure that he was awarded arms, but if so I should dearly love to have a look at them, and to know just what Ross is talking about when he says, "... Welsh Owens ... have the same armorial bearings as the Caledonian House which in due course of time was to number among its sons the Bishop of Argyll ..." Does this mean that he was among those awarded arms or only that he was a member of the Clan? I suppose there is a way to look up whether a person of this period had arms and what they looked like, but I do not know how to do it. He lived from 1814 to 1873 and became Bishop of Argyll in 1847, so that should narrow things down a bit. And what about this claim that the Welsh Owens have armorial bearings similar to "the Caledonian House?" The cheesy coat-of-arms finder online turns up arms for Owens that look nothing like either *Audaciter!* or *Riveresco*.

⁶ tinyurl.com/BishopOfArgyll

Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Dairy Company

Reprinted from the Scotsman Newspaper⁷

Editor's Note: This is a review of a book by William 'Bill' Scott an excerpt from which appeared in Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pages 11-14.

He founded the Buttercup Dairy company, which had 250 shops at its peak, but Andrew Ewing's story did not always have a happy ending.

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HE CHANGED the face of Scotland's high streets and was one of the most successful entrepreneurs of his time, but few today would recognise the name Andrew Ewing. His life story is one of riches to rags, for Ewing died virtually penniless, having given away almost all he owned.

As the founder of the Buttercup Dairy empire, Ewing made an important contribution to history. But, as the shops disappeared from our streets, so too did their story.

Only those with very long memories would today recall a retail empire that, at its peak, boasted 250 shops across Scotland, employing hundreds. The Buttercup Dairy's livery was near-ubiquitous in much of Scotland's Central Belt and lasted more than 60 years. But ultimately this is a story of a successful business that was eventually undone by the generosity of its founder as much as by increased competition and bad luck.

It was while doing family research that Bill Scott, the author of The Buttercup – The Remarkable Story of Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Company, realised how little information remained about Ewing. As a devout Christian, Ewing decided that all eggs laid on a Sunday were to be donated to charity. Given the farm's capacity, this amounted to a staggering five million per year.

Scott grew up on Ewing's enormous Corstorphine poultry farm, nicknamed Hen City, where many family members also lived and worked. His mother worked as a poultry assistant and farmhand, and his aunts were Ewing's housekeepers.

His grandmother, grandfather, uncle and great uncle were also employed there. "There was quite a tribe and most of it stemmed from Andrew Ewing's decision to take my grandfather and Uncle Tom out of the pits in 1934 and give them 'clean jobs' at the Buttercup," says Scott.

Ewing was born near Stoneykirk, near Stranraer, in 1869. Following his father's death the family moved to Dundee. It was here that he started work as an apprentice grocer. The talented lad was soon promoted to manager and he began to harbour ambitions to run his own business. In 1894 he opened his first, a grocer's named simply "A. Ewing. Grocer".

It didn't take Ewing long to see that the future lay in multiples – chains as we know them now – and following four years of planning and investment, the Buttercup Dairy Company was born.

The first shop opened at 136 Commercial Street, Kirkcaldy, in 1904. This was followed closely by Bowhill and, by 1905, Ewing had established his head office in Elbe Street, Leith.

⁷ www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotsman-magazine/features/he Founded the buttercup dairy company which had 250 shops at its peak but andrew ewing s story did not always have a happy ending_1_1817822

Stores opened in Edinburgh from 1908 and the empire grew at an average rate of 15 units per year, numbering 250 at its peak. Rapid expansion led to a new head office and depot opening in Easter Road, Leith, in 1915.

Ewing was married by then, and he and his wife, Nellie, lived in Wardie Road, close to his headquarters.

The Buttercup shops were part of daily life and those who remember them do so with great affection. Having an eye for design, and taking particular pride in his window displays, Ewing collaborated with architect James Davidson Cairns to create the Buttercup image, which was captured on ceramic tiles. The centrepiece depicted a fresh-faced little girl holding a buttercup under the chin of a cow. This became an intrinsic part of the brand and some of the tiles, designed by Glasgow firm James Duncan, survive today.

The stores were almost always staffed by women. They sold a range of high-quality produce, including eggs, butter, margarine and condensed milk. Eggs were eventually supplied by Ewing's Clermiston Mains poultry farm, which spanned 86 acres and housed 200,000 laying hens. In his book Scott refers to this Scotsman account of a 1930 visit by the World Poultry Congress: "Even the American visitors, who are accustomed to 'big' things in the States, were impressed by the immensity of the Clermiston Mains enterprise."

The farm employed around 100 staff at its peak. Again, these were largely women, who were considered more beneficial because of a natural maternal instinct. There was a strict dress code and no girl was allowed to have her hair bobbed in the flapper style of the day.

Ewing was by now one of the wealthiest businessmen in Scotland. He lived in a large house set within extensive grounds at Clermiston Mains in Edinburgh. There he indulged his passion for cars, particularly the luxurious Belgian Minerva, popular among the British elite in the 1920s.

But, despite his wealth and standing, Ewing was generous and thoughtful, strongly committed to following his Baptist faith. "I prefer not to use the word philanthropist to describe Andrew," says Scott, "because this usually describes someone who through the act of giving also enjoys the prestige of being recognised. Andrew strongly believed that giving was something you did in secret."

In fact, piecing the together the Ewing story was not easy for Bill Scott and the book represents four years of research. Much came anecdotally from Ewing family members, Buttercup workers and their relatives. "The story was close to my heart, and someone said to me it was the best way to write a book," he says. "I just felt that the story needed to be told, and that if I didn't do it, it would probably be lost forever.

"Much of the book is based on e-mails, letters and interviews. It's an unusual way to obtain information, but there was very little written down. In order to progress, I placed appeals in local papers across Scotland, asking for information and help."

As responses started to pour in, Scott recognised the book's potential. Not only were Ewing's relatives willing to help, there were also former employees happy to contribute. Many had felt the same as Scott, that this was an important part of history that deserved more attention. He was also able to draw on personal reminiscences, striving at all times for authenticity to ensure he did the great man justice.

A significant factor in the lack of information was Ewing himself, says Scott. An incredibly private man, Ewing lived by a strict Baptist faith and much of his charity work was done secretly. "In the

Bible it says that if you give in secret, God will reward you, and this was a core part of Andrew's beliefs.

"Andrew kept himself to himself, and had few photographs taken. When I visited the church where he is buried, the minister had never even heard of him."

Scott himself has fond memories of the great man. "Although I was very young when I lived at Clermiston Mains, it had a deep and lasting impact on me. From a very young age, I was aware that Andrew Ewing had taken my grandfather out of the pit, when he was ill. My parents and grandparents thought the world of him and I was regularly regaled with tales of 'Mr Ewing', which were often humorous and inevitably involved some act of generosity.

"Andrew Ewing was in his eighties when I knew him and had obviously mellowed with old age. For us children, he was our very own 'Mr Chips', and invariably we would each receive half a crown whenever we encountered him on his afternoon walk. If we were particularly lucky, he would send us down to the 'Big House' for ice-cream – a rare treat in the early 1950s."

The Depression signalled the start of a decline for the business. Competition was also a major factor, with the amalgamation of rivals, Home & Colonial, the Maypole Dairy and Liptons. Ewing's attitude to business also became problematic. His often stated wish to die a poor man and frequent donations to charity hindered the struggling business. By the mid-1930s Ewing had given away or sold most of his shares, and the company was severely in debt.

The problems were compounded by a devastating fire in 1936 which caused £40,000 of damage and effectively put an end to the poultry business. Over 40 stores were closed in the years immediately after and by the 1950s less than 30 remained.

Ewing, who never had children, passed away in August 1956 following a coronary thrombosis. As he had wished, he died with virtually nothing, his company worth little.

The young and able businessman, John Noble, was appointed managing director following the death, and set about improving the company's finances. The cold store business was sold to Christian Salvesen in 1964 but he was unable to save the shops. The last of the Buttercup Dairy stores closed its doors in Edinburgh in 1965.

The Buttercup – The remarkable story of Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Company is published by Leghorn Books at £9.95.

Edley Ewing (1778-1847/48) – A Y-DNA Testing Success Story

Contributed by William Myrl Ewing (Bill.Norma@cox.net)

August 21, 2011

William Riddle
Journal Editor
Ewing Family Association

Greetings Bill.

Here's an interesting item you might enjoy. As you probably know, we're about to celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, a war so unimportant that they couldn't bother giving it a proper name. I am attaching the record of my great³-grandfather, Edley Ewing, who participated in this war. He was a Private in Captain Philip Pipkins Company of Mounted Riflemen, Col. N. T. Perkins Regiment of West Tennessee Mounted Militia. But that's not the story here.

I am descended from William Ewing of Rockingham through Andrew Ewing of Nashville, Tennessee. We knew that Andrew had raised Edley but he never referred to him as his son and he did not receive a share of Andrew's will. This puzzled genealogists for years. We thought he might have been adopted or in Chancellor David Ewing's words, an 'NPE' (Non-Parental Event). The preeminent American Ewing genealogist, Margaret (Ewing) Fife, wrote me that Edley was probably a child of a brother who died and Andrew brought him up. My father thought Andrew might have disinherited Edley, or Edley could have moved away and Andrew didn't know where he was. In 2007, Homer Norton Ewin, Jr. joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project [participant HN]. It had been

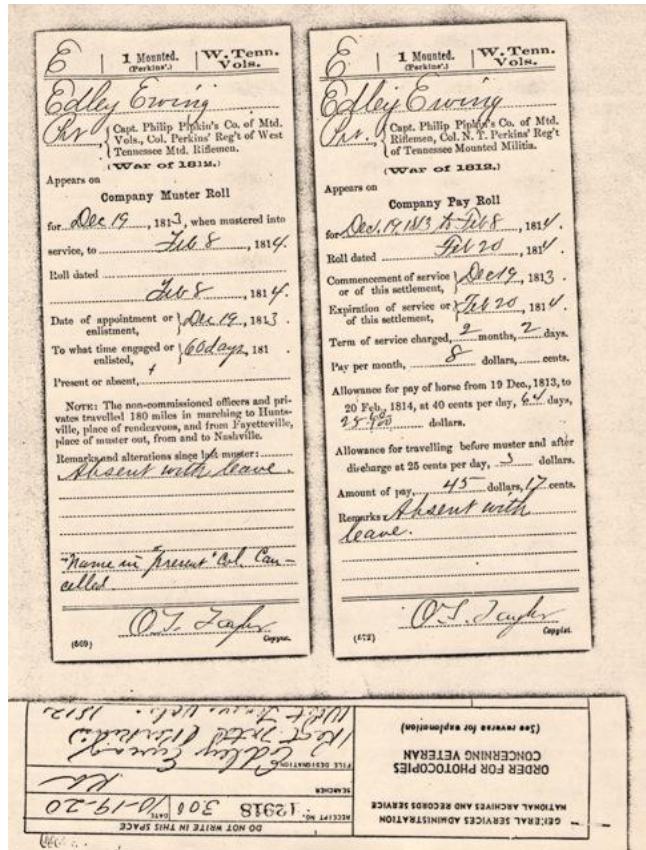
established that Homer was definitely descended from William Ewing of Rockingham and Homer and I have the same Y-DNA. That meant that Edley was also in the same line. So once again, DNA has proved a great benefit to mankind and Grandfather Edley has done us proud.

Warmest regards,

William M. Ewing

Member #166

Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Participant WM



Floyd M. Ewing (1918-2006) – Obituary

Contributed by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Floyd M. Ewing – Dec. 22, 1918 - Aug. 22, 2006

Floyd M. Ewing, 87, of South Bend, IN, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center of South Bend.

Floyd was born Dec. 22, 1918, in Hamlet, Indiana, to Albert and Cora Ewing.

On July 4, 1998, in Hollytree, Ala., he married Betty Jane Dawson-Barrier, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Barbara Young of South Bend, Indiana; two sons, Floyd (Delis) Ewing Jr. of South Bend and James "Jim" and Jackie Ewing of Avondale, Ariz.; two stepdaughters, Nancy (Roger) Ackley of Mishawaka and Carol Anderson of Hollytree, Ala.; one stepson, Kenneth (Christine) Barrier of South Bend; five grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, 17 step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Floyd enjoyed camping at Mini Mountain, was a member of the Roseland Democratic Club, American Legion Post 50 of South Bend, and was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 360 in Mishawaka.

Friends are calling Friday, August 25, 2006, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (two hours prior to services). Services will then be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2006, in the McGann Hay, Morning Star Funerals and Cremations, 21275 W. Cleveland Road, South Bend, Indiana. Cremation will follow.

George M. Ewing (1911/12-2009) – Obituary

Contributed by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

George M. Ewing Sr. Kind and generous soul; CANANDAIGUA [New York]

George M. Ewing Sr., age 87, of Thad Chapin Street, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua. He is survived by two sons, George M. (Meg) Ewing Jr. of Canandaigua and Thomas M. Ewing (Cindy Ritter) of New Hampshire; five grandchildren, Patrick, Brendan, Cameron, Claire and Ross; sister-in-law, Ruth D. Ewing of New Hampshire; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife, M.M. Ewing, in 2002; and brother, James D. Ewing, in 2002. Mr. Ewing was born in Morristown, N.J. and was the son of Oscar and Helen (Dennis) Ewing. He was raised in Summit, N.J. and Riverdale, N.Y. He was a graduate of the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, class of 1940. Mr. Ewing earned a bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University in 1944. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. After the war, he worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington D.C. for a few years. In 1951 he married M.M. Hubbard in Middleburg, Va. He took a job in sales in White Plains, N.Y., working for a window manufacturer. In 1955 he and his wife and sons moved to Mountainview, Calif., where he worked for the Mountainview Register newspaper. In 1959 he and his family moved to Canandaigua and Mr. Ewing purchased The Daily Messenger. He was the publisher and editor there until 1992 when his son George Jr. was named publisher and he remained editor. He continued his role as editor until 2007 when the newspaper was sold. Mr. Ewing was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua, American Society of Newspaper Editors, New York Associated Dailies and Canandaigua Kiwanis Club since 1959. In 1986 Mr. Ewing was named Mr. Canandaigua. He was the driving force in establishing affordable senior housing in Canandaigua. His efforts led to the development of 40 Wilcox Lane and 80 Parrish Street Apartments, both facilities for senior housing. He was also a vital proponent in the establishment of Finger Lakes Community College. Mr. Ewing was the honorary chairperson for the current Canandaigua Salvation Army Building Fund. He was also involved with other civic and cultural organizations, including Garth Fagan Dance, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and WXXI public broadcasting. Mr. Ewing traveled extensively throughout the world. He enjoyed fly

fishing, sailing, tennis and spending his summers in the Adirondacks. He was an avid and perpetually frustrated San Francisco Giants baseball fan. Mr. Ewing will be sadly missed, but joyfully remembered. There will be no calling hours. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Friday, October 2, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 183 N. Main St., Canandaigua. ... Arrangements are by Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home Inc., Canandaigua.

Henry Ewing (1736/1740-c1796) m. Elizabeth Glenn (1739/48-c1815)

From David Brian Ewing (ewingsnc@aol.com)

Henry Ewing (born 1740) married Elizabeth Glenn. I am descended from their son James Ewing Sr. (c1771-1855) who married Elizabeth Wilson (c1772-b1850) from Wheeling, West Virginia. I am interested in any additional information on other descendants of Henry and Elizabeth. I am currently having challenges connecting Henry to the Strabane area and other Ewings in that part of Ireland.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Hopefully we can help in your quest to learn more about your ancestors who were born in Ireland in the mid-1700s. Unfortunately my records do not go beyond Henry and wife Elizabeth (Glenn) Ewing. I do have some notes that I can share with you and perhaps together we can iron out some conflicting data in my records. This couple did have a large number of descendants. It is believed that both Henry Ewing and his wife, Elizabeth Glenn, were born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. They died in Marshall County, West Virginia.

Please let me know your lineage from Henry and Elizabeth so that I can place you in the proper line in my database.

We have three men who are in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project who believe they descend from Henry and Elizabeth (Glenn) Ewing. One is Albert Leon 'Ab' Ewing (participant AL) from Cecil Co., Maryland. Participants AL, WE (Wilbur Earl 'Buck' Ewing Jr.) and JC2 (James Charles Ewing) are in group 2d.

I'm pleased to see that you have joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, as participant DB, and have been added to Group 2d.

Further Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Here are some additional thoughts:

- You should consult *Burke's Peerage*, Charles Mosley (Editor) at www.burkespeerage.com (compiler of website: Darryl Lundy, darryl@thepeerage.com).
- I don't think you yet have data about Wilbur Earl 'Buck' Ewing Jr. (Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant WE) in your data. You can find his lineage at
dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/WE_Wilbur%20Earl%20Ewing,%20Jr..pdf.
 He descends from the eldest son of Nathaniel Fulton and Martha Salsman (Graham) Ewing, Orange Kelso Ewing (1872-1947).
- Another of your cousins sent a query to me. His name is Cody C. Ewing; his father is Joseph Holmes Ewing, (c1936-?); and his grandfather is Lawrence M. Ewing Sr. (c1915-1989). You may be able to reach Cody at Cody.C.Ewing@gmail.com.

Further Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

You probably already have this, but if not, here are my notes about Edwin C. Ewing (born 1853 in Wheeling, West Virginia):

Men of West Virginia⁸

The ancestry of the Ewing family may be traced back to HENRY and ELIZABETH (GLENN) EWING, both natives of Ireland. The former was born on Lord Albercorn's estate in County Tyrone.

JOHN EWING, who was born in the North of Ireland in 1782, came to this country with his father between 1795 and 1797, and twelve years was located in Maryland, where he worked at the trade of cooper and carried on farming. He came to Wheeling [West Virginia] in November, 1808, and took out naturalization papers while Moses W. Chapline was clerk of the Circuit Court. In 1812 he joined the state militia and went to the MAUMEE RIVER, under General Harrison. Later he received a commission ensign in the 4th Regiment, which he retained several years. His brother, Capt. JAMES EWING, distinguished himself in the service during the War of 1812, and died in 1836.

JAMES [Madison] EWING, father of [Edwin C. 'E. C.] was born in Wheeling, December 30, 1814, and first worked at book binding and job printing under J. Fisher & Son. After twelve or thirteen years he engaged in the same business with his brother, WILLIAM, and in 1863 established prosperous business of his own at No. [missing] Twelfth Street. He retired some years before his death, which occurred in October, 1889, at the age of seventy-five years. He was united in marriage in May, 1842, with MARY [LUKENS], second daughter of Abraham Lukens, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is descended from the illustrious Penn family. She was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died August 19, 1901, at the family home, No. 120 Fifteenth Street, Wheeling. This union was blessed by the birth of four sons and one daughter, as follows: JOHN [HENRY] who resides at the home place; LUKENS, who died in infancy; WILLIAM L. , who is manager of the St. Louis department of the Wheeling Corrugating Company and resides at St. Louis [Missouri]; E. C. , the youngest son; and ANNIE, who is single and resides at No. 120 Fifteenth Street, Wheeling. Mr. Ewing was a member of the city council, board of education, and held other offices. He was a democrat in politics.

E. C. Ewing attended the public schools, and later Linsly Institute, and began his business career with the Whitaker Iron Company in 1870. In 1890 the Wheeling Corrugating Company was organized by the men interested in the Whitaker Iron Company, and Mr. Ewing became the president of the new concern. He served in that capacity until April, 1901, when he retired from active business life for the time being. He has resided at his present home at Leatherwood for the past eight years.

Mr. [Edwin C.] Ewing was united in marriage with MARGARET W. BELL, a daughter of Joseph Bell, and a native of Wheeling. Mr. Bell is eighty-one years of age,[in 1903] and has been a prominent business man of the city. Three sons were born of this union, namely: JOSEPH, who died at the age of nine years; NELSON J. , aged fourteen years; and WYLIE B. , aged eleven years. Politically, Mr. Ewing is a Republican, but has never accepted office.

Religiously, he favors the Episcopal church, although reared a Presbyterian.

⁸ Biographical Publishing Co. (Chicago), 1903 (available online at: www.archive.org/stream/menwestvirginia00compgoo/menwestvirginia00compgoo_djvu.txt)

Further Information from David Brian Ewing (ewingsnc@aol.com)

I am heading to Wheeling, West Virginia on Monday and plan to take pictures of the Fairhill Homestead property and Ewing Family Cemetery. I have also successfully tracked down the owner of the commissioning orders for James Ewing as well as his family Bible and militia commanders logbook from the War of 1812. I am waiting on copies of those documents. My data on the children of Henry and Elizabeth come from an account prepared by James Dallas Ewing. The account provides names of their children and helped me in finding their burial location as well.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Your planned trip to Wheeling sounds very exciting and I look forward to pictures and a report on all your findings. It is obvious that you have some great stories to tell. Members of *EFA* will love hearing them via the *Journal*.

It is also with great pleasure that I find you are in Group 2d in the Y-DNA project – my direct line also falls into group 2. The mention in the note I sent about Edwin C. Ewing talking about the Maumee River fits in with the fact that some of my lineage also fought there in the War of 1812. Ft. Meigs is in the Perrysburg area but was not built until 1813. Family tradition says that some of my relatives served with Commodore Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie. One young boy of our line was said to have been a cabin boy for Commodore Perry although this has not yet been proven.

My direct Ewing line settled just across the road along the Maumee River in Paulding Co., Ohio from after the end of the Civil War until about 1940. My Mother and her siblings were born and raised there.

Further Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Albert Leon 'Ab' Ewing (1919-2007) showed those who attended the gathering in Cecil Co., Maryland in 2004 his farm and property. When my cousins, Beth (Ewing) Toscos, Jane (Ewing) Weippert and I first saw Ab we were astounded by the fact that he could have been an identical twin to our Uncle Elmer. Beth and Jane's father is Raymond Charles Ewing, participant RC in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's Group 2b.

Further Information from David Brian Ewing (ewingsnc@aol.com)

Information about and pictures of the Ewing Family Cemetery on the Fairhill Homestead in West Virginia are posted on the Internet at www.lindapages.com/marshall/cemetery/ewingcem.htm.

And here is an interesting read:

James Rogers Ewing
407 Aspen Street
Englewood, FL 34223-6112

May 2, 1993

*David R. Ewing
5638 SW Hawick Lane
Topeka, KS 66614-4174*

Dear Cousin David,

Thank you for your letter of 27 April regarding Ewing genealogy. Since you have access to Clan Ewing of Scotland by E.W.R. Ewing⁹ and I have a copy of the book, I shall use it as a reference in this letter.

My partonymic Ewing ancestry is set forth in the chapter beginning on page 344. The James W. Ewing quoted in that chapter was my father. I was born in and lived in Wheeling until I retired and my wife's health forced a move to Florida.

Regarding the motto "Hang your Banner on the Outer Wall" appearing on the coat of arms which has descended in our branch of the family, there is a tradition that it was added during the siege of Londonderry. Since it is only 15 miles from the center of Strabane to the walls of Londonderry, it is most probable that the Presbyterian Ewings of Strabane environs fled to Londonderry for protection when the forces of James II reached the area. The tradition may well be true.

Henry Ewing was a tenant farmer on the lands of the Earl of Abercorn, about a mile from Strabane. Of course, the Earl of Abercorn owned, and his heir still does own, almost one-half of the country-side, not including cities, in Northern Ireland. I have been in contact with the manager of the estates and am told that no records exist for the era prior to 1800. My family emigrated because they wanted to own their land. I can find out nothing about the ancestry of Henry Ewing, but I have a complete run-down of the descendants.

I have visited Scotland and Ulster several times in my search. I have talked to Sir Ronald Orr Ewing¹⁰ of Cardross House, Port of Monteith by Stirling, the present head of the Ewing family in Scotland. He confirms that the seat of the ancient Ewings was at Balloch at the south end of Loch Lomond and that their lands extended south and east from there. He still owns a large area to the east. The "Craigtown" shown in the banner of the arms (p. 360) was a separate entity but is now in the northern limits of Glasgow.

The geography shows that the Ewings were not highlanders but, rather were lowland Scots. However it seems that all of the Ewings in America came from this Clan. Except, of course, Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks.

⁹ ¹⁰ Ewing, Elbert William R. *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Corben Publishing Co. (Ballston, Virginia), 1922. Available for purchase from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online, at no cost at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingEWR/index_ewr.htm.

¹⁰ Information about the Orr-Ewings appears in an article in the last issue of the *Journal*: Orr Ewing, Christian. Orr Ewing History, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), pp. 3-7. This article will soon be posted to the *Ewing Family Association* website: www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

Now, to get my ancestry and yours closer to each other. I have a branch of Ewings on my mother's side.

Samuel Ewing settled in what later became Adams County, PA, and acquired land southeast of Gettysburg and extending north from the Maryland line. He died on that farm, survived by several children. He had come from Cecil County, MD, and was moving west. From other writings, I have concluded that he is the same Samuel Ewing mentioned in the penultimate line of page 150 of [E.W.R. Ewing's] Clan Ewing [of Scotland]. He did not get to the Redstone Country (now Brownsville, PA) but stopped east of the mountains.

Chapter XXIII, page 230 et. seq, refers to a son of this Samuel Ewing. The son was John Samuel Ewing, frequently called "Little Sam", born 1760,¹¹ served in the 7th Pennsylvania in the Revolution, married Margaret Townsley (see p. 163) who was a sister of John Townsley, a neighbor who served in the same Regiment.¹² After John Ewing's death in 1830 his widow moved close to her brother in Greene County, Ohio. Xenia is the county seat, and they lived near Cedarville. John and Margaret Ewing's daughter, Margaret, born 1895, married her first cousin Alexander Townsley on Jan. 12, 1813. He was the son of John Townsley. So we have a Margaret Townsley Ewing (Mrs. John) and a Margaret Ewing Townsley (Mrs. Alexander).

Alexander and Margaret had, among others, a daughter named Minerva. She married George Jackson and they had a daughter Martha Joanna. This entire family continued to live in the Cedarville area and were staunch United Presbyterians.

Martha Joanna Jackson, born 1850, married James P. Rogers of Wheeling, West Virginia. Their daughter Elizabeth Johnston Rogers, married James W. Ewing and she was my mother and he my father.

That should be confusing enough for one letter.

James Ewing, born 1772 near Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland, landed at Baltimore on January 7, 1789, the day that George Washington was elected President. The election had been postponed from November 1788 awaiting ratification of the new Constitution by the required number of states. He went to Cecil County and lived with relatives. There must have

been trans-Atlantic communication to arrange this but no record has been located. He married there and had enough money saved that, when he moved to Wheeling in 1798, he bought a house. He later sold it and moved to a farm. He died on that farm.

Sincerely,

James Rogers Ewing

James Rogers Ewing

¹¹ Margaret Ewing Fife, on page 326 in:

Fife, Margaret (Ewing) (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org

gives the date of birth of John (son of Samuel and Rachel) as 1769-70 rather than 1760 as E.W.R. Ewing stated. Ms. Fife further states that applicants to the D.A.R. and S.A.R. also suggested the 1760 date

¹² Additional information about the Townsleys and their inter-marriage with Ewings may be found in the James Ewing of Inch genealogy posted to the *Ewing Family Association* website at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/James_of_Inch/index.htm.

Response by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

This letter is especially interesting to me because the John Samuel Ewing who married Margaret Townsley is my great³-grandfather. I think I have sent you a link to my lineage before, but here it is again: dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/DN_David%20Neal%20Ewing.pdf.

If you are still in touch with James Rogers Ewing, I would be very interested in talking with him to see what more he knows about this family. Already I have learned things I did not know – for example that this John Ewing's middle name was Samuel.

By the way, like James Rogers Ewing, I also have a second Ewing line via my paternal grandmother's maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Booker Ewing. She moved into Neosho County, Kansas from Paris, Illinois with her husband William Miller and her brother Francis M. Ewing just after the Civil War.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

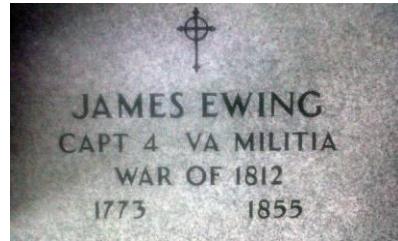
The letter you sent is very interesting, but contains several errors. Quoting from E.W.R. Ewing's book is where the problems come from. We – the *EFA* – know there are errors in the book. One day when someone has time, additional updated information will be added to the copy we have placed on our website.

I've worked on this all day and can't yet make the connection to the two Ewing family lines of which the writer, James Rogers Ewing, speaks. Perhaps you can straighten me out?

By the way, according to my records the writer, James Rogers Ewing, was born August 1916 and died January 3, 2000. David R. Ewing of Topeka, Kansas was born November 1918, but I find no record of his death.

Further Information from David Brian Ewing (ewingsnc@aol.com) sent November 11, 2011 to Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net) and several others

This Veteran's Marker is about 150 years overdue; it arrived this week just before Veteran's Day. I plan to have it placed out at Sandhill Cemetery, the closest cemetery to the old homestead, next to his son William's marker. Enjoy the rest of your Veteran's Day weekend and make sure you say a prayer and thank you to our troops that continue to serve our country today. Thanks again to each of you as well for your contributions and assistance with our family tree.

**James Ewing (1776-1855)****Query by Nikki (imotive8u) to rootsweb (<boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2042/mb.ashx>)**

From records from York County, Pennsylvania I have learned the following regarding James Ewing (1776-1855)::

Ref: U-196

Will written: 22 July 1846

Probated: 17 January 1855

Executor: Agness Ewing, wife and John Ewing, son

Property: Farm balled (called?) Creek Place

Children: John Ewing – son of first wife

From Register of Wills Office:

James Ewing occupation: Farmer

Died: 4 Jan 1855 aged 78y 11m at Fawn TWP

Buried: Prospect Church

Father: Alexander

Mother: Frances

Spouse: Agnes

Death certified by Agnes (her x mark) Ewing, Fawn TWP

I am looking for information on the son, John Ewing.

Response by Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan@att.net*)

Was your John's wife's name Margaret? I have some notes from cemetery records for a John (born 1825) and Margaret (born 1824) buried in same cemetery (Gatchetville) as both James and Alexander Ewing. Both of the latter persons died in 1855.

Response by Nikki (imotive8u)

Yes, his wife is Margaret. I was in York about five or six years ago trying to track the ever elusive Ewing's. I found that John and Margaret are buried within seventy-five feet of James and Alexander, but I have not been able to prove that there is a relationship between them.

Response by Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan@att.net*)

Because you already have the cemetery inscriptions, there may not be much help I can give you. I've now read some of your older queries, and have a better idea about your John and Margaret, and with this information, I'll leaf through some of my notes to see whether anything clicks. I've been looking at these people for many years, as I've hoped my own problems might be solved in the area, but, like you, sorting them out proves difficult!

By the way, I am also interested in the Ebaughs and the Danners, partly across the state line in Maryland.

James L. Ewing

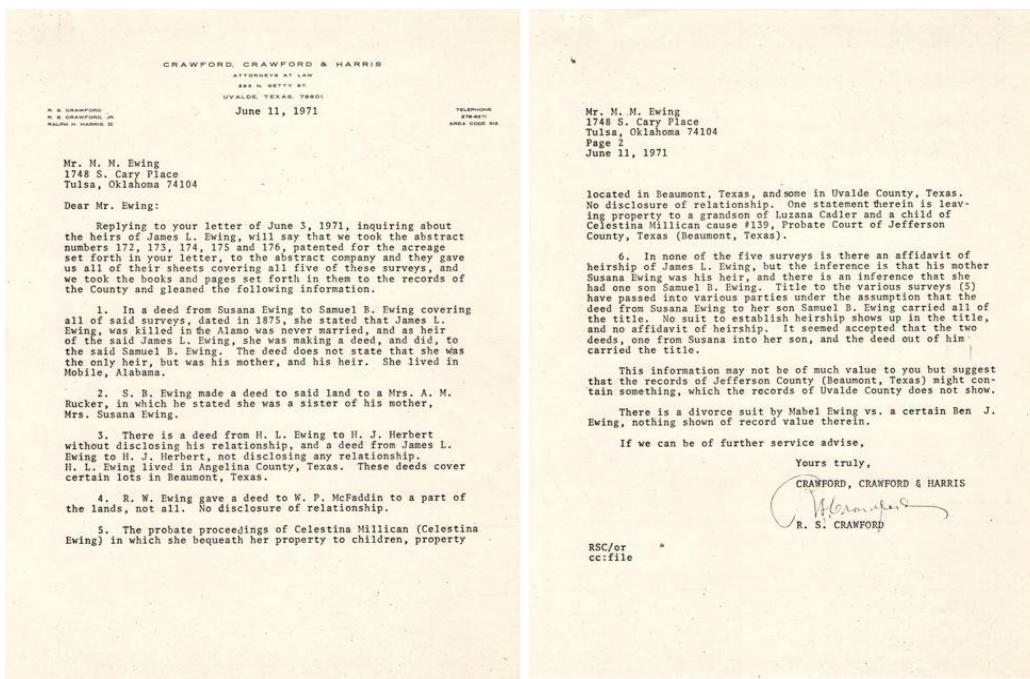
Contributed by William Myrl Ewing (*Bill.Norma@cox.net*)

According to my best calculations, Kleemann Lee Ewing¹³ and I are third cousins once removed. Our common ancestor is Wilson Edley Ewing (1800-1869). Like Kleemann, we have often wondered where the Alamo defender, James L. Ewing, fit in the clan. My father, an avid genealogist, retained a law firm, Crawford, Crawford & Harris, Uvalde, Texas in 1971 to determine who were the heirs of James L. Ewing and maybe derive a clue as to his ancestors. This is what we learned:

¹³ Information about Kleemann Lee Ewing's ancestry appears in his new-member item on page 51 of the Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011) issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.

1. James L. Ewing's mother was Susana Ewing living in Mobile, Alabama.
2. James L. Ewing was never married.
3. Susana Ewing had another son, Samuel B. Ewing

This doesn't answer our question but there may be a clue in this letter that would mean something to others.



Here's another clue from an article in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 37, (April 1934), page 258 entitled "A critical study of the siege of the Alamo and the personnel of its defenders," by Amelia Williams:

EWING, JAMES L.: Age 24; rank, private; came to Texas from Tennessee. Sources: 628, 629, 630; I Bexar, 742; Muster Rolls, pp. 2, 20; Telegraph and Texas Register, March 24, 1836.

Jennie Ewing (died 1905) – Obituary

Posted by Pam Maynard to [rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2028/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2028/mb.ashx)

[From Macon County Old Settlers Association Obituaries] According to an obit published in The Daily Review, Decatur, Illinois on 8 May 1905, pg. 10, Jennie Ewing [(Mrs. Orville Ewing)] died on the doorstep of her residence. Her death occurred on the day of her birthday. Her maiden name was Jennie Shepherd and she was a niece of D. S. Shellbarger. She was survived by one son, Percy Ewing, and a brother in Indianapolis. There were no arrangements yet at the time of the obit.

Jesse M. 'Jack' Ewing (1912-2001) – Obituary¹⁴**Contributed by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)**

Jesse M. (Jack) Ewing, 89, of Spiceland [Texas], died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at his home after having been in failing health for some time.

He was born April 10, 1912, in Albany, Ky., to the late Jesse C. and Jesse Olivia (Lollar) Ewing.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation in 1971 after 30 years of service and moved to Interlachen and eventually relocated to Spiceland in 1996. Mr. Ewing was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Army in France, Belgium and Germany and was awarded a Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Ribbon and a World War II Victory Medal. He attended the Temple Baptist Church. He loved watching sports and was an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Audie (Booher) Ewing in 1992; two infant children; grandson, Greg Ewing; brothers, Robert, Claudus, Hall and John Edwin; sisters, Martha and Mary and a sister-in-law, Elsie Hamby.

Survivors include a daughter, Sabra I. Neel of Spiceland; two sons, David H. (wife, Carole) Ewing of Interlachen and Jesse L. (wife, Leita) Ewing of Foley, Ala.; 12 grandchildren, Tim, Todd, Julie, Mike, Bart, Brett, Kurt, Sherry, Donald, Becky, Amy, Kristi, several great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Thurman Hamby of New Castle as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 20, at Masters Funeral Home of Interlachen. A graveside service will immediately follow at Pineview Cemetery of Interlachen.

John Marion Ewing**Contributed by William Myrl Ewing (Bill.Norma@cox.net)**

Here is a second Civil War letter (see next page) written by my great-grandfather, John Marion Ewing, to his wife.¹⁵

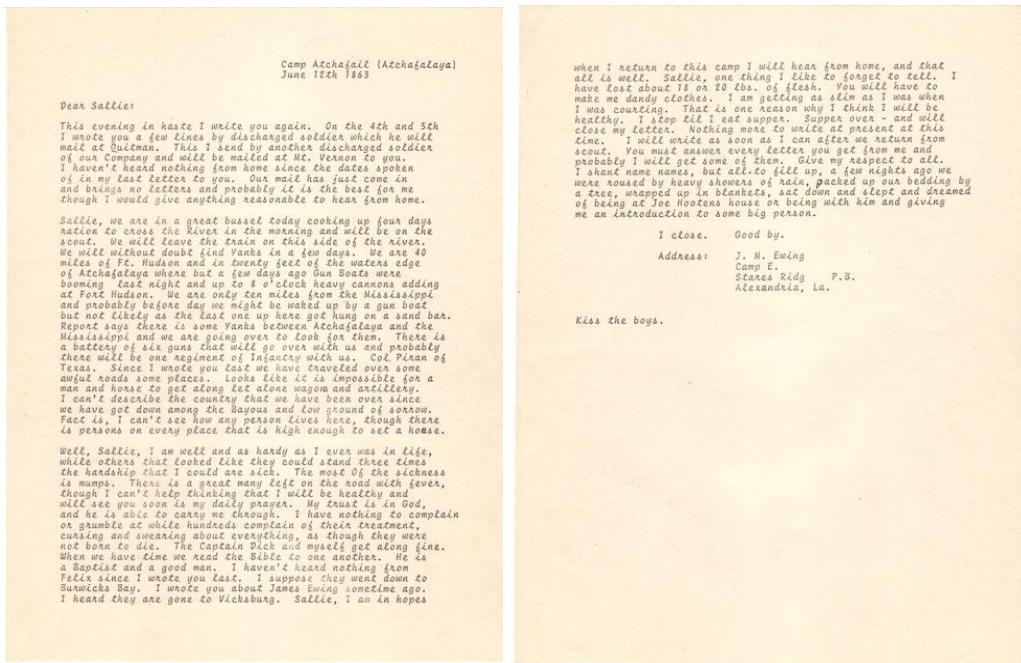
Juan Agurcia Ewing

**From Jorge Agurcia Fasquelle (J_Agurcia@yahoo.com) to David Neal Ewing
(DavidEwing93@gmail.com)**

I just bumped into your Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project website by happenstance. I was looking up some famous ancestors, like Maria Ewing, mother of actress Rebecca Hall of Frost/Nixon. What a wonderful project, congratulations.

¹⁴ The Wilson County News, Texas

¹⁵ The first of these letters appears on pages 10-12 in Vol. 16, No. 3/4 of the *Ewing Family Journal*.



As things would have it, Maria Ewing (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Ewing) is a bit of a mixture – Dutch, Amerindian, African American – like all Ewings ... Scots/Irish. I am also a mixed bag, and have the Ewing genes as well.

I am descended from James Lindsay Ewing: born 1814, Scotland; emigrated to America in the mid-1800s; married November 22, 1844 in Mobile, Alabama to Martha Ann Hunter (born August 18, 1823); and died 1866.

My father, Juan Agurcia Ewing¹⁶ was a son of Janet Ewing, a daughter of Ambassador John Ewing (1857-1923). Ambassador Ewing and his wife were from Mobile, Alabama. He served as Wilson's envoy to Honduras during WWI.

Grandma Janet married my Honduran grandfather, Ignacio Agurcia Midence. My three brothers and I are descended from that marriage and live in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. My brother Ricardo Agurcia is a successful archaeologist and Maya scholar. I am a teacher and retired banker. We were both born and raised in Honduras, studied abroad, and then returned to try to make a go of it here.

¹⁶ In the Latin culture, the matrilineal is used as a second last name. See www.asociacioncopan.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=72.

Response by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com), cc'ed to James Lindsay Ewing (JEwing@kilstock.com)

I wonder if you might be a relative of Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant James Lindsay Ewing, JL, whose great²-grandfather immigrated to Mobile from Dumbartonshire, Scotland early in the 19th century. Here is a link to his lineage:

dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/JL_James%20Lindsay%20Ewing.pdf.

I see John Ewings among the siblings in the third and fourth generations of this lineage, but I do not know any details about their lives or work.

As you know, Y-DNA is passed only in the strict paternal line, so you did not receive any of this from your mother. If you are in touch with any of your male cousins with the surname Ewing, Y-DNA testing on them would be of interest to the project and perhaps to you personally.

Gracias por escribirme. Es muy agradable encontrarme con usted.

Response by James Lindsay Ewing (JEwing@kilstock.com)

Thank you for making this connection. This sounds like the same John Ewing in my family who served as Ambassador to Honduras in the Woodrow Wilson administration. I am away from home right now but, Jorge, I can EMail you the research I have on the family lines. It all started in the U.S. when James Lindsay Ewing I came over to Mobile from Dumbarton, Scotland. I look forward to connecting with you because information on our line is pretty sparse.

Response by Jorge Agurcia Fasquelle (J_Agurcia@yahoo.com)

This is great!

Yes, indeed, I am a direct descendant of those crazy Scots that settled in the South.

Great-grandpa Ewing came down here in 1913, with three daughters as I understand it. One of the daughters married my Honduran grandfather. Another – Aunt Marg – never married. The third died with her infant son in the sinking of a steamer.

To my knowledge, though, there are no male descendants from this particular line, so Y-DNA testing would not apply in my case or for any of my family here. Shucks, and here I was, wanting to start the blood work right away.

David ... Where did you learn your Spanish? It is excellent. My English comes from a bilingual upbringing and college in the U.S.

Lizonia D. Ewing (c1854-1932) m. Henry Thom McClelland (1849-1915)

From Charles Edwards 'Chad' Snee III (ChadAJan@aol.com)

The mother of my maternal grandfather (Henry Thom McClelland Jr.) was Lizonia D. Ewing (1854-1932). She appears to be the daughter of William Ewing (born 1810) and Jane Hoey Noble (died 1856). William appears to be the son of William Ewing (born 1760) and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and the grandson of James Ewing (born c1730) and Mary McKown (born c1740).

I am also searching for Ewings connected with the Rev. Alexander Donnan family of Washington, Pennsylvania, a line of descent of my maternal grandmother, Nettie Barker (Donnan) McClelland.

Response by William E. Riddle (*Riddle@WmERiddle.com*)

I am descended from the James Ewing (1732-1825) you mention in your query. He's usually referred to as Squire James Ewing to distinguish him from the many other James Ewings who lived in the Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania area. Squire James is my great³-grandfather; you can see my heritage in my working pedigree (tinyurl.com/Riddle-WilliamEwing-Pedigree).

Karen Avery, the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* Genealogist, has asked me to respond to your query because It relates to my part of the Ewing 'forest'.

The good news is that I have a lot of information about your Ewing ancestors. The bad news is that I don't have all that much information about McClellands. The really bad news is that I don't have any information about Donnans; they have never shown up during any of my research on Ewings and families they married into.

As for McClellands: After adding what you said in your query (shown below in italics), I have the following about Lizonia Ewing's connection to the McClellands:

Lizonia D. Ewing: b. circa 1854 in PA, d. 1932

m. Henry Thom McClelland: b. 7 Jun 1849 in PA, m. 1 Feb 1883 in PA, d. 29 Apr 1915 in WV

Mary Beacom McClelland: b. 1883, d. 1937

Henry Thom McClelland Jr.

m. Nettie Barker Donnan

daughter

m. _?_ Snee

Charles Edwards Snee III

More about Lizonia's ancestry may be found at tinyurl.com/EwingJames-1732-1825 and in a genealogy for James Ewing of Inch at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/James_of_Inch. In addition, a report for the Henry Thom and Lizonia D. (Ewing) McClelland family is at tinyurl.com/McClelland-HenryAndLizonia.

I have a few other McClellands in my database:

- James McClelland (_?-?-?) m. Sarah Ewing (c1782-?-?). Sarah was a daughter of Samuel Ewing (c1744-b1793) and Rachel _?_(b1745-?-?). This Samuel was a nephew of Squire James. He may have had two wives; Rachel was his wife when he died.
- John McClelland (c1850-?-?) m. Martha Cowden (c1852-?-?)
- Margaret McClelland (_?-?-?) m. Samuel Hopper (_?-?-?)
- Nancy Agnes McClelland (1767/68-?-?) m. Robert Townsley (1765-?-?)

I do not have any information about the relationships among these McClellands or to the Henry Thom and Lizonia D. (Ewing) McClelland family (other, that is, than Sarah (Ewing) McClelland being a second cousin once removed of Lizonia).

As for the Ewings: You have essentially correct information for the Ewings you mention. This actually surprises me since the information generally available about Lizonia's father, William Ewing (c1810-c1875), is quite garbled and more often than not incorrect. This is because:

- Jane A. (Hoey) Noble (_?-1856/58) was the first wife of William Ewing (c1810-c1875). They had two children: Lizonia D. Ewing (c1854-1932) and Robert B. Ewing (c1856-a1870). William Ewing

(c1810-c1875) later married Jane Nesbit (c1824-1861) and they had four children: _?_ female Ewing (1856/60-1860), William James Ewing (1858-1941) and _?_ Ewing (1860/61-1861). Note that both of his wives apparently died in childbirth. This, and their often being cited as 'Jane N.' without saying which is intended, has led to a lot of incorrect information being published.

- William James Ewing (1858-1941) changed his name to James William Ewing shortly after the 1880 Census and a lot of the published information fails to take account of this and is therefore incorrect.
- James William Ewing (1858-1941) was a great-grandson of Squire James. He married Ida May Ewing (1861-1922) who was a great-great-granddaughter of one of Squire James' brothers, Alexander Ewing (1731-1799). James William Ewing and Ida May Ewing were third cousins once removed. Both had grandfathers named William. His was William Ewing (1771-1845); hers was William Ewing (1785-1868).

Squire James Ewing is known to be a Revolutionary War Veteran. It's not been proven, or even hypothesized, that Squire James' brother Alexander is a Revolutionary War Veteran. However, a descendant of Alexander Ewing (1731-1799) switched James William's and Ida May's grandfathers in a DAR membership application, probably by accident and somewhat blinded by her strong desire to join the DAR. Since DAR applications take on a life of their own, I suspect there are several other DAR Members who based their applications on the lineage with the two Williams switched.

I spent considerable time five years ago sorting this all out (as a favor to one of James William and Ida May (Ewing) Ewing's descendants). My full research report is available at tinyurl.com/EwingWm-1810-1875-Analysis. A shortened version, which doesn't include my detailed reasoning, is online at: www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/SW_PA_Ewings/Document_SWPA_Part_02.html.

So ... I can't provide any help w.r.t. your Donnan heritage. But I hope I've helped you nail down your Ewing heritage. And I'm quite pleased to have connected with a cousin – looks to me that you and I are fourth cousins once removed.

Further, I'm pleased with the prospect of correcting and expanding my database with McClelland information. My database has information about all the families I am related to, not just Ewings. I hope you will share information about your McClelland and other families as well as the Ewings.

Response by Chad Snee (ChadAJan@aol.com)

I have quickly read your piece on sorting out all the William Ewings ... very interesting. It helped me understand the connections of Lizonia D Ewing (*not* Lizonia). In time, I'll send more information on her and the line of descent to me, including more on the McClellands.

Regarding the potential connection between the Ewings and my Donnan line of descent, I also have had no luck finding anything definite. My curiosity was piqued by the name of my cousin Alvan Ewing Donnan, born April 1882 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania and the only Donnan I've found with Ewing in his name. I have yet to contact anyone among his descendants to learn what information they may have. But, a possible hint appears in information I've found about his mother, Margaretta Bell, born May 1851 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania, who married my great-great-uncle John White Donnan, born March 1845 in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. Margaretta was the daughter of John E. Bell and Julia Winters. John E. Bell (could the 'E' stand for Ewing?) was born September 1822 in Clarion, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas Bell and Agnes Scott Bell who were married in February 1814. John E. Bell and Julia Winters Bell had six

daughters, including the above Margaretta Bell and, interestingly, Clara Ewing Bell. Of uncertain interest in your lines of descent is that Elizabeth Jane Loraine Ewing, born August 1842, married Orlando C. Bell; but I've not found any connection between Orlando C. and John E. Bell. There are, also, lots of potential leads online to persons whose names include 'Ewing Bell' or 'Ewing-Bell' which add to my suspicions but have not led to connections.

In my Donnan family, there is a long, rather consistent practice of naming children for a relative, whether in a direct or collateral line, much like in the Ewing lines. So, I'd be surprised if Alvan Ewing Donnan was not named for a Ewing relative or at least a relative with Ewing in his or her name. Since I haven't found any Ewing connections on his Donnan father's side, I'm suspicious that the connection is on his Bell mother's side, as suggested above. I just can't confirm it.

Response by William E. Riddle (Riddle@WmERiddle.com)

I don't have time, right now, to carefully follow out the additional information in your reply. But I note the following:

- The Bells offer a potentially valuable avenue of investigation. They, like the Ewings, were among the earliest settlers and, like the thirty-or-so Scots-Irish, late-1700s settlers, heavily intermarried with the other families who founded the Montours Presbyterian Church (the first rural Presbyterian Church in the area). In addition, there are lots of records about the Bells/Scotts/Glasses/etc. that might be good sources. However, most of them are probably before the period where your Donnans start to show up. What's needed is to find family histories prepared in the late 1880s.
- Of the Bells you mention, only Orlando C. shows up in my records. His wife, Elizabeth Jane Loraine Ewing, was a great²-grandniece of Squire James Ewing. He's the only directly inter-married Bell I've found to date.
- Like you, I have instances of collateral family names showing up – somewhat 'out of the blue' – as middle names when they started using (in southwestern Pennsylvania at least) middle names in the mid-1850s. For example, 'Harvey' suddenly shows up in my great-grandfather's name (James Harvey Ewing), suggesting a connection to the Harveys in the area which I've never been able to nail down. Further, I've noticed several instances of these 'adopted' surnames later showing up as first names; for example, my father's first name is 'Harvey'. Sometimes these trails are useful; more often, unfortunately, I've found them to be tantalizing hints that are very frustrating!

Lizonia/Lizona's given name is a puzzle to me. The 1860 and 1880 census records say 'Lizona'. The 1870 census record says 'Lazona'. Her father's will says 'Lizoni'. And Kraynek's records for the Forest Grove Cemetery say 'Lizonia'. I went with the spelling in Kraynek's records because I've found her records to be quite accurate, her spelling comes from reading a gravestone, and the (often phonetic) spellings in wills and census records are typically all over the place, especially for 'non-standard' names like 'Lizona'. Do you know of other documents – like her birth or death certificates – that would better resolve the issue? Or perhaps you have McClelland family documents that have led you to use 'Lizona'?

More later after I can delve more deeply into Bell/Scott/Glass/etc. family histories, census records, and some other 'stuff' I have in my piles/files.

Response by Chad Snee (*ChadAJan@aol.com*)

Thanks for your latest note with encouraging comments on pursuing the Donnan family's seeming connection to the Ewings along the Bell line of descent. Maybe I'll get lucky.

Regarding the spelling of Lizona/Lizonia, plowing through my piles of information for the Ewings and McClellands, I've come upon the following:

- An original, handwritten letter of March 12, 1889 from Rev. Henry Thom McClelland to his brother William Craig McClelland, written at the Philip's Cockburn Hotel in Glasgow. It discusses mostly the high points of a sea voyage from America to Scotland. The sailing party included nine women, each briefly described, "and Lizona."
- An excerpted copy from the James Morton Callahan's *Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley, West Virginia*.¹⁷ Its section on the McClellands begins on page 714; and on page 716, Rev. McClelland is said to have "married (second) ... February 1, 1883, Lizona D. Ewing, ... daughter of William Ewing, who was born in 1810, died October, 1875."
- An excerpted copy from Jane Maria Craig's *Samuel Craig, Senior, Pioneer to Western Pennsylvania and His Descendants*.¹⁸ Its section on Esther Craig McClelland and her descendants begins on page 77; and on page 89, Rev. McClelland is said to have "married, second, Lizona Ewing and their children are Mary Beacom, Henry Thom, ... and Elizabeth Ewing McClelland."
- From the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Archives, a transcription of the obituary of Rev. McClelland that appeared on April 21, 1915. It states that Rev. Henry T. McClelland, D.D. was the "husband of Lizona D. McClelland (nee Ewing)."
- A copy of the Certificate of Death of Henry Thom McClelland Jr., who died on June 13, 1944. Its paragraph 14 states that his mother's maiden name was Lizona Ewing. This information is said to have been provided by his wife, N. D. McClelland (Nettie Barker Donnan McClelland), whose signature appears on the certificate.
- Lastly, as a boy, I clearly recall my mother, Matilda Donnan McClelland Snee, referring to her grandmother McClelland as Granny Lizona.

So, I think I'll stick with Lizona. If better evidence comes to hand, I'll pass it along.

Response by William E. Riddle (*Riddle@WmERiddle.com*)

Your evidence certainly 'trumps' mine, both in quality and quantity. I'll switch to 'Lazonia' and note that some documents refer to her as 'Lizonia', 'Lazona', etc. (so these names show up in indices in generated reports and are 'hit' when the reports are searched online).

If you happen to have electronic copies of any of the other sources you cite, I'd appreciate your sending them along. I like to collect and document 'sociological tidbits' about people's lives and times that often

¹⁷ Callahan, James Morton (Bernard Lee Butcher, ed.). *Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley, West Virginia*, Lewis Historical Publishing Co. (New York), 1912. (A searchable PDF version of this publication may be found at www.archive.org/details/genealogicalpers02butc.)

¹⁸ Craig, Jane Maria. *Samuel Craig, Senior, Pioneer to Western Pennsylvania and His Descendants*, Privately Printed (Greensburg, Pa.), 1915. (An online copy of this publication may be found at: search.nationalgeographic.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=13304.)

lurk in letters, obituaries and birth/marriage/death certificates. For example, when I got ahold of the marriage certificate for my paternal grandparents – George Washington Riddle (1859-1936) and Mary Agnes Ewing (1866-1929) – I found they were married by the pastor who had led their church when they were in their early teens, at his home in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This was across the street from where I had coffee three-or-four times a week during the five years I lived and lived and worked in Pittsburgh. It greatly enhanced my understanding and 'visualizations' of their lives and times, especially after I subsequently found a 1890 postcard with a picture of the neighborhood in which they were married in 1893, in fact the very intersection where the pastor's home was but, unfortunately, looking away rather than towards his home.

Thomas M. Ewing (1925-2005) – Obituary

Contributed by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Thomas M. Ewing, 80, Spring Hill [Kansas], died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, in Spring Hill.

Tom, as he was more commonly known, was born July 7, 1925, in Olathe and was the son of Clyde and Edith McClellan Ewing. He was a 1943 graduate of Olathe High School. He lived in Johnson County all of his life.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines and Germany in the 31st Division in 1944 and 1945.

Mr. Ewing worked for GMC and was a dairyman for 27 years and a farmer all of his life.

He served on the rural water district board, the soil conservation district board and the Spring Hill school board.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Olathe and was a 25-year member of the Morning Grange of Spring Hill, serving as master for six years. He was a leader of the Sharon 4-H Club of Spring Hill.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Glenna Wright Ewing; two sons, Robert Ewing and Steve Ewing; a sister, Frances Waldron; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, 143rd Street and Blackbob Road in Olathe, where services will be at 2 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Thomas M. Ewing Sr. (1921-2005) – Obituary

Contributed by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Thomas M. Ewing, Sr., of Orange, Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston after a lengthy illness. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Joseph P. Daleo, pastor at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, with a Rosary/Vigil at 7:00 p.m. at Claybar Funeral Home Chapel in Orange. Mr. Larry David will officiate.

Tommy, Sr. was born on August 30, 1921, in Vinton, Louisiana. He was one of five boys and two girls. He was the last surviving child of James H. and Elizabeth(Hanks) Ewing. He was employed as a Route Supervisor by the Port Arthur and Beaumont Coca-Cola Company for 27 years. He worked for Chemical Express and was also a cabinetmaker. His crafts in wood brought joy to

many each holiday, especially his "Candy Machines". He and his wife, Charlotte, loved to travel and enjoyed their family gatherings. He is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of 63 years, Charlotte (Donaldson) Ewing; sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas M. Ewing, Jr. and Billie Jean and Stephen A. Ewing and Barbara; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Robert "Bubba" Lanning; six grandchildren, Lisa Bland, Shelby Granger, B.J. Ewing, Jeff Ewing, Nick Lanning and Kristen Lanning; and eight great-grandchildren. Serving as Pallbearers will be B.J. Ewing, Jeff Ewing, Nick Lanning, Kristen Lanning, Steve Bland and Bobby Granger. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Tommy, Sr.'s name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation or to St. Mary School Foundation. Also, you may contact any immediate family member for information for donating blood and platelets in his name. Special thanks to Dr. Koller and Dr. Beran and their staff at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. 504 N. 5th St Orange, Texas.

Ewings in Massachusetts in the 1600s

Contributed by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

There is a website on which a number of history books are posted, including *King Philip* by John S. C. Abbott, which was originally published in 1885.¹⁹ It contains an account of King Philip's War in the Massachusetts colony in 1676, including the following passage:

On the 20th of April a band of fifty Indians made an attack upon Scituate, and, though the inhabitants speedily rallied and assailed them with great bravery, they succeeded in plundering and burning nineteen houses and barns. They proceeded along the road, avoiding the block-houses, and burning all that were unprotected. They approached one house where an aged woman, Mrs. Ewing, was alone with an infant grandchild asleep in the cradle. As she saw the savages rushing down the hill toward her dwelling, in a delirium of terror she fled to the garrison house, which was about sixty rods distant, forgetting the child. The savages rushed into the house, plundered it of a few articles, not noticing the sleeping infant, and then hastened to make an assault upon the garrison. A fierce fight ensued. In the midst of the horrid scene of smoke, uproar, and blood, Mrs. Ewing, with heroism almost unparalleled, stole from the garrison unperceived, by a circuitous path reached the house, rescued the babe, still unconsciously sleeping, and bore it in safety to the garrison. Soon after this, the savages, repelled from their assault, set fire to her house, and it was consumed to ashes. All the day long the battle and the destruction continued in different parts of the town. There were several garrisoned houses which the Indians attacked with great spirit, but in every case they met with a repulse. Many of the savages were shot, and a few of the English lost their lives.

This is a fair amount earlier than many Ewings came to America and it was in a Puritan colony. One wonders what the story of these Ewings may have been.

¹⁹ Abbott, John Stevens Cabot. *King Phillip*, Harper & Brothers Publishers (New York and London), 1901. Available online at freepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakefield/history/29494-h/29494-h.htm.

Perthshire McEwans as a Sept of Clan MacDougall (1744-1832)

**Contributed by Thor Ewing (thor@historicalarts.co.uk) via the Clan Ewen Forum
(ClanEwen@googlegroups.com)**

According to Lyon Register 1, p. 376, MacEwan of Muckley, the earliest armiger using the name MacEwan in 1743, was "Great grandson to Ewan More Mcdougal of Ballinreoch, brother to Mcdowal or Mcdugal of Lorn . . ."

Ballinreoch is in Perthshire, and at first I thought was an unlikely location for the brother of the MacDougall of Lorne. However, I have now found firm evidence linking the Perthshire MacEwens with the MacDougall clan, and identifying MacEwen of Muckley himself as Commissary Clerk of Dunkeld, Perthshire. Mill of Muckley is near Caputh, Perthshire.

An early twentieth-century book, *The Perth Incident of 1396*,²⁰ contains some interesting references to a connection between MacDouglas and MacEwens:

p. 306:

". . . the MacEwens, who were in central Perthshire in the beginning of last century [i.e. the early 1800's] considered MacDouglas . . ."

pp. 341-3:

a document entitled "List of the different Clans and Tribes descended from the Family of Lorne, and of those depending on that most ancient family, as kept in the Records thereof, viz. --- " includes "The Mac Ewens of Achomer, Perth, and Dungarthill."

The document ends with the note: "N.B. --- The whole of the above tribes joined under MacDougall of Lorn's Banner or Double Colours, when he would have occasion to bring it to the field of strife and of honour."

The text comes from a handwritten copy dated 1808, signed with the words, "A true copy. Ewen MacDougall." MacLagan considers it to be copied from a document of no great antiquity. Ewen MacDougall (the copyist) is described as "one of the Macewans or MacDougalls of Achomer, Lochtayside, who still occupy Achomer, Claggan, and Milton Ardtalnaig." "Ewan was a relative of the late Professor MacDougall of Edinburgh University. Ewan was rather a remarkable man, something both of an antiquary and a litterateur." So, even as late as the early nineteenth century, it was possible for the names MacDougall and MacEwen to be used interchangeably.

p. 344:

In the middle of the sixteenth century the names McQuhewin and McCowyll were important names in that locality, and seem even then to have been "Macewans or MacDougalls," as shown in the Chronicle of Fortingall. In 1555 Dougallus Dougalson, apud²¹ Farna, died in the house of his brother and was buried at Inchadin; and in 1558 Malcolmus McNeill VcEwin, apud Lagfarne in Farna, died in his own house and was buried in Inchadin. In 1574 Donald Dow McCouil VcQuhewin was "heddyt" at Kenmor by Campbell of Glenwrquhay. We have

²⁰ MacLagan, Robert Craig, *The Perth Incident of 1396*, Blackwood (Edinburgh & London), 1905

²¹ Very roughly: 'in the neighborhood of'

here authority as far back as 1550 for the statement in our Ewan's list so far as his own family was concerned. The Chronicle of Fortingall was in the possession of Breadalbane, however, and Ewan may have drawn from that very source.

Several McEwans are recorded in the *Register of Testaments 1682-1800* from *The Commissariot Record of Dunkeld*, which was published in 1903:²²

McEwan, Donald, elder, merchant in Dunkeld T. 24 Oct. 1699

Donald, sometime merchant in Dunkeld T. 12 Aug. 1712

Donald, merchant in Dunkeld (27 Jan. 1729) 29 Aug. 1730, and 31 July 1740

Donald, mason in Dunkeld 13 Apr. 1775 and T. 26 Mar. 1785

McEwan, Dougall, alias McDonal, sometime in Tullichglass, in Artaling, thereafter in Achmore 29 Mar. 1770

Mrs. Elizabeth, relict²³ of John Stewart, of Cairdney 7 Dec. 1762

James, of Muckly, Commissary Clerk of Dunkeld 21 Dec. 1759

Janet, spouse to the deceased James Callom, sometime in Dowald, par. of Crieff 28 Feb. 1721

John, merchant in Dunkeld 20 Dec. 1722

John, in Blairmore, par. of Kenmore T. 8 Feb. 1800

Obviously the most important name here for us is James McEwan of Muckly. This tradition confirms MacEwan of Muckley's association with Perthshire and suggests that the Perthshire MacEwans are indeed MacDougalls.

Interestingly, "Donald, mason in Dunkeld" is almost certainly the same as the Donald McEwan who is recorded as having "Carried Arms in the Rebel Army", in the List of Persons Concerned in the Rebellion of 1745. Also named in this list is John McEwan, son of the Laird of Dungarhill, Caputh, whose family is listed as "descended from the Family of Lorne" in the document copied by Ewen MacDougall above.

Dougall McEwan is linked here with Artaling and Achmore, corresponding with Ardtalnaig and Achomer above.

MacEwan of Muckley is probably to be identified as the chieftain of this sept of Clan MacDougall.

I hope this will help modern MacEwans in their quest to identify their true clan roots.

²² Grant, Francis J. (ed.), *The Commissariot Record of Dunkeld, register of Testaments 1682-1800*, Skinner (Edinburgh), 1903

²³ widow

Francis Mills

From Katherine E. 'Kathy' (Ewing) Graves (KGraves2@carolina.rr.com)

I believe my earliest known Ewing ancestor is Francis Mills. There seems to be questions concerning dates, etc., particularly regarding my great⁵-grandfather, George Ewing. I am really interested in my family's past.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

As I worked with your information on this particular line, I believe that your earliest ancestor, George Ewing, born in Ulster, Ireland about 1715, is one of a family who arrived in Cecil County, Maryland circa 1725.

Much has been written and studied regarding these early families. The most complete and factual accounting was done by Margaret (Ewing) Fife in her book, *Ewing in Early America*, published in 2003.²⁴ You can find the entire book among others on the *Ewing Family Association* website: www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org. Chapter XXIX focuses on George and his wife, Catherine Lawson, and their descendants. See pages 251-255.

Since you mentioned that you have a brother who will hopefully participate in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, this will be a most welcome contribution. To my knowledge we do not yet have a man descending from George in the project. We do have participants from five of George's brothers. You can view the results of the group into which your brother's Y-DNA should fall by viewing: dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf.

Please let me know of any questions. I am happy to help or will send your question to someone who can better answer any questions you might have.

Response by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Karen is right that it would be of great interest to have your brother's participation in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. Having Y-DNA samples from the distant descendants of several different sons of a person of especial interest makes it possible for us to speculate in an informed way about where and how these lines diverged genetically, and sometimes to figure out when. The ultimate goal, of course, is to see if we can use the knowledge we gain as a springboard further into the past.

As it happens, we have just received partial results on one of two distant Scots cousins whose ancestors never left Scotland and in the 18th century picked up the hyphenated surname Orr-Ewing. Sir Archie Orr-Ewing's first 12 markers exactly match the Ewing Group 2 modal values. Group 2a has some markers that somewhat help to distinguish it from the rest of Group 2, but these are not among the first 12. If these Scots Orr-Ewings match the off-modal markers in Group 2a, then we will be on pretty strong ground in placing the ancestry of the men in Group 2a with a specific line in Scotland!

By the way, though this is not a secret, what I have said about the Orr-Ewings is very preliminary and you are the first I have told about this. I'm sure we will have an article about it in a future issue of the *Journal*.

²⁴ Fife, Margaret (Ewing). (ed. James R. McMichael) *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

Please persuade your brother to join the project. If he doesn't want to fool with it, you can join the project, send in his Y-DNA sample, pay for it (\$149) and deal with the results. We have several women genealogists who have done this with/for male relatives. He (or you for him) can get to the Family Tree DNA site and join the Ewing project through a link at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA_ToJoin.html.

From Katherine E. 'Kathy' (Ewing) Graves (KGraves2@carolina.rr.com)

My son, who lives in Alabama, and I did a big fund-raiser for the Tornado Victims last week-end, and I am just now getting that closed out. I hope that next week will be a little calmer! Except for a few days next week, I plan to work on genealogy. I only added Charles Ewing because of some items in *Ancestry.com*. We've never been able to go beyond George.

Just a little side note – we just recently sold seven acres of the original land that George Ewing owned. My niece still lives on a few acres that my parents sold to her. There are several cousins who live on this land. We have a deep history in this area, but we are slowly dying out. Next week, I will hopefully fill in some blanks.

Response by Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

It is wonderful you and your son are so giving and helping so many victims of the tornadoes. I applaud you.

As you can tell from David and I, we are very, very excited about your lineage. Please take your time to digest all of this information. Your son's Y-DNA could prove to be very helpful in placing you and others of this line back to Scotland.

When you have time, we would like for you to do a write-up about yourself for the *Journal*. We do this with each new member and it is a good way to introduce yourself. Definitely include a story about the land and anything else.

Further Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I see that I made a mistake when I mentioned your son's Y-DNA. Of course, he is not the one who needs to be tested for Ewing Y-DNA. Your brother or any Ewing uncle, cousin or nephew is needed to do the test. Should your son do the Y-DNA test, he would join his surname's Y-DNA group.

Further Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

The story of your Ewing group descending from George (c1715-1797) who was a half-brother of Nathaniel (c1693-1748) is very important and will be most welcome. We know that George first arrived in Cecil Co., Maryland and then lived in Virginia for a time before settling in North Carolina on land which is still in your family.

I don't believe we yet have a man who descends from George to represent for your line in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. The project is steadily growing and the results are very interesting. A test by a male from your line would really be appreciated and help the project as a whole. I stand ready to help in any way.

Pennsylvania Land Warrants

From Beverly McCoy (wyndymorgan@yahoo.com) to William E. Riddle (Riddle@WmERiddle.com)

On some land plates of Robinson Township, Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania I found where Ewings received a Virginia Certificate as did the McCoys. I can't seem to trace these Virginia Certificates back. Virginia was well known for not paying their soldiers but giving them land in the west. (That's how this area of Ohio that I live in was settled by Virginia Revolutionary War soldiers.) I could trace a neighbor of Ewings and McCoys by the name of Phillips from Romany, West Virginia now, Virginia then. They came with the same Virginia Certificates right after the French and Indian War. At that time that area of Pennsylvania belonged to Virginia. Several in the area had the certificates and had to have the land re-surveyed when it became part of Pennsylvania in 1768. Do you know anything of the certificates?

Response by William E. Riddle (Riddle@WmERiddle.com)

I happen to have a Patent for my Riddle-ancestor's land in Robinson Township, a Survey done by a Riddle-ancestor for land settled by others along Campbell's Run, and a Warrant for land north of Pittsburgh, along the Kiskiminitas, issued to a German-named individual totally unrelated to my ancestors. These 'came down' to me over years of 'memorabilia flow'.

In my research, I've tried to understand these documents w.r.t. my ancestors' settling of the Pittsburgh area. I've also consulted many maps including Warrant maps at the Genealogical Society of Western Pennsylvania's archive library in the Heinz History Center on Smallman Street in Pittsburgh. I've used these to try to identify and confirm my ancestors' relationships and dates of arrival in the area.

Based on this quite limited use of land ownership information, I've developed the following understanding of how these records came about and what they can tell us:

- The British won the land to the west of the Alleghenies as a result of the French and Indian War which ended in late 1762, and their ownership was established in the 1763 Treaty of Paris. However, the British didn't have the money (or, one might hypothesize, the interest or military means) to assure the safety of settlers of this land. So they prohibited settlement west of a Demarcation Line that ran down the spine of the Alleghenies (often, when speaking of the area around Pittsburgh, referred to as 'the Laurels'²⁵). They declared the land to the west of the Demarcation Line to be Indian Land that shouldn't be encroached upon by settlers, trying to in some way placate the Indian 'land-owners' and indicate their interest in being at least as good 'landlords' as the French had been.
- More than just a few colonists who had supported the British but not received any compensation whatsoever took exception, went west and established 'tomahawk claims'²⁶ to some land west of the Demarcation Line.

²⁵ From Wikipedia: Laurel Mountain, also called Laurel Hill, is a long ridge in north-central West Virginia, USA. Along with Rich Mountain to the south, it is considered to be the westernmost ridge of the Allegheny Mountains and the boundary between the Alleghenies and the Allegheny Plateau.

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurel_Mountain_\(West_Virginia\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurel_Mountain_(West_Virginia)))

²⁶ From Wikipedia: [A] Tomahawk right [tomahawk claim] was a means by which settlers during early period of frontier settlements in the United States would claim title to a tract of land. The process was to deaden a few trees near the head of a spring, and mark the bark of one or more of them with the initials or name of the person who made the claim.

- There's a well-researched book – *The Scratch of a Pen*²⁷ – that recounts all of this. The book's interesting premise is that this difference of opinion eventually led to British taxes and other 'oppressions' that, more than Tea Taxes, Tea 'Parties' and the like, was the root cause of the Revolutionary War.
- Books by Allan W. Eckert are also well-researched chronicles of all of this. His *That Dark and Bloody River*²⁸ synopsizes the trials and tribulations of the early 1760's settlers and the history leading up to their settlement. Four of his other books – *Frontiersmen* (1967), *Wilderness Empire* (1968); *Conquerors* (1970) and *Wilderness War* (1978) – relate the history in excruciating detail. They can all be found on *Amazon.com*.
- Realizing the value of the land west of the Demarcation Line, the lands' proprietors lobbied for permission to sell off the land and, finally receiving it, started to issue Warrants around 1770. Note that this is when Ewings, McCoys, etc. went to the area.
- A *warrant* gave someone the right to establish claim to some specified number of acres (usually 300) in the proprietor's land. The warrant-holders went to the area, marked off their land in some way and had it surveyed to establish its boundaries and its size (its number of acres). They then filed a *survey* with their Warrantor. This established a price for the land which people paid off over time. When the price was fully paid, they received a *patent* (which, today, we would call a *deed*). People sometimes sold their warranty rights to other parties (to settle an estate, because they wanted to move elsewhere, etc.). These land-right transfers are usually cited in Warrant Maps.
- Grants of land from Pennsylvania land proprietors for military service concerned land in the area north of Pittsburgh up to Erie and Buffalo.
- A notable exception is that George Washington was granted rights to many thousands of acres surrounding what is now Washington, Pennsylvania just after the French and Indian War, in recognition of his involvement in winning the war, and prior to the opening of the land for settlement. This land was actually settled by many, many tomahawk claims. Washinton didn't contest these tomahawk claims until he found that the land was quite valuable. At that point he evicted the tomahawk-claim squatters and then about-faced and offered to sell them the land. To this day, as I understand it, many descendants of the Washington, Pennsylvania area's settlers hold an un-publishable opinion of the Father of Our Country.
- William Penn and his fellow Pennsylvania proprietors – collectively Penn & Co. – issued Warrants for the land they had been granted by the King. This was essentially bounded on the north and south by the current-day borders of Pennsylvania (and, interestingly extended without bound to the west through the Ohio Valley, the Midwest, the Plains, the Rockies, out to the West Coast).
- The Virginia proprietors' land started at a well-demarcated coastal region south of the land granted to the Penn & Co. land. But its boundaries were skewed to the north as they extended to

Tomahawk Rights gave the settler no legal title unless followed by occupation or a warrant and a patent secured from the land office. But the Tomahawk Rights were quite generally recognized by the early settlers, and many of them were purchased cheaply by other settlers who did not want to enter into a controversy with the claimants who made them.

²⁷ Calloway, Colin G. *The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America*, Oxford University Press (New York), 2006. Amazon.com lists both paperback and Kindle versions.

²⁸ Eckert, Allan W. *That Dark and Bloody River*, Bantam Books (New York), 1995.

the west. As a result, the land in the Pittsburgh area fell into the Penn & Co. and the Virginia proprietors' lands. Both issued warrants to this land. As a result, multiple people had the right to settle pieces of land around Pittsburgh.

- The conflict between the Pennsylvania and Virginia claims was somewhat settled by establishing, in 1767, the Mason-Dixon Line that established boundaries among Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. But this evidently had little effect on the conflicting grants of Warrants by Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- Multiple, conflicting claimants settled things quite civilly. There were no courts in which to settle the issue. And, rather than have Hatfield-and-McCoy brouhahas, they worked things out face-to-face with a handshake (and, I suspect, the trading of a cow or horse or two). This is, I suspect, why I have a warrant for land along the Kiskiminitas north of Pittsburgh; it was probably given to a Ewing/Riddle ancestor as part of a handshake settlement of conflicting warrants.

So ... Bottom Line ... I suggest that you don't spend time looking for war-service grants related to the land of your McCoys. The solution will, I sense, much more lie with tracking down, if you can, the issuing and transfer of Warrants for the land they ended up living on. Look to Warrant maps,²⁹ locate this land, and see what this tells you (if anything) about the history of this land.

Scottish Clans – History, Evolution and Organization

Contributed by David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Wikipedia has quite a good short article on the history, evolution and organization of Scottish clans at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_clan.

Scottish Diaspora³⁰

Contributed by Robert Ewing 'Bob' Milbourn (MilbournB@comcast.net)

It doesn't have information specific to the Ewings, but there is a new book titled *To the Ends of the Earth: Scotland's Global Diaspora, 1750-2010* by T. M. Devine that may be interesting. Here's the book review from the August 20, 2011 issue of *The Economist*:³¹

To the Ends of the Earth: Scotland's Global Diaspora, 1750-2010. By T. M. Devine. Allen Lane; 397 pages; £25. To be published in America in October by Smithsonian; \$32.95. Available from Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk.

TWO years ago more than 47,000 people from all over the world journeyed to Scotland to celebrate their Caledonian lineage in an event called the "Homecoming". Many of them had only recently discovered an interest in their origins and some, it seems safe to say, held peculiar ideas about where their forebears had come from and what impelled them to leave. Many people

²⁹ More information about Pennsylvania Land Warrants, including the ability to search these warrants, may be found at search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2409&o_iid=23560&o_lid=23560&o_sch=Web+Property.

³⁰ 'the movement, migration, or scattering of people away from an established or ancestral homeland', or 'people dispersed by whatever cause to more than one location', or 'people settled far from their ancestral homelands'

³¹ www.economist.com/node/21526302

of Scottish descent, especially in America, assume that their ancestors hailed from the Highlands; that having been dispossessed of their land, they were forcibly driven into exile; and that after the Jacobites' defeat at the battle of Culloden in 1746, if not before, these brave, egalitarian and freedom-loving people were victims of the oppressive English.

The truth is more complicated than that, as T. M. Devine., a professor of history at the University of Edinburgh, is at pains to show. The Scots have been emigrants and adventurers since at least the 13th century. At first most went to northern Europe as mercenary soldiers or traders, setting up commercial networks from Rotterdam to Königsberg and penetrating far into Poland. Later they settled in large numbers in Ulster. By the beginning of the 18th century life expectancy was rising among landed Scots but second and third sons had little hope of becoming farmers.

For many of these, the Act of Union with England in 1707 came as a blessing. It opened to Scottish merchants the protected markets of the English colonies and provided countless jobs for soldiers, contractors and bureaucrats in an expanding empire. For Presbyterians, the union also had the political advantage of providing a defence against the possibility of an unwelcome Catholic Stuart restoration.

Scots, already well established in the Caribbean, were soon all over British North America and, through the East India Company, much of Asia. Scots were prominent in trading firms like Jardine Matheson and the North West Company; in 1799, 78% of the overseas employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose domain encompassed more than 10% of the Earth's land surface, came from the islands of Orkney alone. Scottish emigrants flourished not only throughout the empire but also in England, other parts of Europe, and even South America and Japan.

Many of those who stayed at home also prospered. By the 1770s Glasgow had secured most of the British tobacco trade. It later became a centre for sugar, engineering and shipbuilding. All over the country fortunes were being made in textiles or related products. In Dundee the product was jute, in Paisley it was thread, in Kirkcaldy carpets. Scotland also became a leader in railways, chemicals, locomotives and then finance. No wonder that by the 1850s it was one of the most urbanised and industrialised countries in the world.

Why then did it send so many of its citizens abroad? The answer varies according to time and place of origin. Emigrants came from all over the country. Some, particularly in the Highlands and islands, were certainly poor, even destitute, and the clearances in the late 1840s and early 1850s were undeniably brutal and often coercive. Most of those who left, however, were not utterly impoverished; many had skills and qualifications. Some were driven by martial spirit, missionary zeal or imperial fervour. The empire, Mr Devine points out, was an emphatically British venture in which the Scots saw themselves as equal partners with the English, giving them self-respect as well as prosperity.

The main motive, though, was the desire for a better life and more opportunities. In this, and in their readiness to work hard, Scots were much like emigrants elsewhere. Similarly, like other emigrants, they persecuted native Americans, exterminated aborigines, stole land, defrauded their partners, exploited their workers and happily traded in opium. They did not trade in slaves, not much anyway. But Scotland's economy in the 18th century was inextricably intertwined with slavery through the sugar, tobacco and cotton industries, plus the civil and military structures that sustained them. Scots were pretty average in other ways, too. They made bad investments, could be thoroughly prejudiced (often about each other) and, it should be remembered, frequently returned home as failures (over 40% in the 1890s).

Yet in some ways they were untypical. They were often educated, which helped to account for the high numbers of lawyers, doctors and engineers among them. This in turn may explain why they were so influential in the lands where they settled. They were also militaristic, religious (David Livingstone, still revered in Africa, became a Victorian saint), loyal (notably to the Crown in the American colonies) and liberal (reflecting the Scottish Enlightenment). Above all, they were numerous, at times proportionately more so than any European nation except the Irish and perhaps the Norwegians.

Mr Devine explains all this with a masterly breadth of knowledge and an admirable absence of hyperbole. Unfortunately, his editors do not match his skills. The inclusion of so much analysis of Scottish topics and Scotland's engagement with the world shortchanges those expecting a comprehensive book about the emigrants themselves. Moreover, the reader may weary of so many repetitive statistics. Most could have been incorporated in a single chart or map showing how many Scots left when, where they came from and where they went. All these blemishes, however, count as little compared with the work's great virtue of helping to rescue Scottish history from the romanticised, self-pitying, tartan tosh that has captured the popular imagination of so many Scots both at home and abroad.

Contributed by William E. Riddle (Riddle@WmERiddle.com)

Additional information about the Scottish diaspora appears in a recent newsletter from *Visit Scotland: Official Ancestral Tourism Site*.³²

Scotland's global family

It's sometimes said that no matter where you go in the world, you'll bump into a Scot. It might be tongue in cheek but it is actually not far from the truth.

The Scots have been travelling all over the world since the middle ages and the Scottish diaspora is estimated to be around 40 million – eight times as many people as live in Scotland itself.

This continues to the present day, with an estimated one million people born in Scotland currently living elsewhere.

The wanderlust of the Scots has taken them to all corners of the globe, from North America, to Asia, to Africa, Scandinavia and elsewhere.

There are few countries today without a Caledonian or St Andrews Society.

Between 1825 and 1938, over 2.3 million people left Scotland for overseas destinations.

Scots went to a greater range of overseas destinations than probably any other European country.

They left for a number of reasons, sometimes because of crisis, but more often than not it was to exploit opportunities and achieve aspirations.

The impact of Scottish migrants on their adopted homelands has been immense, particularly in the making of North America, South Africa and Australasia.



³² www.scotland.org/features/item/scotlands-global-family/?dm_i=2GT,JPN9,1KEJ9O,1LPDF,1

The diaspora has made its mark worldwide, contributing to fields such as education, exploration, science, finance, engineering and many others.

The Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies³³ at Edinburgh University was set up in 2008 to investigate the worldwide impact of Scotland's emigrants

The centre is the first such research unit in the field and is helping to place Scotland at the forefront of diaspora research.

The Centre is headed up by Scottish historian Professor Tom Devine who has written a new book exploring the nature and impact of emigration on Scotland over three centuries.

'To the Ends of the Earth' investigates the extraordinary scale of Scotland's emigration in terms of numbers and time.

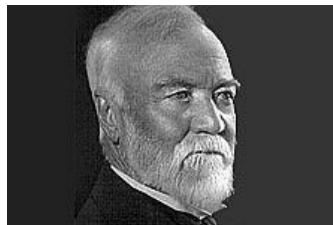
Famous Trailblazers of the Scottish Diaspora:

David Livingstone (1813-1873)



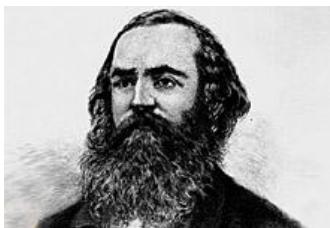
The son of a Blantyre shopkeeper, he went to Africa in 1841 as a medical missionary. He was one of the first Europeans to explore the continent, crossing the Kalahari Desert and discovering Lake Ngami (in present-day Botswana). His travels saw him mapping the Zambezi River and the Victoria Falls in 1855.

Andrew Carnegie (1835 – 1919)



The most famous example of a Scot who made his fortune in the USA. Born in Dunfermline, Fife, Carnegie arrived in America as a poor weaver's son but built a fortune in the steel industry. He was also one of the most important philanthropists of his era, and funded venues such as Carnegie Hall in New York, theatres, libraries, public parks, and schools and college in Britain and America.

³³ www.shc.ed.ac.uk/centres/scdt

John McDouall Stuart (1815 – 1866)

One of Australia's greatest explorers and pioneers. Born in Dysart in Fife, he emigrated at the age of 23 and became the first explorer to journey through the centre of Australia. His name is immortalised in the Stuart highway, which carves its way from Port Augusta in the south to Darwin in the north.

Thomas Blake Glover (1838 – 1911)

In the 1860s, the young Aberdeenshire clerk arrived in Nagasaki, Japan and quickly became a prominent trader and businessman. Known as the 'Scottish Samurai', he was a major force in the industrialisation of Japan and the development of the country's railways and shipbuilding industry. He founded the Mitsubishi company and became the first foreigner to be awarded one of Japan's highest honours, the Order of the Rising Sun.

Mary Slessor (1848 - 1915)

Born in Aberdeen, the jute mill worker set sail for Africa in 1876 to work as a missionary. She became an ardent campaigner for the rights of women and children, and when she died in Nigeria in 1915 was given a state funeral in honour of her work. More than 80 years after her death in Nigeria in 1915, she became the first woman to be depicted on a Scottish banknote.

Chair's Message

Wallace K. Ewing, Chair, Board of Directors (WKEwing@charter.net)

It is only a slight exaggeration to say that every day my Email inbox reveals pages of suggestions and controversy about a variety of subjects that affect the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)*. Topics include the Lord Lyon convening a *derbhfine*¹ sometime in the vague future, selection of a Clan Chief at the derbhfine, whether or not the *EFA* membership constitutes a clan (and if so, which clan), if our organization does have (or should have) insurance coverage for lapses of omission or commission for its Board of Directors, new details regarding the 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis, where the Cecil County archives should be housed, and additional items beyond my present power of recall. Each is important, and all need to be addressed.

Some of these items will take care of themselves over the ensuing months. Others will form the basis for a discussion and possible vote at our business meeting, Saturday evening, September 22, 2012 during the 2012 Gathering. Everyone's thoughts are welcome and will be heard and considered. The *EFA* is and will continue to be a grass roots organization that believes in the efficacy of democracy and the good sense of our collective self.

In addition to the *EFA* correspondence, the 2012 Gathering requires thought, planning, and execution. I am discovering what I should have known: there is a horde of detail that needs to be looked at so that the stage is completely set before the curtain goes up next September. I marvel at what the organizers of previous Gatherings accomplished. Each of the four Gatherings I have attended seemed to run smoothly while still providing moments of fun and learning. (What went on in the wings may be another matter.) The 2012 Gathering offers the opportunity for another exciting agenda: presentations, tours, meals, research, casual conversation, and sharing family tales. Despite the limitations of time, our goal is to keep everyone involved but not exhausted.

Working with Jane and me in organizing our September, 2012 event are Barbara McGuinness, Jeanette Buckley, Barbara (Ewing) Powell and Jill (Ewing) Spitler. Please share your ideas for speakers, topics, or events with any of us. The tentative program includes three local history/genealogy professionals from Gallipolis and Pt. Pleasant: Henny Evans, Dewetta Gay, and Dennis Bellamy. Chancellor David will give a report on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, and Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center and Special Collections at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, has agreed to be a speaker at the gathering. Time permitting, I will discuss the Battle of Pt. Pleasant and my ancestors' westward trek over the Alleghenies and down the Ohio to Gallia County. There may be time for Jane and me to demonstrate tombstone rubbing as a genealogical tool. Bill Riddle may tell us more about the descendants of James Ewing of Inch. Finally, we hope to form caravans for visits to Our House in Gallipolis and to Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia, site of the Battle of Pt. Pleasant. A silent auction will be an additional feature.

The hourglass has been turned and the sands of time are flowing. I will provide more detail about the gathering in the next issue of the *Journal*. Plan ahead! Pencil it in your schedule. I encourage you to do this now.

Wally Ewing

¹ A *derbhfine* is a 'family convention.' For details about this, see www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html.

Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project News

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

Y-DNA testing is on sale through 12/31

Family Tree DNA, the vendor who analyzes Y-DNA samples for the Ewing Surname Y-DNA project, has announced a sale between now and the end of the year. The Y-DNA37 test that we recommend starting with is on sale for \$119, reduced from the usual \$149 price. If you or a male Ewing relative have been thinking about taking the test, this might be a good time to do it. Various 'upgrades' to more markers are also on sale, but it would be a good idea to check with me before ordering any of these to make sure additional tests will be helpful in answering your questions.

To join the project, go to www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?code=M44915&Group=Ewing If you are already a participant and want to order an 'upgrade,' go to your personal page and use the links there.

Feel free to write or call with questions.

David Neal Ewing

Membership News

Jill (Ewing) Spitler, Membership Coordinator (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit@aol.com*)

Membership Profile: Once again, people from all parts of the Ewing 'forest' have been joining at a high rate, averaging about one new-member per month. Many – the vast majority in fact – have surnames other than 'Ewing' and each brings the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* membership a better understanding of the breadth of the Ewing 'forest'.

It's That Time Again: Membership Renewal Notices have been sent to all members. Please respond before the end of the year. And when you do, please include information about recent happenings in your and your relative's lives. Thanks in advance!

Gift Memberships: If you're seeking a novel holiday gift, consider giving a Gift Membership to the *EFA*. \$25 provides your 'giftee' with copies of the *Journal* every three months, giving them information about your and their families and a reminder of your thoughts of them during the holidays. Plus, you can make it a 'gift that keeps on giving' by renewing the Gift Memberships in years to come.

All My Best for Happy Holiday Season!

Jill Spitler

New EFA Members ... Welcome Aboard!

Lance Davis (Member #1125) lives in Pittsburg, Kansas and may be contacted at *LMDavis2250@sbcglobal.net*.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Ann Ewing (1804-1859) wife of Solomon L. Purcell (1804-1875).

David Brian Ewing (Member #1130) and his spouse **Kimberley** live in Raleigh, North Carolina and may be contacted at ewingsnc@aol.com.

I am descended from Henry Ewing (born 1740) m. Elizabeth Glenn from their son James Ewing Sr. (1771-1855) m. Elizabeth Wilson family of from Wheeling, West Virginia. I have a family tree on *Ancestry.com*. This family tree currently has 1275 people, 141 photos, 25 stories and 1630 historical records. If you would like to be invited to view this family tree, please contact me.

Editor's Note: Further information about David's heritage may be found on page 37.

Martin S. Ewing has given gift memberships to his two brothers: **William G. Ewing** of Glorieta, New Mexico (Member #1131, be87535@yahoo.com) and **Thomas E. Ewing** of San Antonio, Texas (Member #1132, TEwing@satx.rr.com).

great³-grandparents: Noble Ewing, born c1783, New Jersey, died 1846; m. Miriam Wolcott (born 1791, Easthampton, Massachusetts, died 1882).

great-great-grandparents: George Clinton Ewing, born 1810, Hudson, New York, died 1888; m. Lydia Ann Stillwell (born 1808, Taunton, Massachusetts, died 1854).

great-grandparents: Edward Cornelius Ewing, born 1837, Walpole, New Hampshire, died 1916; m. Mary Louisa Alvord (born 1837, Orange, New Jersey; died 1918).

grandparents: William Clinton Ewing, born 1875, Enfield, Massachusetts; died 1947; m. Florence Anna Wood (born 1872, Boston, MA, died 1961)

parents: Galen Wood Ewing, born 1914, Boston, Massachusetts, died 1998; m. Alice Catherine Sipple

Steven Craig Ewing (Member #1129) and his spouse **Claudia (Lubell)** live in Edgartown, Massachusetts. His EMail address is aquamv@gmail.com.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Alexander Ewing who was born in 1744 in Muff, County Donegal, Ireland and died in 1832 in Glentouger, County Donegal, Ireland. I am descended from him as follows:

great⁴-grandfather: John Ewing; lived in Muff, County Donegal, Ireland; died in 1843

great³-grandfather: Alexander John Ewing; born 1822 in Glentougher, County Donegal, Ireland; naturalized October 25, 1856; lived in Easthampton, Massachusetts; died in 1910

great-great-grandfather: Thomas Ewing, born 1849 in Easthampton, Massachusetts

great-grandfather: Albert Ewing, born 1875 in Easthampton, Massachusetts

grandfather: Bertram Ewing, born 1902

father: Harvey Sterling Ewing; founder and past president of our local Scottish Society

Editor's Note: Further information about Steven be found on page 70 and about his heritage on page 27.

Katherine E. 'Kathy' (Ewing) Graves (Member #1118) lives in Belmont, North Carolina. She may be contacted at KGGraves2@carolina.rr.com.

I believe my earliest known Ewing ancestor is Francis Mills. There seem to be some questions concerning dates, etc., particularly regarding my great⁵-grandfather, George. I am really interested in my family's past.

Editor's Note: Further information about Kathy's heritage may be found on page 56.

Dena (Ewing) Hill (Member #1124) and her husband **Max** are from Plumas Lake, California. Her EMail address is DenaHill@yahoo.com.

William Caldwell Ewing, born 1822 in Giles, Tennessee is the earliest Ewing that I am positive about. Anything earlier is cloudy at best. I am the daughter of Richard Kendall Ewing, born 1923 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jeane Martinjak Ewing. I have notes from my great-aunt Dorothy Ewing Walker that my ancestors came over on the *Mayflower* and that I am somehow related to Finis Ewing, but I haven't yet been able to put that together.

L. Diane (Ewing) Hinds (Member #1120) is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She may be reached at swtdustyok@aol.com.

My father is Dr. Carl Geral Ewing.

Follow-on Message from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net) to L. Diane (Ewing) Hinds (swtdustyok@aol.com) and Ilene (Ewing) Fruth (sugarhouse1@tds.net)

Diane and Ilene ...

According to my records, you two are third cousins.

As you get to know each other, I hope you will keep me in the loop as you exchange information. I want to keep my Ewing database as correct and complete as possible.

I have prepared a genealogy report using the information I have collected on this group. I found Ilene's five generation chart while researching at the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C. in 1999. Ilene ... any additions or corrections from you will be much appreciated.

Research for my ancestors began in 1995, and those rascals remained in hiding (in plain sight!) for the next fifteen years before I finally found them. In the meantime, I continued to collect information on Ewing families as I came across them. That led to a collection of over 11,000 individual Ewing-surnamed folks.

My work is definitely not ready for publication and most of it will likely always be under construction. I take liberties in the way I record information in order to help me find people. You can't imagine how many Alexander, John, Joseph, William, Samuel, James, Joshua, George, Mary, Sarah, Margaret, etc. I must sort through in order to find the person for whom I'm looking. Perhaps I should be called a 'collector' rather than a genealogist!

Diane ... it will be so very helpful for both you and Ilene to have the Y-DNA test results if your brother joins the project. Hopefully it might direct you to previous known lines. The *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* is actively working to have several more men from Ireland, Scotland and England join the project.

Ilene ... you should consider joining the *Ewing Family Association*. Our annual membership fee is only \$25. Joining should help you quickly catch up on Ewing 'doings'. Plus you will meet many wonderful 'shirt-tail' cousins along the way

Shannon Ross Hopkins (Member #1093) and her husband **Ray Fred** live in Sparks, Nevada. Her EMail address ShannHop@yahoo.com.

My paternal grandmother is Dorothy Ewing from Leetonia, Columbiana Co., Ohio; she was born in January 1901. I have followed her line back to her father Elmer E. Ewing and then to his father, James (wife Mary), who was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. There I come to a brick wall. I have used the *Ancestry.com* and LDS websites for my research. I am originally from northeast Ohio.

Jonnie-Kay McLean (Member #1133) lives in Baltimore, Maryland and may be reached at JonnieKay@verizon.net.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is William McEwing who was born about 1820 in Inch, Wiggonshire, Scotland. I am the granddaughter of James Arnold Ewing of Arnold, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. His parents were Matilda and James Ewing.

Elizabeth (Baker) McWilliams (Member #1128) and her spouse **Hobart** reside in Bozeman, Montana. She may be reached at fairy@bresnan.net

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Alexander Ewing who was born 1730 in Scotland; and married a Miss Sullivan before 1749. My Ewing ancestry is through my mother: Ruth Ewing born 1898, in Michigan; Harry Ewing born 1871 in Michigan; Benjamin Franklin Ewing born 1824 in Ontario, California; Henry Harry Ewing born 1799 in Vermont or California; Benjamin James Ewing born 1776 in Massachusetts; James Ewing born 1749 in Cork, Ireland; and Alexander Ewing born 1730 in Scotland. I have six brothers, three of whom are living.

Information from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Elizabeth (Baker) McWilliams' heritage may be found at:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/w/Elizabeth-Mcwilliamd/index.html>

This genealogy is named *The Baker, Ewing, Cooper, Garrison Families*, is rather large, and was last updated March 22, 2008.

She is in the same lines as Louis Lehmann who wrote several *Journal* articles about his heritage which are available online at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Lehmann_Lou/LifeStory.html and

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Lehmann_Lou/Children.html.

Members Bette Fox, William Leigh Ewing (Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant WL) and Charles Allen Ewing Sr. (Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant CA) are in these lines. Also there are several men who are of these lines who are placed in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's 1c group: Daryl Leon Ewing (DL2), David Charles Ewing (DC), Patrick Allan Ewing (PA2) and William Charles Ewing (WC).

Carol Jan (Ewing) Seine-Gahm (Member #1117) and her husband **Rudolph Frederic 'Fred' Gahm** reside in San Diego, California. Her EMail address is CarolJan100@aol.com.

I am a daughter of Lee Kenneth and Dorothy Maria (Prescott) Ewing. My first husband, Anthony Dudley Seine (1938-2002), and I had four children.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Samuel Ewing who was born in Ireland (maybe Scotland) in 1730. His spouse is unknown; I am descended from his son Charles. Prescott, Osuna and Tebbetts are some of the surnames in my ancestry. Information about my heritage may be found at trees.ancestry.com/tree/12492753/person/-247679242?ssrc=.

Charles Edwards 'Chad' Snee III (Member #1127) and his spouse Janet live in Lynchburg, Virginia and may be contacted at ChadAJan@aol.com.

The mother of my maternal grandfather (Henry Thom McClelland Jr.) was Lizona D. Ewing (1854-1932). She is a daughter of William Ewing (born 1810) and Jane Hoey Noble (died 1856). William is a son of William Ewing (born 1760) and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and a grandson of James Ewing (born c1730) and Mary McKown (born c1740).

I am also searching for Ewings connected with the Rev. Alexander Donnan family of Washington, Pennsylvania, a line of descent of my maternal grandmother, Nettie Barker (Donnan) McClelland.

Editor's Note: Further information about Chad's heritage may be found on page 47.

Keeping Up With the Ewings

Editor's Note: Additional information about happenings in the Ewing 'forest' may be found by using the Ewing Family Association's facebook page at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association.

Martin S. Ewing writes:

We have survived Irene, who arrived here in southern Connecticut as a mere Tropical Storm, but still managed to do a lot of damage on the Connecticut shoreline, not to mention the more serious inland flooding. We lost our power for two-and-a-half days. That was a lot better than others in the community, but enough to make us think more seriously about emergency preparedness for the future.

Steven Craig Ewing and his family were the focus of an article published in the September-October 2008 edition of *Martha's Vineyard Magazine*.²

A man who works on water

Steve Ewing – wharf builder, conservationist, family man, poet – tells a story or two about a lifetime on the water, in the city, and on the Vineyard.

By Tom Dunlop

It's a lucky thing for Steve Ewing that he works on the water. If he toiled on the land, he'd never earn a dime, because he's one of those Vineyard guys who can't walk more than twenty-five yards down a village street without running into someone he knows. Go with him on an early spring day from lunch at the Wharf Pub and Restaurant on Main Street in Edgartown to a pier he's building two hundred yards down the waterfront, and every pickup truck he meets along the way slows, the driver rolling down the window to laugh with Steve about something that happened a few days back, or discuss the whereabouts of an order of lumber, or ask for advice about how to rig up something for a boat, a house, or maybe even the pickup.

The truck will pull away, and it's a sure bet that Steve will ask, "Know that guy? Nice guy," and he'll tell you who the driver's parents were, who his first wife was, what his daughter's studying in college. Steve is a good storyteller, principally because he's a good listener, and knowing as



Steve Ewing of Aquamarine Dockbuilders estimates that he and his company have built 99 percent of the private piers now standing in Edgartown and at least 50 percent of them in other Island towns.

² www.mvmagazine.com/article.php?18088

many people as well as he does, his tales veer with discursive flair across time and place and person. Steve is fifty-six now and for the past thirty-eight years he's built piers and bulkheads on the quieter waters of Martha's Vineyard, and shoreline-saving jetties and seawalls where the currents run more wildly. And though this is one of the tougher jobs you can have on the Vineyard waterfront, and though Steve has known a full measure of joy and sorrow in his life, the stories he tells show that he's never lost a sense of wonder about how things happen and how, most of the time, the difficult issues work themselves out.

But in the end, Steve Ewing – wharf builder, conservationist, public servant, family man, poet, and storyteller – would rather the story not be about him. He thinks there are other guys, like the one in the pickup who just drove off, whose narratives are every bit as interesting as his own. Something else you can count on if you spend any time with Steve Ewing is that he'll finish off the story about the driver – and just about everyone else who hails him – by saying, "You should talk to him."

But first let's talk about the kind of work Steve does. He's building a pier in a placid corner of Edgartown harbor on this cool but sunny afternoon. His barge is built of steel. At the stern stands a tall crane.

Amidships howls an industrial pump with a hose running over the side and down to the bottom. Along one side of the barge lie half a dozen pilings, each the diameter of a telephone pole and thirty feet long. The barge is fixed in place by dropping stanchions (known as spuds) through holes in each corner of the deck; it's as if the barge is held fast to the bottom by four steel table legs. Steve and Max Gibbs, one of the men who works for him at Aquamarine Dockbuilders, are laboring on the face of the pier, and it will be made straight by setting each piling along the length of the barge, as if the side of the hull were a ruler.

Steve and his crew choose a spot to set the first piling. They use the pump and hose to jet away sand from the harbor bottom; on the surface, the water turns olive with excavated muck (the bottom here was once a peat bog and salt marsh, so the dredging is easy). Max fires up a chain saw and shaves away the base of the piling as if it were a huge pencil point. Around the other end, he fixes a length of heavy chain, and Steve, running the crane, lifts the piling high over the side, lowering the sharp end into the cavity in the harbor floor like the business end of a screwdriver. Next Max girdles the piling with a peavey, a giant steel clasp with a spike at one end, and muscles it around and around into the harbor bottom. Measuring the piling often to check its perpendicularity, Steve fixes a temporary sleeve, or steel ring, over the top, climbs back into the cab of the crane, and drops a hanging, thousand-pound weight enough times to hammer the piling a solid fifteen feet into the sand and mud below.

"Looks simple, right?" asks Steve. When you admit that it actually does, he laughs and says, "Want to try it?"



Steve (operating the crane) and Josh Kresel, of Edgartown, set a piling.
photo by Jaxon White

In Chilmark, where the last glacial advance came to a halt and left behind sizable chunks of the White Mountains, "it's hard going," he says. "Rocks as big as Volkswagens. I like crooked spiles [another name for a piling] for that. You kind of corkscrew 'em in around the rocks." At the coast where longshore currents run and beaches forever erode, Steve and his crew repair and rebuild wooden jetties, which in the old days were slathered in creosote, a toxic preservative now banned in pier building. "Some guys are really sensitive to that," he says of creosote, "and they'd peel their skin off at the end of the day. You'd smear your face with Crisco oil so the stuff wouldn't get on you. That's nasty in the summertime. You're sweating under the Crisco." And then there's the cold in winter, after the seasonal folks have gone home, leaving piers, seawalls, and groins to be built or repaired before they return in summer.

"We were doing a bulkhead out by the Gut," Steve says of a project at the entrance to Cape Pogue Pond on Chappaquiddick. "It was like a big, long bulkhead. That was the winter in the eighties when it was the coldest December on record. It was all frozen from Cape Pogue all the way into town, of course. We're out there working, we're in waders and gloves, and jetting water." It's possible to stay fairly comfortable "as long as you're pretty well dressed, and you don't get real wet." But Steve read somewhere that at 18 degrees, with even just a little breeze, the wind chill factor falls below zero. He recalls a morning before heading out to the Gut to work when he and his men were having a meditative cup of coffee at his house in Edgartown, down a dirt road off Edgartown–Vineyard Haven Road. The thermometer just outside the window showed a temperature of 18. They looked at it, then at each other, and said, in effect, "Screw this." From that day forward Aquamarine has made it a rule that the crew doesn't work on the water when the temperature falls to 18 or below.

So, no. Wharf building is not as simple as it looks. Aquamarine has been in business since Steve Ewing started it with a partner, Robert M. Green of Edgartown, thirty years ago. Aquamarine employs six hard-working men year-round. Steve reckons that he and his company have built 99 percent of the private piers now standing in Edgartown and at least 50 percent of them everywhere else on the Island. And if you've stood on or tied up to a commercial wharf in one of the down-Island towns – at Owen Park or Martha's Vineyard Shipyard in Vineyard Haven, the Hy-Line passenger ferry wharf in Oak Bluffs, the fueling station at North Wharf or the slips at the Chappy ferry in Edgartown – you've entrusted yourself or your boat to a pier Aquamarine built or rebuilt.

Steve Ewing, who was born in New Bedford, lived as a baby in Fairhaven, moved to the Vineyard as a toddler, and grew up almost entirely in Edgartown. He started working on the water as a teenage ticket taker on the Chappaquiddick ferry. From his post aboard the original On Time, he helped his father, Harvey, the Island bureau chief for the Cape Cod Times and New Bedford Standard-Times, score something of a worldwide scoop early on a July morning in 1969: the first photograph of Senator Edward M. Kennedy taken after the accident at Dike Bridge. As the morning began,



photo by Jason White

The Ewing family, circa 1970, with young shirtless friend Wally Steele, Steve, Doug, Colin, mom Jo-Ann, dad Harvey, Scotty, and family dog Silas.

Kennedy and a clutch of other men boarded the On Time on the Edgartown side, crossed the harbor channel, and sequestered themselves in the small ferry house at Chappaquiddick Point.

"He's over there, so I called my old man up – you know, Harvey, the reporter – and I said, 'Dad, something's going on over here.' Kennedy was over there about twenty minutes or so in the shed with the lawyers [on the phone]." Harvey arrived at the Edgartown landing just as the ferry was bringing the senator back. Harvey snapped a picture as Kennedy walked off the boat. *"And he was always upset about it," says Steve of his father, "because it went into Time magazine, just head and shoulders, [Kennedy] walking off the boat, looking kind of dejected. And [Harvey] never got any credit for it. No money or anything. Of course, nobody had any money in those days – if you made fifty bucks, it would have been a big deal."*

Steve's family on his mother's side, the Cargills, were summer visitors and residents originally from Providence. They were among the Methodists who made a pilgrimage to the woodlands of Oak Bluffs before the Civil War to pitch tents and evangelize during the annual August revival meetings at what is now the Camp Ground. Like his future wife, Jo-Ann Cargill, Harvey Ewing lived in Fairhaven. In the summer of 1955, when Steve was three years old, they moved into a Cargill family home on Canonicus Avenue in Oak Bluffs. Harvey assumed the post of Vineyard bureau chief for the New Bedford paper. And Steve and his three younger brothers (as they came along) began to discover the Vineyard with an unusually sharp sense of just how different it was from the mainland.

"We went fishing and shellfishing, always picking berries and everything else," says Steve. The brothers jumped into the Atlantic from the concrete bunker, a relic from World War II that still stood defiantly in the surf at South Beach a generation later. "There was just a real love of the place. I think that's why I got involved in conservation commissions. All I know is nobody had any money. But nobody really thought much about that, you know." When the subject of a mainland vacation came up, Steve says, "My dad would say, 'What do you want to go on vacation for? You've got the Island.' And then, I tell you, I think the first time I really, really appreciated the place – well, I was always proud of it – was when I went away to boarding school for a few years."

Steve got a full scholarship to Hotchkiss in Lakeville, Connecticut, thanks to George "Carey" Matthiessen, a former state marine biologist, and a longtime summer resident. When Matthiessen came to the Edgartown School to set up aquariums in Steve's science class, Steve helped him collect flora and fauna for the tanks. Matthiessen picked up on how sharp Steve was, and through Hotchkiss, offered the kid a four-year ticket to the school starting in the fall of 1966.

He attended through his junior year. But he had a hard time with languages, and as he struggled with them, he fell behind in other classes. More than this, a tendency to wander when and where he wanted, inspired by his boyhood days on the Island, began to cause problems. A day student had a car, Steve says, "so we went everywhere. There were these caves at Twin Lakes [in nearby Salisbury] we loved going to. See, we'd get caught. And we used to sneak out and go with these other kids from England that I met. We used to sneak into Millerton, New York, to a bar there. You could drink when you were eighteen, and they never carded you. I'd get caught for that." An adviser sat down with him at the end of his third year and suggested, "You can come back, but–." Steve laughs at the implication: "But you probably ought to think about not."

Yet before Steve returned to the Island and to his senior year at the regional high school, he picked up something else from his Hotchkiss experience. Steve would hitch a ride home on holidays with a lad from Cape Cod whose father piloted his own plane. As they flew into Hyannis, Steve remembers "seeing those condos on the Cape, and how proud I was of the Vineyard – we didn't have that kind of junk. It looked like they'd screwed up these marsh areas and everything else." Steve was seventeen and about to start a lifetime of work on the Island waterfront. What he couldn't know then was how much time he would spend trying to save it.

Steve's first job as a pier builder was with Grant and Carbon Marine, a new operation in Edgartown in 1970. His rookie assignment was to motor away from the barge in a skiff to set – and reset, every time the barge had to move more than a few feet – six anchors from the bow and stern and all four corners of the deck, which was how it was done before spuds were dropped to the sea floor through the deck. He also went scalloping in winter with a friend, David Berube of Edgartown, one of the few men who still goes shellfishing year-round on the Island. Steve was making good money, but he had run across a compelling English teacher at the regional high school – John Morelli – who'd opened a door to writing. Steve had discovered the poetry of Robert Bly, Allen Ginsberg, and E.E. Cummings. "I really liked Whitman at one point. Kind of in the same way I liked Thomas Hart Benton's paintings." Steve wanted to advance his education. During the frigid winter of 1976, he bagged scalloping, enrolled in an English program at the New School, and traveled to Manhattan.

He needed a job, and the first was as a buck-an-hour dishwasher at La Boheme, a twenty-four-hour café in a tough neighborhood. "We used to serve the Hell's Angels at seven in the morning – free breakfasts for protection," says Steve. "And the pimps would come in at night and beat the hookers up in the restaurant. There was an old lady who played the piano there. She could play anything from ragtime to jazz, and the place would be singing." Then, one day she was fired. "This woman, who was really like a grandmother to me, turns out was a guy," says Steve. "No friggin' clue: My first year living in the city, you know what I mean? Coming from the Vineyard!"

Steve lost patience with dishwashing and the bigotry at La Boheme. At Central Park, he discovered the Loeb Boathouse, with its wooden rowboats available for rent. He took a job in the repair shop, where a Vineyard rube could witness new thrills, such as when Steve saw people feeding goldfish from the Boathouse terrace. No big deal, except these goldfish were two feet long: "As big as small striped bass!" And more than that: "These fish would come up the boat ramp – out of the water, literally, completely out of the water – and fight with the pigeons for the scraps of the bread crumbs."

One spring afternoon, before the boats were ready to rent, a man appeared and asked whether he might hire one: "Miss Hepburn and I only have about an hour from the theater." Steve stammered, "Um. Well. Uh." Just then Katharine Hepburn came around the corner, "with the scarf blowing in the wind, bigger than life. And I just go, 'Hummina, hummina. No problem.' So I put her in the back of the boat, the guy got in rowing, and I pushed her off, making some stupid African Queen joke."

Steve came to like the anonymity of the city. "There's that trade-off where nobody knows you, so you can do anything and not worry what anybody's going to think about you. You've got to learn to get over that, living in a small town. But cities are really composed of lots of little small towns. You get these areas where you live – you go to the same pharmacy, the same liquor store, the same coffee shop." His studies at the New School went well – he began to write

poetry of his own, working up the nerve to read it aloud in workshops. But he also felt a call to go home. The small towns he knew best and liked most were all on Martha's Vineyard.

Steve started Aquamarine in 1978 with Robert Green, who'd gotten into the solar-panel installation business on the Island back when the first oil crisis hit. Steve had risen to the job of foreman at Grant and Carbon, but Jerry Grant and Jack Carbon were getting ready to sell the business, and Steve and Robert realized they could start their own for less. Steve also saw how to improve the ways piers were built on the Vineyard, such as using spuds instead of anchors. Robert's father lent the two men \$30,000, and "we cruised the East Coast, looking for equipment, and we found a barge in Greenport, Long Island, and a [work] boat, which we still have, in Gloucester. And went from there," Steve says. The only thing they didn't get quite right was the name of the company, Aquamarine Dockbuilders: It turns out the technical definition of "dock" is the space between piers in which a vessel ties up. "We build the space between the piers," Steve laughs. "I didn't know it at the time when we made the name up. I didn't have a clue." Steve bought out Robert Green in 1996 and became entirely his own boss.

Meanwhile, in his family life, Steve had experienced great happiness and tragedy, the two sometimes colliding. In February 1985, he married Claudia Lubell (of Scarsdale, New York, a founder and now assistant director of the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School in West Tisbury). While on their honeymoon, Steve's youngest brother, Scotty, was killed in a car accident near the West Chop Light after leaving a party one night. Ten years later, after a sudden illness, his father died, and less than two months after that so did his immediate younger brother, Doug, after a five-year fight against melanoma.

"I'll tell you one thing that helped," says Steve, "when someone younger dies, or something happens that's out of the ordinary, dramatic, all of a sudden – I think especially in a small town – people come up to you and say, 'I'm so sorry,' and then they'll share with you a similar experience they've had. And you would never know otherwise. You realize everybody is constantly going through this same kind of thing at a different time: 'I lost my brother back in the thirties or in the forties, when I was young.' It kind of unites you. You feel this real sense of unity between people."

Steve wrote poems about both Scotty and Doug after they died, and these were published in the Vineyard Gazette. To Vineyarders who knew both young men, it appeared that Steve had found a way to direct his emotions into rather simple, meaningful language – sometimes iambic, like a heartbeat, sometimes soothing, in a series of rhymed couplets, like these lines from his poem, "Skirts," about Scotty: "Always running / youngest brother / pushing harder / loved to wander" and "We miss the love your body brought / warm kisses / soft embrace / your fluid run / your arms and legs / your tender laughing face." What the brothers had each done with their lives and how they were regarded by others seemed almost to float off the page.

From time to time, other Steve Ewing poems have been published in the paper. He often evokes places and things that Island folk recall and care about, as in these stanzas from "The Bunker Is Leaving":



Steve, relaxing with his wife, Claudia, at the home he built in 1978.

*Nothing will ever stay here forever
We live on a sandbar / Of swift moving tides
But I hope my kids / Catch other bunkers
Dig their feet deep / Into hot Island sand
Run with the wind / And jump off the railings
Smell the salt breeze / Hold time in their hands*

Nowadays, when someone dies, spouses or children or friends will sometimes ask Steve to compose a poem about them. He may read it at the service, the *Gazette* may publish it, and this private and public ritual seems to carry a lot of meaning for those who carry on.

Steve and Claudia) have two sons, Nicholas (Niko), twenty-one, a photographer who's taking time off after finishing his second year at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and Christopher (Arno), eighteen and a senior at the regional high school. They go camping together in Europe. Steve says plainly that after so much loss, he's fervent that a family tradition of gathering for card games, cribbage, and Sunday suppers continue. This means not only Steve's family, but also his mother, surviving brother Colin, Doug's wife Lizzie, and all the nephews and nieces. When one of them opens in a school play or shows at an art gallery, Steve and Claudia)make it a point to go.

There's something else that seems to come from the shadows of loss. Steve saves things – the poems he wrote as a boy and younger man, family pictures going back to the first Cargills on the Vineyard, his father's newspaper columns, even relics he's dug up from the harbor bottom. What's particularly interesting is that he's also dedicated a significant part of his life to saving the Island from things like – well – too much pier building. For Steve, this goes straight back to those days when he and his brothers used to shellfish and pick berries together wherever they pleased, then flying into Hyannis and seeing condos rise on shorelines where condos shouldn't be.

"Yeah, I used to get pissed. I used to get pissed when the Island in the eighties was going nuts with building," he says. Steve's rear-guard action was to join committee after committee – be they town or Island – to fight and regulate it. On the Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee, he helped push through rules that prohibit or restrict piers in Cape Pogue Pond and much of Katama Bay (new piers mean new powerboats and possible new sources of pollution). On the town dredge advisory committee, he advocated for projects that help keep harbors navigable and shellfishing areas flushed and clean. On a great-pond committee, he helped lay in rules that restrict the horsepower on outboard engines in Edgartown Great Pond, prohibit toxic bottom paint on hulls, and keep new buildings (together with the septic and nitrogen-loading problems that come with them) back from the shoreline and the water itself. On an advisory board for the Martha's Vineyard Commission, he supported districts of critical planning concern, which identify sensitive areas – such as the shoreline around a great pond or bay – that may not be sufficiently protected by town regulations.

"The word 'environmentalist' used to be a bad word [among Island working folk]," Steve says. "They thought you were a kind of wide-eyed, crazy nut case. But now the fishermen – the surf-casters, the commercial fishermen – Christ, when I first started out, remember they used to have those Styrofoam coffee cups? Everybody that I remember, and this was very common, would finish their cup of coffee in the morning and throw the cup in the harbor. You couldn't conceive of doing that now – never mind it not being Styrofoam. Who does that now? We've

changed as a community. We've grown. I see hope. And I look at how the community has evolved from how bad it had been before, even if we were ignorant of what we were doing." So, after the hard times and the hard work, Steve remains an optimist. Mainly this is because as time passes, he senses that more and more people recognize what folks who work on the water have known from the beginning – that if you can't count on one another, you don't survive. If the story must be about Steve Ewing, this is what he wants it to say:

"When you own a marine business, or you own a boat even, you're really tied to it. Twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week baby-sitting job you got. Where it doesn't take much for something to screw up. Every boat you have, every knot that ties every boat or barge has to be done right, or the wind will change, or the tide will come up or go down, and it just always wants to sink it or screw it up. So you've got to be aware of that summer and winter, you know. We don't put our stuff away when the weather gets cold. That's when we're actually out doing it. And so whenever there's a storm or a problem, you'll see people come out of the woodwork and go to the key places where the boats are, and checking on their stuff – but also checking on everybody else's stuff. And you see something, you call somebody."

This interdependency applies inland too, to life on the Vineyard as a whole: "It's really the people," he says, "all the people you associate with on an intimate level; it's like a big family, you know? You may never sit down to a meal together necessarily. But you're that close. And that's what it's like."

William Myrl Ewing reports:

Here's some Ewing history that my son stumbled onto while helping his 4th grade daughter with a school project. The town of Oklahoma City was originally called 'Ewing'. This story revolves around David L. Payne (1836-1884) who is considered by some to be the 'Father of Oklahoma' for his work in opening the state to settlement. The area around Oklahoma City was Indian Territory at that time. President Rutherford B. Hayes had issued a proclamation forbidding unlawful entry into Indian Territory. On his first attempt to enter Indian Territory, in April 1880, Payne and his party laid out a town they named 'Ewing' at the present-day site of Oklahoma City. It was probably named in honor of Union General Thomas Ewing.

The Fourth Cavalry arrested Payne's group then escorted them back to Kansas. Payne and a larger group returned to Ewing in July. The Army again arrested the party, escorted them back to Kansas, and freed them. You can read about their numerous intrusions into the forbidden area in the Wikipedia entry en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_L._Payne.

I very much enjoyed reading about the first *Ewing Family Association* gathering in the *Journal's* August issue,³ especially since we were there. The Mont Clair Farm was a wonderful place to hold a meeting. I'll never forget the group of bagpipers that came marching out of the woods unexpectedly. I also remember the large three-legged dog that could run as well as any other dog.

³ Ewing, David Neal. Notes Toward a History of the Ewing Family Association, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (May 2011), p. 23-25

Wallace K. 'Wally' Ewing writes:

Yesterday [October 4, 2011] Jane and I visited Curt Witcher at the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne. I passed on more of my Ewing archival papers and photographs, and my collection of Lincoln books and memorabilia. As always, he was deeply appreciative.

Dan Ewing and Beth (Ewing) Toscos joined us for a two o'clock meeting and lent their support to establishing rapport between the Genealogy Center and the *Ewing Family Association*. I will talk more about our meeting in the February issue of the *Journal*, and perhaps Beth will provide her impressions.

Happily, Curt has agreed to be our banquet speaker on Saturday, September 22nd, at the 2012 Gathering and he also will be with us Sunday morning for Q&A during breakfast.

John McEwen reports (via the Clan Ewen Forum⁴):

The Frasers v The McEwens

Kirkhill Community Pitch, by Beauly, Inverness-shire

Saturday 20th August 2011

3-4

by "Stramash"

This biennial clash took place on a warm and blustery day at the delightful Kirkhill pitch, deep in Fraser country. Eager to avenge their 5-4 defeat in the last encounter, the McEwens (whose team, like the Frasers, comprises Clansfolk as well as close associates and sympathisers) were determined and even organised. The "Fabulous Frasers", however, were in general faster and fitter. The game was played at a furious pace. The ageless Kit Fraser and his sons, Callum and Sandy, made many surges toward the McEwen line. But the McEwen back-four - Jeremy, Owen, Leslie and Max McEwen - were magnificent, imperturbable, timing their tackles to perfection. Frustrated, the Frasers allowed holes to appear in their own defence and Aidan McColl exploited them with great aplomb; and he bagged a wonderful hat-trick. After great work by their Italian stallion, Davide Taliente, the Frasers stayed in touch with a couple of good headed goals but the McEwens held on, and prevailed: 4-3. The Frasers, bravely hiding their disappointment, immediately requested that the match become an annual affair. The McEwens will be up for it. The children's match, which proved that the youngsters are just as passionate about their Clan as the older players, ended 2-2. Next year's encounter is expected to be a cracker. Man-of-the-match: Ed Soane, who performed brilliantly at the heart of the McEwen midfield.

Deaths

With sincere and heartfelt condolences to their families, we note the passing of:

⁴ ClanEwen@googlegroups.com

Cliff L. Ewing (1921-2011)⁵***Fort Wayne Newspapers, October 6, 2011⁶***

CLIFF L. EWING, passed away on Oct. 5, 2011, in Cape Coral, Fla. He had been a resident of Cape Coral for the past six years and is a former resident of Fort Wayne. He was born on Jan. 21, 1921, in [Woodburn]. He worked in the salvage business most of his life after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enjoyed playing golf and listening to music. He was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion and the Eagles. "Cliff was a kind gentleman who enjoyed friends and family. He will be missed greatly" Survivors include his longtime love, Pauline; stepson, Michael J. Levin; brothers, Donald and Joseph; sisters, Beaulah Pickett and Delores Hockman; two grandsons; and Ronda whom Cliff considered to be his daughter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roselyn Levin Ewing; and sister, Verna David. A Celebration of Cliff's life is noon Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at Fuller Metz Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon. Interment is Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 in Fort Wayne.

***Jo-Ann (Cargill) Ewing (1928-2011)⁷******Martha's Vineyard Times, March 30, 2011⁸***

Jo-Ann Cargill Ewing died on March 18, 2011 at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital after battling bone marrow failure for more than a year.

Jo-Ann was the daughter of Walter Milton Cargill and Abbie Mae Briggs Cargill. She was born on November 5, 1928, in Providence R.I.

Her family moved to Fairhaven, Mass., when she was five years old and they spent summers on Martha's Vineyard. Jo-Ann's great-grandfather, Charles Cargill of Providence, was a seasonal resident of Martha's Vineyard since the mid 1800s.



Jo-Ann and her parents and her two brothers continued the family tradition of spending summers on Martha's Vineyard in a house that her grandfather, Walter John Cargill, moved from the highlands of East Chop to Canonicus Ave. in Oak Bluffs in 1912. Jo-Ann graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1946 and from Winslow secretarial school in Boston in 1947.

Jo-Ann married Harvey Sterling Ewing on September 8, 1951. Harvey had recently graduated from Boston University on the G.I. bill after returning from WWII where he was distinguished as a decorated war hero. Sons Steven and Douglas were born in New Bedford, Mass., and in the summer of 1955 the young family moved to Martha's Vineyard because Harvey had been offered a job as the first Bureau Chief on Martha's Vineyard for the New Bedford Standard Times.

⁵ Brother of Delores (Ewing) Hockman and a first cousin, once removed, of Beth (Ewing) Toscos, Jane (Ewing) Weippert and Karen Avery.

⁶ www.legacy.com/obituaries/fortwayne/obituary.aspx?n=cliff-l-ewing&pid=153981335

⁷ Mother of Steven Craig Ewing whose heritage is discussed on pages 27, 67 and 70.

⁸ www.mvtimes.com/martha-s-vineyard/article.php?id=4959

The family spent their first two Island winters in a house in the Campgrounds and then moved to a house near Oyster Pond, which they rented from Sonny Norton, where son Colin was born. In 1958 they moved to the Rogers house on Main St. in Edgartown where their youngest son Scott was born.

In 1964, the family moved to their permanent home on Upper Main St. in Edgartown, known as "Blowout Villa," where Jo-Ann's delicious home-cooking was enjoyed by family and friends for countless Sunday dinners, holidays and birthdays over the years. She passed on many recipes to her children and grandchildren, among them Ranger Cookies, baked beans, all sorts of pies, and her beach plum jelly, of which she made batches and batches every summer including this last one.

Jo-Ann and Harvey welcomed Harvey's disabled brother, "Uncle Bob," into their home and he lived there with the family for over 30 years until his death in 2003. They also opened their home to guests and boarders from all over the world throughout the years, many of whom to this day call Jo-Ann their second mom.

Jo-Ann's working life spanned over five decades and demonstrated her commitment to serving people. When she first moved to the Island and her sons were young, she worked part time as a court stenographer and evenings as a waitress at the Square Rigger Restaurant. In the early 1960s she began to work for psychiatrist, Dr. Milton Mazer, where she was his first receptionist and secretary at the Mental Health Center, located at the Dr. Daniel Fisher House in Edgartown. She also typed and helped to edit, along with Harvey, Dr. Mazer's renowned book "People and Predicaments," a book about the specific psychosocial challenges of living on an island.

In 1992, Jo-Ann earned certification as a home health aide and was employed by the Vineyard Nursing Association. Her distinguished career of 18 years with the VNA enabled Jo-Ann to make the most of her compassionate and generous nature, which she selflessly shared with her clients. She retired from the VNA in 2009.

A vital part of Jo-Ann's life was her devotion to the Methodist Church. Her weekly attendance at the Sunday service throughout her life was enhanced by her commitment to works of service associated with the church. She was a member of the choir beginning as a 13-year-old girl and she continued to sing in the choir until January, 2011, when her illness made it difficult for her to attend church. As a member of the United Methodist Women on Martha's Vineyard, she helped cook for and organize the weekly soup suppers, and she participated in the yearly Crop Walks.

Additionally, Jo-Ann was a founding violinist for the Vineyard Sinfonietta, following in the footsteps of her musician parents, and she continued to play with the Sinfonietta until 2010. Jo-Ann and Harvey were also founding members of the Scottish Society of M.V., when Harvey was elected the first president of that organization in 1986.

Jo-Ann's last year was filled with the love of her family and friends. In May of 2010 she and her six grandchildren and other family members took a road trip to visit some of the most memorable places from Jo-Ann's childhood along the south shore of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Her grandchildren filmed her as she told stories about growing up there in the 1930s. Another high point of Jo-Ann's recent months was a weeklong visit by her childhood best friend Arlene MacDougall MacDonald and Arlene's sister Betty. The 82-year-old women spent that week in January reminiscing and playing many spirited games of Scrabble.

Jo-Ann was pre-deceased by her youngest son, Scott, in 1985 and by her husband, Harvey, and son Doug during the summer of 1995. Jo-Ann endured those losses with incredible strength and grace. She continued to deeply appreciate the beauty and joy that life has to offer and she was truly inspirational to everybody who knew her.

She is survived by son Steve and his wife, Claudia), son Colin and his partner, Jordan Max, daughter-in-law Lizzy Bradley, and six grandchildren — Heather, Niko), Celeste, Arno, Ray, and Vivian. Jo-Ann felt blessed to be able to spend many happy days with her beloved grandchildren, all of whom grew up close to her home in Edgartown and were the light of her life. She is also survived by her brother, David Cargill, and his wife, Clarice, of Franklin, and brother Richard Cargill of Knoxville, Tenn., three nieces and three nephews, and many dear friends.

Donations in her name can be made to the Vineyard Nursing Association or the United Methodist Church of Martha's Vineyard, P.O. Box 2580, Oak Bluffs.

A memorial celebration of Jo-Ann's life will be held at noon on March 26, 2011 at Trinity Chapel in Oak Bluffs and a reception will follow at the Trinity parish house adjacent to the church.

Ray Clifton McClure (1919-2011)⁹
Parker Funeral Service & Crematory¹⁰

Ray Clifton McClure, 91, of Columbia died on Saturday, September 17, 2011. He donated his body to the University of Missouri Medical School's Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences. His cremains will be buried at a later date at New Liberty Church Cemetery in Holt County near Mound City, MO. Ray's memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 pm at Missouri United Methodist Church, Columbia, MO, with a reception following in the church parlors.

Ray was born December 3, 1919 the seventh of eight children of Theodore Clifton and Alice Edith Hines McClure in rural Wright County near Hartville, Missouri. He graduated from Shelbina High School in 1938 and from the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in 1942. He joined the United States Army Air Force in 1942 and served in the Air Force Training Command until 1946. Ray and Jean Ream were married April 8, 1944.

Following his military service he accepted the position of Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Huntsville High School, Huntsville, MO, in July 1946. That same summer he initiated an instructional program in Agriculture for Veterans in the area. In 1951 he completed a Masters in Education degree at the University of Missouri. From 1952 to 1960 he served as Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Marshall High School. He served as President of the local Marshall Kiwanis Club, received the JAYCEES Outstanding Young Man of The Year Award, and the State Outstanding Teacher Award.

In 1960 he accepted a One Year Fellowship in Counseling and Guidance at the University of Missouri. He served as Director of Guidance at Marshall High School 1961 to 1967. He was an

⁹ Husband of Jean McClure, a long-time member of the Ewing Family Association (EFA) and descendant of John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745). Jean and Ray were the organizers of the 7th Gathering held in Columbia, Missouri in October 2002.

¹⁰ www.parkerfuneralservice.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1266006&fh_id=11542

active member of the first Board of Directors that founded the Butterfield Boys Ranch in Marshall, MO, actively involved with Future Farmers of America, the Boy Scouts, 4-H, and helped start the Young Farmers Association in Missouri. In 1967, he accepted employment in the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri until his retirement in 1984, counseling and advising students. He took great interest in students and was a friend to students.

He was active in several professional organizations and was a Charter Member of the National Academic Advising Association, president of the Missouri Vocational Association, and UM Circle K adviser. He founded the MIZZOU Chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society. He and Jean were members of the Jefferson Club and the Monticello Society at University of Missouri. He was the recipient of several honors: honorary tap in Omicron Delta Kappa, Mystical Seven, and QEBH; Kiwanis International Tablet of Honor; Dari E. Snyder Alumni Award for Outstanding Service as a Builder of Men, FarmHouse Fraternity; Citation of Merit from the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Alumni Association of the University of Missouri Columbia Faculty-Alumni Award, and the 2011 Columbia Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness & Biosciences Friend of Youth Agriculture Award. He founded the MIZZOU Chapter of Golden Key Honorary.

He presented programs on career counseling and wrote several articles on academic advising. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, serving in the East and West Conferences, now Missouri Area Conference. He was active in lay leadership roles at the local church, district, and conference levels and had been a Certified Lay Speaker. Ray and Jean received the Ernest M. Funk Award of Christian Merit in 2010 from MUMC.

Ray's parents; his brothers Maurice, Olin, Warren and Carl; and his sisters Ruby M. Blackford and Lois M. Peak preceded him in death.

Ray is survived and dearly missed by his wife of 67 years, Jean McClure; children Barbara McClure, Larry McClure (Sheila Searfoss), Rick McClure (Linda), all of Columbia, and Ron McClure of Jefferson City, MO; grandchildren Jennifer L. McClure (James Owens), Maumelle, AR; Erin Searfoss (Nate Hartung), St. Louis, MO; Lacey Searfoss (Mike Laue), O'Fallon, MO; Alissa Speziale (Chris), San Diego, CA; Erin L. McClure (Clyne E. Cunningham, Jr.), Columbia, MD; Brenda Barnes (Grant), Raymore, MO; and great grandchildren Isabella, John, and Nathaniel Hartung; Eleanor Laue; Sophia and Nora Speziale; Zoë Cunningham and Noah McClure; and Rebecca and Connor Barnes; his youngest sister, Ann Rubison, Shelbina, MO; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ray C. McClure Scholarship, c/o Office of Advancement, College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, 2-4 Agriculture Building, Columbia, MO 65211; the Ream-McClure Scholarship, c/o Office of Development, College of Human Environmental Sciences, 14 Gwynn Hall, Columbia, MO 65211; the Missouri UMC Children's Ministries; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Webmaster's Message

Martin S. Ewing, Webmaster (Martin.S.Ewing@gmail.com)

The *Ewing Family Association*'s facebook page continues to gather interest among facebook users. We have 53 'likes', which is the way users associate themselves with a page like ours.

Anyone can access the page directly at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association. If you're already logged in on facebook, you can just use the search box to look for '*Ewing Family Association*'. You'll need a (free) facebook account to make a posting.

If you are seeking contact with younger and more 'plugged-in' Ewing relatives, facebook may be the way.

Martin Ewing

Genealogist's Message

Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Another Brick Wall Bulldozed!

After a fifteen-year search, I recently found descendants of a branch of my direct line. We are third cousins, sharing a great-great-grandfather, John Ewing III (c.1811-1889). This group was unaware of their connection to John, so I have much to share with them. The most exciting fact is that they are now aware that they are descendants of Mayflower Pilgrims – John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden – through our Ewing line.

Cousin Reunions

During a combined vacation and genealogy-research trip this past summer, I met some Ewing cousins (first cousins, once removed) for the first time. Their names were in my database, but I now know their faces. We gathered at Hemlock Lake in Reading, Michigan for a wonderful picnic and fellowship. I encourage each and every *Ewing Family Association* member to organize annual reunions with their cousins!

Karen Avery



**Ewing Cousin Reunion at Hemlock Lake,
Reading, Michigan August 13, 2011**

In front: Violet (Ewing) Diemer; Lynn (Ewing) Coughlin; Vicki (Ewing) DeBoard; Randy Ewing; Standing: Jane (Ewing) Weippert; John Ewing; Karen Avery; Beth (Ewing) Toscos; Sammy Ewing; Terry Ewing; Debbie (Ewing) Bigelow; Judie (Ewing) Kelly

Merchandise Coordinator's Message

Virginia (Ewing) Okie, Merchandise Coordinator (Vokie@digital.net)

PLAN AHEAD: Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. It's time to think ahead and consider giving Ewing-logo-emblazoned Coffee Cup and T-, Golf- and Sweat-Shirt gifts to your Ewing relatives. See the inside back cover, or go to:



www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial%20EFA/Merchandise.html for more information.



GET 'EM WHILE THEY LAST: Baseball caps with our previous name, *Clan Ewing in America*, are still available. Adult caps in Stone with Black Trim and White with Black or White Trim are available. Youth caps are available in White only. All caps are \$15.



'BLUE LIGHT' SPECIAL: The price of Sweat Shirts with a Ewing logo has been reduced 30% – \$25 rather than \$35. They have the Ewing logo and come in the following sizes: Adult – XXL, XL, Large, Medium, Small (only two left); Youth – 14-16 (Large Youth) and 10-12 (Medium Youth).

Please go to:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/MerchandiseMaterial%20EFA/Merchandise.html for more information about these 'deals' and information about Ewing-specific merchandise in general.

Information Exchange

This section is intended to facilitate dialogues among members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* as well as among them and non-members. It includes items sent directly to the *Journal's* Editor and the *EFA Genealogist* which offer or request Ewing-related information.

This section also, as a service to readers, reprints selected requests for information and offers 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. With the same intent, selected postings to *EFA's* Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation are also included. Only the item itself is included here. Readers interested in further information for any of these items should go to the item's cited URL.

Alexander Ewing (died 1756)

Posted by MINTEER to rootsweb (boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/807/mb.ashx)

Will of Alexander Ewing

Know all men by these presents that I Alexander Ewing of Slippery-rock township, Mercer County and State of Pennsylvania being of sound understanding and memory do hereby constitute the following to be my last will and testament concerning the things and sums of money herein named.

First that seventy five dollars be given to Mary Ewing daughter of my son William deceased, when she arrives to the age of twenty one years.

Second that five dollars be given to my son Thomas Ewing.

Third that all the notes dubills and bonds that may remain in my posession at my decease be collected and that the income arising there from and the money also left at my decease (except so much as shall pay on able charges of my executors) be given to my three daughters and the children of my son James Ewing - deceased, in the following manner vis

One Fourth Part to my daughter Margaret Hunt

One Fourth Part to my daughter Rebecca Wood

One Fourth Part to my daughter Isabell Stevenson and

One Fourth Part to be divided equally between Mary Ewing, Thomas Ewing and Emaline Ewing children of my son James - deceased.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Eli Cole of the township, county and state aforesaid and James Stevenson, my son in law to be my executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony where I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight.

Alexander Ewing (seal)

Posted by val714 to rootsweb (boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/807.803/mb.ashx)

I have a Samuel S. Ewing born 1804 in Mercer Co., Pennsylvania, whose father, I believe, was a Thomas Ewing, born 1758. They are both buried in Deer Creek Cemetery, Lawrence Co., Pennsylvania, which is right on the Mercer Co. line, very close to your Ewings. I have a census record of my Thomas in Mercer County in 1800. I haven't been able to find him anywhere any earlier and don't know who his parents or siblings might be. During your research, have you seen anything about these Ewings?

Posted by David Bell to rootsweb (boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/807.803.1/mb.ashx)

Thomas Calvert, was born 1769 in Chester and first married Anna Ewing. I don't have her birth date in my memory but she died in 1837 in Greene Co., Pennsylvania. I have been trying to figure out who her parents were.

I know that an uncle of Thomas Calvert was in Mercer Co., Pennsylvania. Thomas was a War of 1812 Veteran and moved from Chester to an unknown location before moving to Greene Co. His uncle – John (born 1742) who moved to Cumberland, Mercer and then western Pennsylvania – was the older brother of Thomas' father, Isaac, who was born in 1746/47 and first married an Elizabeth Gart (Cart?) at Old Swedes Church, Newcastle Co., Delaware. Isaac was in Chester and near Brandywine until after the 1790 census and he moved by 1793 to Greene Co., Pennsylvania.

If anyone has any thoughts on this, please let me know.

Ann Ewing (1804-1859) m. Solomon L. Purcell (1804-1875)

From Lance Davis (LMDavis2250@sbcglobal.net)

I am seeking information regarding Ann Ewing (1804-1859) who married Solomon L. Purcell (1804-1875).

Catherine Cogle Ewing (1778-1847/48)

Posted by Lynda Langston Fredendall (silverleaf33@sbcglobal.net) to rootsweb

It's been a long time since I've done research on Catherine. She was born 1815 in Kentucky. She married John Levi Pendley in 1833 in Muhlenberg Co., Kentucky. Sometime after 1860 they moved to Carroll Co., Arkansas, where John died in 1871. Catherine left with her son John Henry Pendley and his family, to Hale Co., Texas where she died in 1904. Catherine's first son John Henry was born in Butler Co., Kentucky, as was her husband John Levi Pendley. Catherine stated on a census that her father was born in Ireland and her mother in Virginia. There is a John Ewing and a Catherine Mefford Ewing living in Muhlenberg Co. but I can't prove them to be Catherine's parents. I'm not positive that Cogle is the correct spelling/name as Catherine's middle name. My grandmother knew her and as a child thought her middle name sounded like 'cobra'.

This has been a dead-end for fifty years, and I am hopeful with all the new information and researchers now that I can find Catherine's parents, or prove John and Catherine as her parents, but so far I haven't found that proof. Any help will be appreciated!

Chatham Ewing (1805-1881)

From Christine Eliot (ChrisEliot@gmail.com)

I have been able to confirm our lineage to Chatham Ewing (born November 8, 1805 and died February 5, 1881). I am looking for documentation of his lineage, in particular that he is the son of Robertus Ewing (born December 15, 1782) and Mary Polly Brown (born January 14, 1787 and died 1868). I think his line goes back to Robert Ewing who immigrated from Ireland and married Mary Baker from Virginia in 1747. I cannot yet prove that connection and hope that someone may be able to help guide my research. A chart of possible ancestors of Chatham Ewing which I hope will be helpful is at tinyurl.com/EwingChatham-PossibleAncestors. I appreciate any and all assistance.

Joseph Ewing (died 1835)

Post by Terry Ewing Schulz (schulz912@comcast.net) to rootsweb
(boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/256.633.1.1/mb.ashx)

I have searched high and low for a Joseph Ewing born in Pennsylvania in 1835. He married Mary Ann Pinkerton, born in 1835 in Somerset, Pennsylvania and died in 1904 Newcastle, Pennsylvania. They had one son: Harry Eugene Ewing, born 1865 in Allegheny, Pennsylvania and died 1945 in Kansas City, Missouri. The family story is he went west never to be heard from again. Mary Ann then married Samuel McKay (a widower) and they had a son Samuel Jr. born in 1870. This came from an obituary for Mary Ann, who was my great-grandmother. Most information on the Ewing/Pinkertons is from Beaver Falls, Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Ewing (1793-1841)**From W. R. Ewing (WREwing@thecable.net)**

I have been trying for some time to locate information on a Joseph Ewing born December 16, 1793 – in Kentucky I think – and died September 26, 1841 in Lawrence, Alabama. He was my great-great-great-grandfather. He married Rebecca McWhorter on December 5, 1820 in Madison, Alabama. I have her lineage. I know the lineage from Joseph to present, but I cannot identify his parents.

Samuel E. Ewing (born c1838)**Query by Patricia Hampton Kinzie (Pat.Kinzie@gmail.com)**

I am searching for the vital records on Samuel E. Ewing, born about 1838 in Missouri, married about 1894 to Emma C. Peck in Boise, Idaho. There's a memorial stone in Beloit, Wisconsin, the birthplace of Emma C. Peck. I am descended from Emma. 1900 U.S. Census shows them living together. Emma remarried in 1905 so I assume Samuel died between 1900 and 1905.

William and Elizabeth 'Lizzie' (Buchanan) Ewing**Query by BELLEMORE72 to rootsweb (boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2035/mb.ashx)**

Looking for info on William and Lizzie and their children (John, James, Elizabeth, Isabella, Dorothy and May) who lived in Lachine, Montreal from 1912.

Upcoming Events

Events in Scotland: A good source of information about Scottish genealogy-related happenings is *Visit Scotland: Official Ancestral Tourism Site* (www.ancestralscotland.com). They periodically distribute a Newsletter by Email; you can get on their mailing list by making a request via their website.

2011 November 13-20: The 7th Annual Wholly Genes Genealogy Conference and Cruise is sailing to Aruba and Curacao, aboard the MS Westerdam of the Holland America Line.

Please join us for the fun and educational event of the year! Our annual conference always sells out because it follows a proven formula: three days of presentations by expert genealogists alternating with three days of vacation in tropical ports, plus great food, evening entertainment, and the companionship of family researchers from around the world -- all for less than you'd pay for a week at the local Holiday Inn.

Our annual conference is the largest on the seas because of its tradition for offering a first-class lineup of genealogical speakers - and this year is no exception. We'll learn how to be better researchers, to break through our brick walls, and to take full advantage of records, finding aids, and technology from these experts: John Humphrey (award winning author who specializes in German and Pennsylvania research), Audrey Collins (Family History Specialist for *The National Archives* in the U.K.), Richard Sayre, CG (professional genealogist with a special interest in urban research methodology, technology and mapping tools for genealogists, military records, immigration, the Ohio River Valley, and Western Pennsylvania), Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL (professional researcher, writer, and genealogical

lecturer specializing in records of the National Archives and Records Administration and computer tools), Craig Roberts Scott, CG, M.A. (HRM) (CEO and President of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm), and Richard Eastman (well-known technology expert and publisher of the *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter*, the most popular online genealogy newsletter in the world).

The conference schedule also includes opportunities for one-on-one consultations with the speakers, shared meals with professional genealogists, several late-night roundtable chats, and two cocktail parties to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones, among other events.

Although the daily lecture schedule has not yet been published, the presentations will not overlap so, unlike many traditional conferences, you won't have to make difficult choices and miss some of the lectures. Likewise, no lectures or events are scheduled during port time so you'll be free to wander the tropic port towns, go shopping, lounge on the beach, or partake of the many available guided shore excursions in Aruba, Curacao, and Half Moon Cay.

While the hosting company, Wholly Genes, Inc., makes family history software, all of the events and lectures with expert researchers are software-neutral and relevant to every family researcher who wants to improve their skills. Users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) will have the opportunity to hear several additional non-conflicting presentations about how to make the most of that software and its companion products.

2012 September 20-23: *Down the Ohio and Westward*,
Twelfth Gathering of the *Ewing Family Association*,
Gallipolis, Ohio.



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