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From the Editor

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Y'All Come!!

This issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* again has copious information, spread throughout the issue, about the upcoming 2012 Gathering to be held in Gallipolis, Ohio, 20-23 September 2012. As you look through this issue, watch for the gathering's logo identifying information about this event.



2012 Gathering Logo

Making Connections

Several times, in previous issues of the *Journal*, I have talked about the obvious value of connecting with other Ewing-genealogy researchers and launching collaborative efforts. To make this happen, I and several others – most notably Ewing Family Association (EFA) Genealogist Karen Avery, EFA Chancellor David Neal Ewing, EFA Technologist Martin Ewing, EFA Board of Directors Chair Wallace K. Ewing and EFA Membership Coordinator Jill (Ewing) Spitler – have devoted 'tons' of time and energy to: soliciting and collecting information about Ewings; assuring that this information is consistent with what has been previously published; evolving – in collaboration with the material's contributor – complete, coherent articles and 'newsletter' items to include in the *Journal*; and gradually, over time, posting the material to the EFA Web Site.

It's very rewarding to find that this work to foster connections and form-up collaborative research teams actually works. An example appears in this issue of the *Journal*:

Several John Ewing of Carnashannagh descendants knew about a copy of the *Confession of Faith* belonging to John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745), but none knew where it was. In material published in the *Journal* and subsequently posted on the EFA Web Site, they noted its probable existence and the mystery concerning its location.

Douglas Rohde, a great⁴-grandson of William Bullitt Walter (1801-1863) and Margaret Ewing (1796-1874), recently found this John Ewing of Carnashannagh copy of the *Confession of Faith* amongst some well-preserved Walter-family memorabilia. By Googling *ewing 'confession of faith'*, Douglas learned about the collaborative group and Emailed a selection of members (Karen Avery, Mary (Ewing) Gosline, Esther (Ewing) Johnson and David Neal Ewing) about his discovery, cc'ing me on his message. The EMail conversation quickly expanded to include Wallace K. Ewing and Evelyn (Jones) Ewing, other John Ewing of Carnashannagh descendants in the collaborative group.

Preparing a transcript of this EMail conversation to include in this issue led to the inclusion of additional information and data. The result appears at page 28.

Preparing this transcript has furthered the collaboration. Publishing it here and eventually posting it to the EFA Web Site will hopefully entice others to join this conversation and lead to the dissemination of additional proven information about the descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh.

That's what it's all about folks! People finding people and sharing information.

Wm E. Riddle

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Ewing Family Association Twelfth Biennial Gathering

Gallipolis, Ohio — 20-23 September 2012

Many Ewings followed the gradual but ineluctable western migration patterns of the nineteenth century. In 1810 descendants of Pocahontas James Ewing left their home on Swago Creek in present-day West Virginia, followed the Kanawha River to the Ohio, poled their rafts across that wide river to Gallipolis, before settling permanently in various parts of Gallia County and adjacent Jackson County. Just across the Ohio River from Gallipolis is Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia, site of a battle that took place on October 10, 1774, a conflict some historians consider the first battle of the Revolutionary War. William 'Swago Bill' Ewing would have remembered that fight when he crossed the Ohio in 1810 on his way to Raccoon Township, north of Gallipolis. He had participated in the Battle of Pt. Pleasant thirty-six years earlier, when he was eighteen. Swago Bill spent the rest of his life in and around the small town of Ewington, where he died and was buried in 1822.

These Pocahontas James Ewing descendants, who migrated from the Shenandoah Valley via the Cumberland Gap, were descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh. They were joined by descendants of another early Scots-Irish immigrant – James Ewing of Inch – whose family had immigrated to the Upper Chesapeake Bay area and then migrated via Braddock's Road, now known as the National Road, Route 40, to the area around Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In September 2012 Ewings will gather in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio to acknowledge the Ewings' continued western migration. Information about the gathering appears in this issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* as follows:

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Pt. Pleasant (foreground) at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. Gallipolis, Ohio is in the background right.



**The Ewington Academy
Ewington, Ohio**



**Pt. Pleasant Mural
Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia**



Renaissance Singers

The Ewings of the County of Norfolk, England – Part 1

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In his 1885 essay *The Coming of the Friars*, Augustus Jessopp refers in passing to the "common Norfolk name of Ewing."¹ At the time of the 1881 census, near when Jessopp was writing his essay, family history web sites tell us that there were eighty-three Ewings living in Norfolk.² This is by no means common when compared with other surnames. So why did Augustus Jessopp believe that the name was common within Norfolk?

I think this is answered partly by the fact that within England it was the county with the third highest number of Ewings at that time, and therefore it could be said that within Norfolk the Ewing name was more common than in most other parts of England. The perception of it being common might also reflect the length of time that the Ewing name had been established in this county. The parish records tell us that the Ewing surname has been present in Norfolk for at least 400 years. But where did they come from prior to that? Is it possible that they could have originally come from Scotland? This is something that I have wondered about for many years.

Norfolk is where my Ewing ancestors came from and thus the reason for my interest in the origins of the surname in this English county. The earliest ancestor that I can trace my descent from with absolute certainty is a John Ewing who was married in Cringleford in 1764 and who died in the same parish in 1783 at the age of fifty-three. He is buried in the St. Peter's churchyard. There are in fact four generations of my Ewing ancestors buried in this churchyard, which makes it a special place for me. I have wandered around this churchyard on more than one occasion and I will be back there again in the near future. There is a sense of belonging that one gets when walking around the village where ones ancestors lived that I am never get tired of experiencing.



The parish church of St. Peter's, Cringleford. The four graves in a row in the foreground are all Ewing graves.

John Ewing (c1729–1783)

At the time of his death in 1783, the *Norfolk Chronicle* printed a notice that described John Ewing as a "considerable farmer."³ This appears to have been a commonly used term in those days to mean a farmer that farmed a large-scale farm. Such farmers were usually of considerable means. We are told in *Conversations on Political Economy*⁴ that a considerable farmer obtains higher profits from his land and is therefore able to further improve his land over time. In the 'farm sizes' entry of *The Oxford Companion*

¹ Jessopp, Augustus. *The Coming of the Friars*, 1885. (available online at www.scribd.com/doc/2389846/The-Coming-of-the-Friars-by-Jessopp-Augustus-18231914)

² Both www.ancestry.co.uk and www.findmypast.co.uk record 83 Norfolk residents in the 1881 U.K. Census with a surname of Ewing.

³ *Norfolk Chronicle*, 26th July 1783, pg. 2, col. 4.

⁴ Marcet, Jane (Haldimand). *Conversations on Political Economy: In Which the Elements of that Science are Familiarly Explained*, Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown, 1816

to *Family and Local History*,⁵ we are told that farms of 500 acres or more became the usual style of holding land in Norfolk during the 1700s. John Ewing's farm may not have been quite as large as that but the land record evidence would suggest that he may have had well over 100 acres.

The Cringleford Historical Society reports that the house now known as Hill Grove on the corner of Colney Lane and Newmarket Road was built for John Ewing in 1780.⁶ It is a large three-storey house that now operates as a care home for the elderly and that claims to have two double rooms and sixteen single rooms. It is likely that this house was situated on John Ewing's farm and this house may be where he lived for at least the last few years of his life.



**Hill Grove
Built for John Ewing in 1780**

In his Last Will and Testament, John Ewing mentions multiple brothers and sisters being alive and multiple brothers and sisters being dead but unfortunately he does not refer to any of them by name. All we know regarding his origins is that he was from a large family and that he was born about 1729, more than likely in Norfolk somewhere given the presence of the Ewing surname dating back to the 1600s.

John Ewing (1764–1838)

We know little more about John Ewing (1729-1783) other than that his wife Ruth gave birth to one child named John in 1764. His son was nineteen years old when John Ewing died in 1783, at which point, being not only the oldest son, but also the only child, he inherited everything from his father. His mother had died in 1778, five years before his father, so John Ewing found himself without his parents and without siblings from an early age. During those early years of his adulthood, death is something that he would learn to get used to.

John married Ann Creasey in 1786 and they had two children. The first in 1787 they named William Creasey Ewing. The second in 1788 they named Mary Ann Ewing. Mary Ann died a fortnight after her birth. Ann, her mother, died six months later in 1789. John married again in 1790, this time to a Hester Gent. They had one child together in 1793 named Hester Ewing who passed away only three weeks after birth. Hester, the mother, died a few days later. Ann and Hester are buried next to each other in the St. Peter's churchyard close to where John Ewing (Sr.) and his wife Ruth are buried.

John did not marry again for another five years. During this time his son and only remaining child William Creasey Ewing grew from seven years of age to twelve years of age. Ann Creasey's parents William and Mary Creasey of Martham (and in later life of Great Yarmouth) died in 1797 and 1798, respectively. The Creaseys had four daughters. The small manorial landholding of 120 acres that they owned in Martham, and also Mary's family's estate in Itteringham that she had inherited from her brother Thomas, were divided between the four daughters. With Ann having died in 1789, her share of the inheritance went to her son William Creasey Ewing who was at that point only eleven years of age. He would not receive it until he turned twenty-one.

⁵ Hey, David (Ed.). *The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*, 2nd Edition. Oxford University Press (U.S.A.), 2010

⁶ *Cringleford Over the Years*, Cringleford Historical Society, 1997. (www.historicalsociety.cringleford.com)

In 1799 John Ewing married Elizabeth Ellen Fleming and this time there were no children. Elizabeth was his wife for the remaining forty years of John's life. Those forty years were presumably a much happier time. John was a fairly wealthy man, by being a 'considerable farmer' like his father, but also through the purchase and sale of various bits of land within Cringleford. He was listed as a freehold landowner in the poll books of 1802, 1806 and 1817, and he is mentioned multiple times in the Cringleford Court Book in regards to surrendering of and admittance to various bits of copyhold land.⁷ An example of such copyhold land is the 228 acres that he was admitted into in 1796.

In 1830, John Ewing was a church warden⁸ at the St. Peter's church in Cringleford. His name appears in an inscription on the beam that supports the bells in the bell tower that reads "REPAIRED 1830 / JOHN EWING / CHURCH WARDEN."⁹ In 1830 he is also mentioned in the *Assembly Book* as being the receiver of tithes, etc. for Joseph Brett, the vicar. This would seem to further confirm his role as church warden. A church warden had an important role in the parish church, and he must therefore have been a highly respected member of the village.

In later life John Ewing was known as a 'gentleman' and indeed he calls himself this in his Last Will and Testament written in 1828 ten years before his death. In 1834 he was living on Bethel Street within the Norwich walls.

John Ewing died in 1838 at the age of seventy-four. His wife Elizabeth died in 1841. John and Elizabeth are buried together in the St. Peter's churchyard in Cringleford.

William Creasey Ewing (1787–1862)

William Creasey Ewing, Esq. was a gentleman, an antiquarian and a landed proprietor. He certainly owned a lot of land and many houses. By the mid-1830s he was already loaning significant amounts of money to people for building purposes. In the early 1820s he loaned £6000 to a man named William Clarke,¹⁰ a sum that must surely be hundreds of thousands of pounds in today's economy. Exactly where he came into so much money is still a mystery. As noted earlier, his father owned a lot of land, all of which William inherited. But even still, William Creasey Ewing appears to have been somewhat wealthier than his parents, and from an early age, well before he inherited anything from his father when he died in 1838.

⁷ Copyhold Land (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copyhold): At its origin in medieval England, copyhold tenure was tenure of land according to the custom of the manor, the 'title deeds' being a copy of the record of the manorial court. The privileges granted to each tenant, and the exact services he was to render to the Lord of the Manor in return for them, were described in a book kept by the Steward, who gave a copy of the same to the tenant; consequently these tenants were afterwards called copyholders in contrast to freeholders.

⁸ Church Warden (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Churchwarden): a lay official in a parish church or congregation of the Anglican Communion, usually working as a part-time volunteer. Church wardens have a duty to represent the laity and co-operate with the incumbent (or, in cases of vacancy, the bishop). They are expected to lead the parishioners by setting a good example and encouraging unity and peace. They have a particular duty to maintain order and peace in the church and churchyard at all times, and especially during services, although this task tends to be devolved to sidesmen.

⁹ Bailey, II, James. *The History of St. Peter's Church*, Cringleford Historical Society, 1986. (brief church history: stpeterchurch1834.org/our-history.php; Historical Society: www.historicalsociety.cringleford.com)

¹⁰ www.hethersett.org.uk/hethq.htm

Part of the answer to the mystery of his early wealth is of course the inheritance mentioned earlier that he received from his grandparents, William and Mary Creasey. In 1808 at the age of twenty-one, he would have received this inheritance, and by 1810 he was already purchasing freehold land in the Cringleford and Hethersett area of over 100 acres, and likewise additional copyhold land in Cringleford and Hethersett, also of over 100 acres. This was at a time when his father was a significant freehold land owner and holder of copyhold lands in Cringleford. So between father and son they held large substantial parts of Cringleford at this time, possibly close to half the parish given that Cringleford itself was a parish of about 1,000 acres in size.

William Creasey Ewing married Charlotte Elizabeth Lubbock in 1813, and they had four children between 1815 and 1821, one of which died a few months after birth. The three children that survived infancy were John William Ewing (1815-1868), William Ewing (1816-1891) and Ellen Elizabeth Ewing (1821-1895). During this time it is likely that the family was still living in Cringleford. But by 1822 they may have been living on the other side of the River Yare in the hamlet of Eaton and this appears to have been the start of a gradual movement of the Ewing family across the river. The land on the Cringleford side was sold off and land on the Eaton side was purchased.

The land in Eaton at the corner of Eaton Street and Bluebell Road, west from Bluebell Road to the River Yare, was the site of the Ewing Nursery. William Creasey Ewing owned this land and his son John William Ewing ran this nursery business from 1845. It was said to be fifty-to-sixty acres in size. William Creasey Ewing also owned most of the houses on the north west side of Eaton Street and the lime works in Eaton Dell (now under a by-pass). A local history book entitled the *History of the Parish of Eaton* says that "Ewing was so prosperous that in 1836 he is called W. C. Ewing, Esq., and I am told he lived in a big house near the Church, nearly opposite the Brewery, and which I should have thought would have been built for the brewer."¹¹ The big house referred to is now known as The Old House at number 49 Church Lane, Eaton. In this house the Ewing family lived for many years.

In 1832 William built a house on Gurney Lane in Cringleford for the purpose of renting it out to a tenant as part of his being a landed proprietor. This house still exists and has his initials WCE on the side of the house. In 1841 at the time of the tithe map, he is shown as the owner of the twenty-one acres surrounding this house on Gurney Lane. It is likely that this is land that his father sold to him in 1831. These twenty-one acres were the last part of Cringleford that the Ewing family owned.

William Creasey Ewing was very interested in history and archaeology; in fact he was referred to as a "well known antiquarian" of the City of Norwich.¹² He was a committee



**Two views of The Old House, Eaton.
Formerly Shrublands, Home of William
Creasey Ewing, Esq.**

¹¹ Rye, Walter. *History of the Parish of Eaton in the City of Norwich*, Roberts & Co (Norwich), 1917

¹² Withington, Robert. *English Pageantry: An Historical Outline*, Vol. 2, Oxford University Press (London), 1920, p. 27 (available online at www.archive.org/stream/englishpageantry02withrich/englishpageantry02withrich_djvu.txt)

member of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society,¹³ one of England's oldest archaeological societies, and he was perhaps one of its founding members since the society was founded in 1846, and he was listed as a committee member in 1847, although it is certain that his interest in such things went back at least twenty years before that because Henry Woodward tells us that in 1827 he was exploring the barrows of Eaton Heath.¹⁴

William Creasey Ewing contributed a number of articles to the first five volumes of the *Norfolk Archaeology* publication in 1847, 1849, 1852, 1855 and 1859 and these articles often featured prominently within the publication:

- Remarks on the Boundary of the City and Hamlets of Norwich (*Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. 2 - 1849, p. 1)
- Some particulars, accompanied by a figure, of the Eastern Window of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, in the Maddermarket, at Norwich (*Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. 2 - 1849, p. 198)
- Notices of the Norwich Merchants Marks (*Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. 3 - 1852, p. 177)
- The Norwich Conspiracy of 1570 (*Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol 5 - 1859, p. 74)

Other publications that he was in some way involved with include:

- Ewing, William C. (Compiler and Editor). *Norfolk Lists, from the Reformation to the Present Time*, 1837.
- Woodward, Samuel. *The Norfolk Topographer's Manual: A Catalogue of Books and Engravings*. [Revised and augmented by W. C. Ewing]. 1842.
- *Notices and Illustrations of the Costume: Processions, Pageantry, &c., Formerly Displayed by the Corporation of Norwich*, 1850.

William Creasey Ewing's Last Will and Testament reveals the extent of the land he owned. Not only did he own the land already mentioned in Eaton but he also owned land in both Cringleford and Mundesley, and a number of buildings on both Exchange Street and Post Office Street in central Norwich. One of the buildings on Exchange Street was where his son John William Ewing ran a seed business. It appears William Creasey Ewing also owned the Post Office Tavern on Post Office Street (now a Café Rouge) and his own dwelling house at the time of his death was on Post Office Street (now part of Exchange Street).

William Creasey Ewing died in 1862 and is buried with his wife in St. Peter's churchyard in Cringleford.

John William Ewing (1815–1868)

William's eldest son, John William Ewing, was a nurseryman, seedsman, florist, farmer and lime burner. In the early 1840s, John was living in Lakenham, Norwich, in a house called Shepherd's House, which was very near the Mackie and Ewing's Nursery. At this time John was in partnership with Frederick Mackie and the nursery was on Ipswich Road. The nursery in this location had been there for quite some time. It was originally established by John Mackie in the 1700s and remained in the Mackie family for many years. In 1833 when Sarah Mackie died, Frederick Mackie (her son) took over the nursery. At

¹³ www.nnas.info

¹⁴ Woodward, Henry. *Geological Magazine* (1891), Cambridge University Press (London), 1891, p. 4 (available online at archive.org/details/geologicalmagaz00presgoog)

some point between 1833 and 1840 he seems to have gone into partnership with John William Ewing and the business was renamed to Mackie and Ewing's. In November 1845, advertisements appeared in the Norfolk News stating that the partnership between the Mackies and John William Ewing had ended in October that year and that each party was continuing their business on their own accounts. This advertisement refers to the Eaton Nursery, so it is in 1845 that we have the earliest date of the establishment of the Ewing Nursery in Eaton. The Mackie Nursery was continued by Arthur Mackie.

It is not known exactly when John and his family moved into The Old House (known then as Shrublands) at 49 Church Lane, Eaton, but it seems likely that it was before 1851. The Old House was owned by William Creasey Ewing, John's father. William and his wife Charlotte had been living in The Old House prior to John but lived on Post Office Street in central Norwich from the late 1840s until they died, so when they moved out then it seems likely that their son moved in. In 1862 John William Ewing's parents both died within a fortnight of each other and John inherited many of the houses and a lot of the land in the Eaton and Cringleford area. At this time the largest part of the nurseries was on the corner of Newmarket Road and Bell Road and was some sixty acres in size. This was land that had been owned by his father, William Creasey Ewing. The nursery was known at that time as Ewing's Nursery or the Eaton Nursery.

In 1864, John William Ewing extended The Old House in Eaton by building what is now known as The Cottage, although at that time it would have been used for keeping the horses, carriages and carts. His initials JWE and a date of 1864 appear on the side of the building.

When John William Ewing died in 1868, the nursery passed on to his eldest son John Edward Ewing and his son-in-law William Child and was for a while known as Ewing and Child. William Child died in 1877 but it seems likely that his involvement in the nursery ended some years prior to that. While the business was still being run by both Ewing and Child, from about 1869, it started to be called the Royal Norfolk Nurseries. The business also became known as Ewing and Co. John Edward Ewing closed the business down not long after 1883 (at which time there was a 'closing down sale').

John Edward Ewing married Alice Osborn, daughter of the well-respected nurseryman Thomas Osborn of Osborn and Sons Nursery in Fulham. Incidentally the Osborn and Sons Nursery also closed down around 1882. This time was therefore the end of an era for both the Ewings and Osborns.

John and Alice migrated to New Zealand in the early 1890s. With their migration to New Zealand, the presence of my Ewing ancestors in Norfolk, England, came to an end.

Where did they come from?

Unfortunately I have not been able to track my Ewing line back any further than John Ewing born about 1729. The main problem is that I don't know where he was born. There was a John Ewing born in 1729 in Heydon, Norfolk, but it is very difficult to prove it was the same person. There were other Ewing



John William Ewing with the family dog 'Prinnie' sometime around 1863.

families in various parts of Norfolk in the early 1700s, and it is possible that he could have come from any of those areas.

But the real question that has occupied my mind over recent months is: Where did the Norfolk Ewings come from prior to their presence in Norfolk? There are several hints that there may be a Scottish connection. The first of these are the family crests that appear on the property where The Old House stands in Eaton. As mentioned above, this was the residence of William Creasey Ewing and later John William Ewing. My Ewing ancestors lived there from at least 1822 to 1868. There are two locations on the property where the Ewing family crest appears. Both of these are on gate posts. The first is at the back of one of the entrance gate posts. It has a date of 1822 above which is the Ewing family crest – the lion with a mullet in his paw that appears on the traditional Ewing coat of arms. The second family crest appears on the gate post of an inner gate. Once again this family crest shows the lion with a mullet in his paw and above this one is the motto AUDACITER.



Family Crest on the Left Post of the Inner Gate at The Old House, Eaton.



Family Crest on the Back of the Left Post of the Outer Gate at The Old House, Eaton.

A second suggestion of a Scottish connection comes from an oral tradition from the Canadian descendants of John William Ewing. John's children migrated across the world, to places such as Australia, New Zealand, India and Canada. I was recently in touch with a distantly-related Ewing cousin in Canada (we share John William Ewing as a common ancestor) and he told me that he remembers being told many times when growing up that the ancestors were from Scotland. His wife also remembers her father-in-law saying the same thing to her in the 1970s. I realize that such family stories can often be inaccurate and misleading, but on this occasion, in conjunction with the family crests, it further highlights the fact that the Ewings that lived in The Old House in Eaton, Norwich, appeared to believe they were originally from Scotland. Whether this is in fact true or not is another question.

As noted above, William Creasey Ewing (the most likely of the Ewings to have placed the family crests at The Old House) was a well-known antiquarian of Norwich and published articles about various historical topics, such as the old Norwich merchant marks. I am certain he would have been very aware of heraldry. He was a member of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society and a collector of old artefacts and books. I think for someone like that who was essentially a scholar of the past, to put up those family crests would have meant something to him. And he would not have wanted to harm his reputation by putting up something false.

I have also been in touch recently with another Ewing who is descended from Norfolk Ewings from the 1700s, and he remembers his father strongly believing that his ancestors originally came from Scotland. As yet we have not found a common ancestor but given that we are both descended from Ewings that lived in Norfolk, it seems likely that we have a common ancestor. For this reason I feel that the belief his father had is relevant to my own heritage.

The author of *The Families of Ewen of East Anglia and the Fenland*¹⁵ believes differently though. Instead he believes that the Ewen name and its variants including Ewing have been in Norfolk for a very long time. So it is equally possible that my Ewing ancestors did not come to Norfolk from anywhere and have essentially always been in the East Anglia area. It would be interesting to find out one way or the other.

Y-DNA Test

It is in an attempt to answer these questions of origin that I have recently sent a Y-DNA test sample to the Family Tree DNA web site (www.FamilyTreeDNA.com) to be included in the Ewing Family Association's Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.¹⁶ This will hopefully shed light on whether there is a connection between the Norfolk Ewings and the Scottish Ewings and how far back that connection might be. Hopefully it will help solve the mystery one way or the other.



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¹⁵ Ewen, Cecil L'Estrange. *The Families of Ewen of East Anglia and the Fenland*, Mitchell Hughes and Clarke, Private Printing, 1928 (searchable online at search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=17890)

¹⁶ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

Exploring Family Systems of Ancestral Relatives

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Many if not most amateur genealogists seem to pursue a largely linear search for their ancestors. Gathering information to prove connections to one ancestor after another, they travel backwards in time, often with the agenda of "How far back can I go?" They may gather records concerning births, marriages, deaths, census information, land transactions, immigrations, military service, and other significant events. But the purpose is usually to describe a direct ancestor and his immediate family at a specific place during a particular time period, hopefully leading back to the next earlier ancestor. Such a search can be very challenging, informative and enjoyable. However it is even more rewarding when we look at how families function as systems, considering the connection of one systemic part with another. This article examines how the lives of a few of the author's ancestors were partly shaped by some family-system variables. Included are influences not just from parents but also from such extended-family members as siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

So what is meaningful family-system information for genealogy? The term 'family system' is used more by family therapists than by genealogists. Family therapists try to help families become less dysfunctional. They do indeed focus on strengths of families but in practice they also often address such matters as abuse, alcoholism, drug addiction, pathological relationships, etc. But genealogy differs from family therapy as it has different purposes and tends to be more public. And although they may enjoy stories about 'Black Sheep' ancestors, family historians usually tend to avoid much exposure of problematic areas probed by family therapists, especially when more recent ancestors are involved. In this article, genealogical family-system information includes types of relationships, differentiation, patterns across generations, and beliefs and values. Of course some genealogical researchers already do gather and appreciate such information, but many do not.

Our ancestors were influenced very much by their community, their culture, and the historical context of their lives; areas explored in far more depth by anthropologists than by genealogists. And descriptions of family systems are usually snapshots of variables from which inferences are made. Without more longitudinal data, there is a risk that such inferences could be shaky. Finally there is always a danger of faulty perspective when we look at the past through our 21st century lenses. The way we currently understand people, events, and relationships may be very different from the experiences of our ancestors. With those cautions in mind, we can examine implications of those variables.

Types of Relationships

Close family relationships may be the easiest to recognize but relationships among family members may also be distant, conflicting or broken. They may be reflected in family letters, court records, wills, obituaries, biographies, newspaper items, oral histories, family legends, and even in town or county histories. Many of such sources may not be objective.

Especially close family relationships have been suggested among the relatives of Helen (Ewing) Breasted (1909-2000). Her obituary relates that Helen's father, Charles Hull Ewing, took his family to Florida every winter ...

*where his wife taught Helen and her older sister Katherine Hocking ... their spelling and arithmetic in the wet sand beside the Gulf of Mexico. In 1929, Helen ... interrupted her college education to travel around the world with her family. Back in Chicago, Helen worked along with her sister, Kay, in Hull House, helping immigrant families adjust to American life.*¹

Helen Culver (Ewing) Breasted's maiden name was Helen Culver Ewing, her middle name reflecting the very close relationship between her father and his aunt, Helen Culver, who went into real estate business in his office.² For thirty years he was chief assistant to her "in the management of her business interests and, as such, also manager of the Helen Culver Fund, which built and endowed the Hull biological laboratories of the University of Chicago."³ A news article about the death of Helen Culver noted that she had made her home with her nephew, Charles Hull Ewing, in Lake Forest.⁴ Another article reported that her will gave him \$200,000.⁵

Another very close relationship existed between Helen Culver and her cousin, Charles J. Hull, who reportedly had often remarked that on the day Helen was born, he was visiting at her home in Randolph, New York. And when his wife was dying Helen Culver received a telegram asking her to come to the bedside of Mrs. Hull. There she promised the dying woman that she would remain with Charles and make his home as pleasant as possible.⁶ She did so, helping to raise Charles' two young children until their deaths in 1866 and 1874. When Charles Hull died in 1889 he left his fortune to Helen Culver.^{7,8}

Conflict among some of Charles Hull Ewing's cousins is reflected in the following extracts from a letter Margaret (Ewing) Covert wrote to her sister, Josephine (Ewing) Wheeler in the early 1900s. They are daughters of Charles' uncle, Joel Ewing (1830-1905). It is not surprising that the conflicts seemed to be largely about money and property.⁹

¹ Obituaries August 2000, Conway Public Library (www.conway.lib.nh.us/history/obits/aug2000.htm)

² Ancestry.com, *American Biographical Library*

³ *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*

⁴ *New York Times*, 20 August 1925 (www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html)

⁵ *New York Evening Post*, 14 November 1925 (www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html)

⁶ *A Millionaire's Money. The Expected Ripple of Excitement on the Reading of Charles J. Hull's Will*. News article in the *Daily Inter Ocean*. 21 February 1889.

⁷ *Building for a Long Future: The University of Chicago and its Donors, 1889-1930* (www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/excat/donors1)

⁸ From a Mead Project source page originally published as *Helen Culver* in Goodspeed, Thomas W. *The University of Chicago Biographical Sketches, II*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Chicago), 1925) pp. 77-99 (www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/Goodspeed/Goodspeed_1925a.html):

Charles J. Hull's wife was so close to Helen Culver that when her health failed ... and she saw death approaching and reflected that her two children, Charles and Fredrika, would soon be left without a mother, she entreated Miss Culver to give up her teaching and assume the care of the children. The home was a spacious house in what was then a pleasant residence district on South Halsted Street made famous since that day as the central building of the Hull-House Social Settlement, presided over for more than thirty years by Miss Jane Addams. The promise made to Mrs. Hull was kept, and as soon as she could secure release from her high-school work Miss Culver took charge of the Hull home.

⁹ The author is indebted to Bob Wheeler and Charles Ewing for this and other materials in this article. Bob generously shared his collection of New York Ewing papers with Charles who in turn has shared them with me.

Your two lovely letters rec'd and are on file. Mother says she has lived too long now, it surely did her no good to hear those letters. J. A. [Margaret's husband, John Asher Covert] went over to your place to see you and was angry with me when I said no, I do not wish to, so I got ready and went along. You had just departed. He talked with Ruel [Josephine's husband, Ruel J. Wheeler] about what he was there for and he [Ruel] said he wanted nothing to do with it at all. ... Enclosed you will find the settlement papers which you called for and as for further settlement I feel he will be ready to settle with you any time you wish or rather come and ask for a settlement. Here are two keys. ... I did not show J. A. your letter and I won't. ... I won't work on it as I did last summer. ... As to what my mother eats, I have never dictated to her but have told her she could have anything she wants if she would only say what it was. ... Yes it is true that John Hackett has the use of the land this summer for \$200. ... He doesn't have the house. You or yours had ample time to let us know that you would give \$250 for it or if you knew of so many others who would have done so, why didn't you send them over? ... NO! I do not want your share. What do you take me for anyway? Do you think I am a fool to take yours at \$60 per A? ... No, I do not want it at any price. ... I have no doubt that Ernest is doing the most talking. He doesn't know how or when to keep his mouth shut and some may be talking to him to hear him talk.¹⁰

Conflict sometimes leads to distancing among family members. A clear example is indicated in the will of Frank Henry Ewing, another cousin to Charles Hull Ewing. Unhappy about the marriage of his daughter, Gail Louise Ewing, to Wilkie Roberts, Frank Henry Ewing stipulated in his will that all bequests to her were to be held in trust by Gail Louise Ewing's stepmother, who would distribute only a small amount to her as long as she remained married to Wilkie Roberts. The trust was to end if that marriage ended.¹¹ Other examples of distancing stem from stories which may well be distorted or inaccurate. The following colorful passage from the *History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield* suggests distancing of Thomas Kidd's children from their father.¹²

Thomas³ KIDD (Charles², Thomas¹), b. 6 Dec. 1774; m. (int. 7 Dec. 1800), Betsey Tracey of Norwich. The high hill in the eastern part of the town known as Kidd's Lookout was so called from the fact that it was formerly occupied by Thomas Kidd. ... This house was said to be haunted and that, at certain seasons, drops of blood could be seen dripping from the chamber stairs, reputed to be the blood of murdered victims of Kidd's malice. Thomas Kidd was at one time Deputy Sheriff of Hampshire County and, as such, officiated at the execution of Halligan and Daly at Northampton. His children left home as soon as they were old enough to care for themselves on account of brutal treatment at home and the unsavory repute of the place.

¹⁰ Letter from Margaret (Ewing) Covert to her sister Josephine (Ewing) Wheeler, early 1900s(?) (shared with the author by Charles Ewing who received it from the collection of Bob Wheeler.)

¹¹ Last Will and Testament of Frank H. Ewing, St. Paul, Minnesota, 26 December 1933. (copy held by the author)

¹² *History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield*, available at:

freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~torrey/Page%20215%20to%20322.htm.

This information about the Thomas Kidd family was reportedly supplied by Sophronia Damon in 1892. The household of her father, Isaac Damon, was listed on the 1810 census near the household of Thomas Kidd. How much of the story is true is debatable. Thomas Kidd's wife was Elizabeth Tracy, the author's great³-grandaunt.

Distancing among family members sometimes leads to a cutoff of relationships, such as that indicated in a 1790 letter from Rev. James Ewing to his "Sister and Brother" in Scotland. In the following extract he discusses their uncle, William Ewing:¹³

As to our uncle William Ewing about whom you ask take the following. When he was a boy he was a follower of Mr. Whitfield¹⁴ which gave great offence to his relations. ... Upon the conclusion of that war when the army retired home Uncle William's lot was to be stationed in Ireland where he met with many of Mr. Whitfield's followers with whom he joined himself and after being sometime among them he began to preach, this coming to the knowledge of our relations they wrote him in a very sharp manner and their disagreements went so far as to break off all correspondence!

The following 1822 Massachusetts newspaper notice indicates a cut-off between Titus Doolittle Russell and his son, Tracy:¹⁵

"NOTICE" Left my family and board on the night of the 6th inst. without the least provocation, my Son Tracy, aged 18 years. This is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, as I will pay no debts of his contracting. Titus Doolittle Russell, Jan. 7, 1822

Another cut-off is described in the First Families 2001 pilot program funded by the State Library of Victoria, designed to draw together stories of Australian families to celebrate the Centenary of Federation in 2001. A section about James Dower, born 1832 at Crowan in Cornwall, relates that when his widowed father, William Dower, remarried he stipulated in his will that his second wife would receive everything and that his children could remain on the farm and would be supported but if any of them obstructed her, they were to be given a shilling and sent on their way. After William died in 1848, James quarreled with his stepmother and was presumably given a shilling and sent on his way.¹⁶

Differentiation

Sometimes an ancestor stands out in the ways in which he or she differs from other family members. The letter that Rev. James Ewing (1755-1806) wrote to his "Sister and Brother" relates how he became a Baptist minister after deserting from the British army.¹⁷ But an extract from the obituary of his son,

¹³ *Letter to "Sister and Brother"*. In 1790, about February or March, James Ewing wrote a letter to his sister and "brother" (probably his brother-in-law) in Scotland. Copies of the letter are owned by Louis Lehmann, by the Hunterdon County Historical Society and by the Hopewell Museum. James Ewing deserted from the British Army on 15 September 1782 at the age of twenty-seven. He is the author's great³-grandfather.

¹⁴ George Whitefield (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Whitefield): George Whitefield (December 27, 1714 – September 30, 1770), also known as George Whitfield, was an English Anglican priest who helped spread the Great Awakening in Britain, and especially in the British North American colonies. He was one of the founders of Methodism and of the evangelical movement generally.

¹⁵ *Hampden Patriot*, 30 January 1822. Early American Newspapers, Series I, 1690-1876 (NewEnglandAncestors.org). Titus Russell Doolittle is the author's great³-grandfather. After leaving home, his son changed his name to Stephen Doolittle Tracy. His mother's maiden name was Mary Tracy.

¹⁶ Neal, John A. *Forebears of the Grandchildren of John A. Neal and Thelma M. Pottage, Volume 1*, Melbourne, 1992. Available in the Victoria State Library, Australia. Extracts of pages 41-47 provided by John Neal.. James Dower is author's great²-granduncle.

¹⁷ *Letter to "Sister and Brother"*

Samuel Bailey Ewing (1787-1885), illustrates a sharp contrast between the religious views of father and son.¹⁸

On the subject of religion Mr. Ewing was an honest sceptic [sic]. Notwithstanding in early life he was educated in Christian doctrine, his extensive knowledge of geology and other sciences caused him to reject the religion of his fathers and look to nature as the man of his council. "The world was his country; to do good his religion." Notwithstanding Mr. Ewing found himself exposed to the aggression of many Christian people, no man could be more tolerant for the opinions of others.

Differentiation occasionally includes the changing of a name. An unverified family legend about the author's great-grandfather, Johann Baumberger, asserts that he ran away from his home in Switzerland to avoid military school. Johann emigrated from Switzerland to America but subsequently changed his name to Frederick Lehmann, 'Leeman' being his mother's maiden surname. According to the unverified legend, he changed his name to elude authorities.

Patterns Across Generations

Family systems theory suggests that patterns in one generation may provide implicit models for family functioning in the next generation although the form of the behaviors may vary. Perhaps the most familiar for genealogists are the patterns of achievement and status handed down from parent to child and bolstered by consonant marriages. An example emerges among descendants of Rev. James Ewing (1755-1806) of Hopewell, New Jersey. After deserting the British Army, James Ewing became a Baptist minister and also taught school.^{19,20} His son, Samuel Bailey Ewing, achieved notoriety in his New York roles as justice of the peace and assessor in Ontario County and as supervisor, assessor, highway commissioner, and superintendent of schools in Randolph and in Cattaraugus county.²¹ Samuel Bailey's son, Robert Finley Ewing, continued the achievement pattern excelling as a civil engineer who was often called upon as an engineering expert in various parts of the county. He is also known as the founder of South Dayton, laying out the village, planting trees on both sides of the streets, and building ten or more houses, three stores and numerous other buildings such as barns, shops, etc.²²

Robert Finley Ewing's son, Charles Hull Ewing, has already been cited as a wealthy and successful business executive. He was a graduate of Oberlin college and studied law at Yale. He controlled valuable property holdings in Illinois and Florida. He was secretary and treasurer of the Southern Gypsum Co., Inc.; director of the First National and State Banks of Lake Forest, Illinois; trustee of the

¹⁸ Obituary of Samuel Ewing. *The Randolph Register*, Friday, 23 January 1885

¹⁹ *Letter to "Sister and Brother"*

²⁰ Ege, Ralph. *Pioneers of Old Hopewell*, originally printed in 1908 by Race & Savidge and reprinted in 1963 by Hopewell Museum, Hopewell, New Jersey, p. 48

²¹ Adams, William (Ed.). *Town of Randolph - Biographical Sketches from Historical Gazetteer and Biographical Memorial of Cattaraugus County, N.Y.*, 1893. (www.usgwarchives.net/ny/cattaraugus/bios/biostoc.htm)

²² Ancestry.com. *Historical and Biographical History of the Township of Dayton, Cattaraugus County, New York, Comprising the Villages of Cottage, Provo, Utah*, The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: Shults, Charles J. *Historical and Biographical History of the Township of Dayton, Cattaraugus County, New York, Comprising the Villages of Cottage, Wesley, Markham, Dayton, South Dayton and Fair Plain: A Complete History of the Town from its Origin, with Views of Business Places and Residences, Together with Photos of Prominent Citizens of Various Professions and Occupations Past and Present*, Buffalo, N.Y., 1901, pp. 176-179

Hull-House Association; and president of the Geographic Society of Chicago. He married Mary (Everts) Sleight, dean of women at the State University of Iowa.²³ Robert Finley Ewing's daughter, Emily Ewing also achieved recognition as an artist and sculptor.²⁴

Charles Hull Ewing's daughter, Helen Culver Ewing, continued the achievement pattern through her personal accomplishments and through her marriage. She has already been cited by her married name, Helen Culver (Ewing) Breasted, acknowledging her union with James Henry Breasted Jr., the son and namesake of the Egyptologist who founded the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. The younger Breasted was a college professor and later a director of the Los Angeles County Museum. Helen achieved recognition in tennis winning a women's tennis championship in Sarasota when she was eighteen. Fifty-seven years later she climbed Moat Mountain at age seventy-five.²⁵

Naming patterns will also be familiar to many genealogists. Favorite given names may frequently reappear across generations. However sometimes names favored by families of one surname in a particular place are also adopted by other unrelated families of identical surname in the same area. Occasionally surnames appear as given names or they may be used as middle names across generations.²⁶ The wife of William Ewing (1725-1811), appears to have been Eleanor Sullivan. That surname repeatedly appears as a middle name among William's descendants. 'Gibson' is another middle name which often appears among descendants of Daniel French (1781-1820) and Sarah Batcheler (1785-1842) although its origin is unknown.

Health and disease patterns have been extensively studied across generations.²⁷ A pattern of kidney disease across generations in one of the author's ancestral lines illustrates one such genetic influence. His father, Bryce Lehmann (1902-1950) died of polycystic kidneys as did Bryce's mother, Nellie French (1878-1931). Her father, Louis Daniel French (1854-1895), died of Bright's disease. His grandson, Richard French (1925-1984), also died of polycystic kidneys. Louis Daniel French's uncle, Edwin French (1829-1871) died from "hemorrhage of the kidney."

Some cross-generational behavioral patterns have been noted among *Mayflower* passengers and their descendants.²⁸ Edward Doty was an indentured servant within the household of Stephen Hopkins. How much Edward Doty might have been influenced by Stephen Hopkins is debatable. But to some extent Doty's behaviors seem to resemble those of Hopkins, particularly during the 1630s when Hopkins was accused of battery and various transgressions linked with drinking and with cheating. Similarly, Doty was accused of cheating, slander, breaking the peace, fighting, assault, trespassing, and was involved in many land disputes. He appears as a contentious person, often ready to depart from the Plymouth

²³ A Mead Project source page originally published as *Ewing, Charles Hull* in *National Cyclopedia of American Biography* 38 (1938), p. 227, with the following Editors' note: This document is included as part of the history of W. I. Thomas and the University of Chicago.

²⁴ Oberlin College Archives: *A statue, the College seal, a mural by Marcia Goldberg '73 A.M. and Artist: Emily Ewing Peck (Class of 1877) Work: Statue of General Shurtleff Location: S. Professor St., on bank above Plum Creek* (www.oberlin.edu/archive/resources/html)

²⁵ Obituary - Helen Ewing Breasted. Obituaries August 2000, Conway Public Library (www.conway.lib.nh.us/history/obits/aug2000.htm)

²⁶ Stratton, Eugene A. *Applied Genealogy*, Ancestry Inc., 1988, pp. 76-87

²⁷ Gormley, Myra Vanderpool. *Family Diseases – Are You at Risk?*, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989

²⁸ Lehmann, Louis. Influences Upon Deviance in a Pilgrim Family System: Stephen Hopkins and Edward Doty, *Heritage Quest*, Vol. 30, 1990

community's strict behavioral norms, more than ready to fight in one way or another, and no stranger to court.

Three of Edward Doty's sons seem to have continued some deviation from expected behaviors. In 1667 John Doty was involved in several disputes with John Barnes and in 1669 "John Dunham Sr. complained that John Doty met him in the highway and cruelly beat him." With Thomas and Joseph Doty, the transgressions were against the sexual behavior expectations of the times. Before Thomas Doty married Mary Churchill, she was awarded some of his property after Thomas left town with Mary pregnant "in a poor deplored condition." Thomas was also a disputant in a 1673 complaint when he ran his boat against Edward Gray's boat. In 1674 Thomas' younger brother, Joseph, was accused by Elizabeth Warren of fathering her child. This apparently occurred when Joseph was married to Deborah Ellis whose own parents, John and Elizabeth (Freeman) Ellis, had been disciplined in 1645 for pre-marital fornication. Extending into the third generation, Thomas Doty's daughter, Martha, confessed to having committed fornication and was ordered to pay a fine or be publicly whipped.

Just as there was more than one side to the characters of Stephen Hopkins and Edward Doty, deviance was certainly not the only behavioral characteristic of the younger Doty men. John Doty was a highway surveyor in 1671 and 1675, and a constable in 1680. Joseph became a large landholder, a surveyor, and was elected (and re-elected) treasurer of the town of Rochester.

Such cross-generational patterns of behavioral tendencies should be considered as suggestive rather than predictive. They offer only a partial reflection of the complex forces which shaped our ancestors.

Beliefs and Values

Helen Culver Ewing apparently shared some of her children's political views as she reportedly joined them in anti-war demonstrations during the 1960s and the early 1970s.²⁹ Emily Ewing's creation of the statue of Giles Shurtleff on the Oberlin campus was inspired by a story her daughter had heard in school. The tale was a lesson in loyalty, courage and heroism, leading Emily to conclude that "Wherever there are human beings there is beauty of some sort that could be fixed and made lasting in story, or verse, or color, or form." She knew that Shurtleff organized the first colored regiment in Ohio and commanded it in its long siege and victory at Petersburg. The statue was intended to portray Shurtleff handing a rifle to a young African-American, symbolically expressing the ideal: "Freedom cannot be given, it must be achieved."³⁰

Emily Ewing's views about freedom echo those of her father, Robert Finley Ewing, as illustrated in the following extracts of his letter to his father in 1856 when he was thinking of joining the anti-slavery Northerners emigrating to "Bleeding Kansas" whose future as a slave or free state was then in doubt.³¹

I have not been thinking of doing anything rashly, in contemplating going to Kansas. ... As for fearing what may happen to Kansas, I have no fears. I know I could not die in a more glorious cause than that of resisting the perversions of our enlightened Republican institutions to instruments of the most accursed oppression. If our fathers of the Revolution had no higher

²⁹ Obituary - Helen Ewing Breasted

³⁰ Oberlin College Archives: *A statue, the College seal, a mural by Marcia Goldberg '73 A.M.*

³¹ Letter from Robert Finley Ewing to his father, Samuel Ewing. Shared by Charles Ewing from a collection provided by Bob Wheeler.

object ... than to make our Government a vehicle or cart to draw slavery about..., then I have no respect for them. ... I would resist any infringement of my rights as a freeman to the death, to anyone who came to me saying your freedom of speech & press & thought & action has been legislated away. ... The rights of free men cannot be legislated away, if you attempt to rob me of my rights under any such pretense I will resist you. ... I'll maintain my rights or die. ...

Robert Finley Ewing's views about freedom and slavery may well have been influenced by those of his grandfather, Charles Morford, his granduncle, Rev. Robert Finley, and his cousin, Josiah Finley. Charles Morford brought a female slave with him when he came to Victor in the Genesee country but freed her five years later.^{32,33} He was also known as a lay preacher. A collection of his sermons and poems is in the Cornell library.³⁴ Rev. Robert Finley is well known as the founder of the American Colonization Society which set up Liberia as a free African state for freed slaves from America. His son, Josiah Finley, was a governor of Liberia, murdered by natives in 1839.³⁵ At least one secondary source asserts that he was eaten by cannibals.³⁶

Conclusion

Exploration of relationships, differentiation, cross-generational patterns, and beliefs and values can help us appreciate the complexity of the lives of our ancestors. Relationships often reflect important events and vice versa. Sometimes families with close relationships are more stable within a community. Conflict among family members may lead to significant change. A cut-off family member might be the one who strikes out in a new direction, such as emigration. Some differentiated members may display remarkable strength and achievement. Some might be remembered for differentiation in another direction, perhaps as exemplified by 'Black Sheep' relatives. Cross-generational patterns may reflect influences by one generation upon another but such patterns should be considered as suggestive rather

³² Rochester, New York Newspaper, Sunday, 19 November 1950; copy obtained from Victor (New York) Historical Society.

Despite his marriage to a sister of the Rev. Robert Finley, known to history as the founder of the American Colonization Society in 1816 for sending Negro slaves back to Africa, Charles Morford brought a slave woman, Elizabeth, to the Genesee country, according to his papers now in the possession of Sheldon Fisher. She was given her freedom at an early date.

³³ *New Larned History, Volume VI*, p. 5801; copy obtained from Victor (New York) Historical Society.

Charles Morford, built the coaches that plied the stages routes of the Rochester area besides making chairs and wagons for the local farmers and merchants. He was also a lay preacher and vitally interested in the slave problem as to the hardships they encountered when they became free after serving their masters well. He knew the situation well for he owned one of the first slaves brought into the Town of Victor, which he freed five years later. His brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Finley of Princeton founded the American Colonization Society to set up a free African state for freed slaves in 1816.

³⁴ Study Center for Early Religious Life in Western New York - Section on Ontario County, Microfilm #6184. *Charles Morford, 1769-1849. Sermons and poems, 1818-1824.* (rnc.library.cornell.edu/eguides/lists/churchlist1.htm)

³⁵ *Commercial Advertiser*, from the *New Orleans Observer*, *Genealogy Bank*, Rev. Josiah C. Finley; *Mississippi; Africa; Greenville; Bassa Cove; Monrovia*, 19 March 1839

³⁶ Ancestry.com. *The Ogden Family in America, Elizabethtown Branch, and their English Ancestry: John Ogden, the Pilgrim, and his Descendants*, Provo, Utah, The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: Wheeler, William Ogden, *The Ogden Family in America, Elizabethtown Branch, and their English Ancestry: John Ogden, the Pilgrim, and his Descendants, 1640-1906, their History, Biography & Genealogy*, Printed for private circulation by J. B. Lippincott Co. (Philadelphia), 1907, pp 162-163

than predictive, especially when considering behavioral tendencies. And when we learn something about the beliefs and values of our ancestors, we have a better understanding of their character and personality. Yet all of these variables reflect only some of the forces which shaped the lives of our ancestors. They must all be considered within an historical and cultural context.

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Perfect Diet

Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Jake the Wonder Dog. I was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think? I had an elephant? So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was restarting the Purina Diet. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, and that I'd lost fifty pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is to load your pant pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff a poodle's ass and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

COSTCO won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

I'm My Own Grandpa

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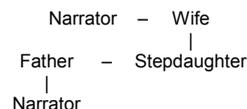
At dinner recently, a friend and I were talking about my work on my personal genealogy and the *Ewing Family Journal*. Like me, he enjoys 'playing around' with challenging conundrums and said, with a slight smile: "So, tell me, how can someone be his own grandfather?" He had recalled, of course, the song *I'm My Own Grandpa*.

My response was: "No problem! Give me a minute." I whipped out my iPhone, searched the Internet for the song's lyrics, and found:

Now, many many years ago When I was twenty three I was married to a widow Who was pretty as could be	My little baby then became A brother-in-law to dad And so became my uncle Though it made me very sad	Now, if my wife is my grandmother Then, I am her grandchild And every time I think of it It nearly drives me wild
This widow had a grown-up daughter Had hair of red My father fell in love with her And soon the two were wed	For if he was my uncle That also made him the brother Of the widow's grown-up daughter Who, of course, was my step-mother	For now I have become The strangest case you ever saw As the husband of my grandmother I am my own grandpa
This made my dad my son-in-law And changed my very life My daughter was my mother 'Cause she was my father's wife	My father's wife then had a son That kept them on the run And he became my grandchild For he was my daughter's son	<i>I'm my own grandpa I'm my own grandpa It sounds funny I know But it really is so I'm my own grandpa</i>
To complicate the matters Even though it brought me joy I soon became the father Of a bouncing baby boy	My wife is now my mother's mother And it makes me blue Because, she is my wife She's my grandmother too	

It was immediately apparent that I couldn't quickly come up with a simple answer. So I begged off on giving him an immediate answer, telling my friend: "I'll get back to you, hopefully tomorrow."

After some mental gymnastics and Internet surfing (mostly on Wikipedia which I increasingly find to be an excellent source of information), I found that the answer is quite simple, genealogically speaking. It is descendancy-charted to the right.



In the course of working this out, I stumbled upon some interesting additional information: First, I found that *I'm My Own Grandpa* is a novelty song written by Dwight Latham and Moe Jaffe and was first performed by Lonzo and Oscar, an American country music duo (Lloyd Leslie George and Rollin Lillian Sullivan), in 1947, about a man who, through an unlikely (but legal) combination of marriages, becomes stepfather to his own stepmother. Dropping the 'step-' modifiers, he becomes his own grandfather.

In the 1930s, Latham had a group, the Jesters, which performed on network radio; their specialties were bits of spoken humor and novelty songs. While reading a book of Mark Twain anecdotes, he once found a paragraph in which Twain proved it would be possible for a man to become his own grandfather. In 1947, Latham and Jaffe expanded the idea into a song, which became a hit for Lonzo and Oscar.

Genealogically Speaking

The descendancy chart above gives a hard-to-understand synopsis of how someone can become his own grandpa. The song's lyrics provide an exhaustive account of how this can happen: The narrator first marries a widow with an adult daughter. Subsequently, his father marries the widow's daughter. This creates a comic tangle of relationships by a mixture of blood and marriage; for example, the narrator's father is now also his stepson-in-law. The situation is complicated further when both couples have children.

The song continues to explain that both the narrator's wife and stepdaughter had children by the narrator and his father, respectively. These lyrics show how the narrator becomes "his own grandpa" once his father marries the woman's daughter:

- The narrator marries the older woman.
 - This results in the woman's daughter becoming his stepdaughter.
- Subsequently, the narrator's father marries the older woman's daughter.
 - The woman's daughter, being the new wife of the narrator's father, is now both his stepdaughter and his stepmother. Concurrently, the narrator's father, being his stepdaughter's husband, is also his own stepson-in-law.
 - The narrator's wife, being the mother of his stepmother, is both spouse and step-grandmother.
 - The husband of the narrator's wife is then the narrator's step-grandfather. Since the narrator is that person, he has managed to become his own (step-step-)grandfather. The "step-step" concept applies because the step-father of your step-mother would be your step-step-grandfather, making a 'double step' event possible.

The song continues with:

- The narrator and his wife have a son.
 - The narrator's son immediately becomes the half-brother of his stepdaughter, as the narrator's wife is the mother of both.
 - Since his stepdaughter is also his stepmother, then the narrator's son is also his own step-and/or half-uncle because he is the half-brother of his step-mother.
 - The narrator's son is then a brother-in-law to the narrator's father, because he is the half-brother of the father's wife.
- The narrator's father and his wife (the narrator's stepdaughter) then had a son of their own.
 - The child is then the narrator's grandson because he is the son of his (step-)daughter.
 - The son is also the half-brother of the narrator because his father is also the narrator's.

Real-life Cases

According to an article by James Pylant at *GenealogyMagazine.com*, the song was inspired by an anecdote that has been published periodically by newspapers for well over 150 years. The earliest

citation was from the *Republican Chronicle* of Ithaca, New York on April 24, 1822 and that was copied from the *London Literary Gazette*:

A proof that a man may be his own Grandfather. – There was a widow and her daughter-in-law, and a man and his son. The widow married the son, and the daughter the old man; the widow was, therefore, mother to her husband's father, consequently grandmother to her own husband. They had a son, to whom she was great-grandmother; now, as the son of a great-grandmother must be either a grandfather or great-uncle, this boy was therefore his own grandfather. N. B. This was actually the case with a boy at a school in Norwich.

While not frequent, situations such as this do occur occasionally in life, the Bill Wyman/Mandy Smith affair (including his son and her mother) being one celebrity example. Mandy Smith (born Amanda Louise Smith, 17 July 1970) was an English dance-pop singer and former model. In 1983, at age thirteen she started dating 47-year-old The Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman, with the consent of her mother.

The situation is included in a set of 8th century problems attributed to Alcuin of York,¹ and also appearing in the final story in *Baital Pachisi*.² One of Alcuin of York's problems asks to describe the relationship of two children to each other. Alcuin's solution is that the children are simultaneously uncle and nephew to each other; he does not draw attention to the relationships of the other characters.



William Ewing 'Bill' Riddle is a great³-grandson of Squire James Ewing (a son of Alexander who was a son of James Ewing of Inch). He caught the 'genealogy bug' when he was found a file drawer full of Riddle/Ewing memorabilia and genealogical records when cleaning out his father's study in the early 1970s. It took Bill three decades to nail down the genealogical data regarding his baker's-dozen Scots-Irish ancestral families who settled the southwestern Pennsylvania area near Pittsburgh starting in the early-1770s. His current self-assigned genealogical focus is to understand, sociologically and anthropologically, his ancestors' 'lives and times'.

Bill is a former Web Master for the Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) web site (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) and Editor of the Ewing Family Journal. Outside his genealogical and EFA-volunteer work, he helps organizations certify that their software development procedures satisfy regulatory constraints via the development and evolution of humongous (6,000-plus page) software-development-procedure web sites. He holds advanced degrees from Cornell and Stanford and has worked in academia, industry and government on a wide variety of software-technology-base improvement projects.

¹ From Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcuin): Alcuin of York (Latin: Alcuinus) or Ealhwine, nicknamed Albinus or Flaccus (730s – 740s – 19 May 804) was an English scholar, ecclesiastic, poet and teacher from York, Northumbria. He was born around 735 and became the student of Archbishop Ecgbert at York. At the invitation of Charlemagne, he became a leading scholar and teacher at the Carolingian court, where he remained a figure in the 780s and 790s. He wrote many theological and dogmatic treatises, as well as a few grammatical works and a number of poems.

² From Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baital_Pachisi): *Baital Pachisi* or *Vetala Panchavimshati* (*Twenty-five Tales of Baital*), is a collection of tales and legends within a frame story, from India. ... A frame story (also frame tale, frame narrative, etc.) is a literary technique that sometimes serves as a companion piece to a story within a story, whereby an introductory or main narrative is presented, at least in part, for the purpose of setting the stage either for a more emphasized second narrative or for a set of shorter stories. The frame story leads readers from a first story into another, smaller one (or several ones) within it.

One American Family – Part 1

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Quite a while ago now, I set out to prepare a biographical sketch of my grandmother, Carlotta Parthenia 'Lotta' Walkley.¹ It soon seemed only fair to give her husband Alvin Enoch 'A. E.' Ewing equal attention. As an offshoot of this work, I prepared an article about their honeymoon at the 1893 Columbian Exposition based on narratives from Lotta's diary.² Another offshoot was an article about a 1914 family 'walking adventure' by my father, Burke Mckendree Ewing, and his brother, Walkley Bailey Ewing.³

Putting together information about the separate and joint lives of A. E. and Lotta soon showed the need to get as close as possible to the family's beginnings in America. Of course, Carlotta's father, Dr. Wyllys Walkley, had to be a part of the history. A. E.'s ancestors had to be included as well. And so I kept going farther and farther back to collect and sort out information about the lives and times of my earliest known Ewing ancestors.

The result is a multi-article series discussing the lives of my parents and their ancestors. This is the first article in the series. Others will follow.

Although A. E. and Lotta came from very different backgrounds and were remarkably dissimilar in personalities, their love was enduring and so was their marriage. This is primarily their story, written so that each of the segments can be read and understood separately. However, since one part supplements the other, as in life A. E. and Lotta complemented each other, reading all four parts in sequence perhaps provides a better understanding of their whole story, a sense of their heritage and the balance they maintained for more than fifty years.

Four years before they were married, a friend of Lotta wrote that A. E. had "possibilities," but his "probabilities" were less certain. Lotta pursued the romance anyway, perhaps anticipating that she could fill in the lapses and round out her future husband's achievements. She did, and A. E. remained a figure of more possibility than probability.

The articles are based primarily on the journals, diaries, and plentiful correspondence that they, their families, and their friends maintained over the decades.⁴ In particular, none of these articles would have happened at all had it not been for A. E.'s amazing diligence and tireless correspondence. I am thankful that he was such a prolific writer, threw nothing away, and catalogued and indexed everything. In addition, much credit goes also to my sister Nancy Hank Ewing, whose intensive research and

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 Alvin Enoch 'A. E.' Ewing, she referred to herself most often as Carlotta Bailey Ewing.

² Ewing, Wallace K. Honeymooners at the 1893 Columbian Exposition, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 18-20

³ Ewing, Wallace K. The Long Walk of 1914: Grand Haven to Mackinaw City, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), pp. 8-16

⁴ Material taken from primary sources is presented in italics and follows as closely as possible the original. I have inserted bracketed [] information for purposes of clarification or elaboration.

monumental genealogy of the complete James Ewing family⁵ is astonishing and irreplaceable. It is sad that Nancy died in 1987 before her work was finished. Had it not been for Barbara Ewing Powell's generous commitment to see Nancy's work completed, it would remain a mass of notes and half-finished narratives, inaccessible to most of us.

James Ewing of Pocahontas County

Little is known of my earliest Ewing ancestors, although it is reasonably well established that James Ewing immigrated to America from Northern Ireland about 1740, probably at the age of nineteen. In Scotland the family name was MacEwen/McEwen, or some variation, a clan that lived north of the Firth of Clyde and about thirty-five miles west of Glasgow. However, as early as 1513 the MacEwen lands were ceded by royal edict to the Campbell Clan, and the MacEwens dispersed to other areas, including Northern Ireland.

In 2010 my wife Jane and I traveled to Scotland and stayed at an old hotel called Kilfinan Inn.⁶ Kilfinan, a village on Loch Fyne, was the home of early MacEwens centuries ago. On a lengthy hike over meadow and a rocky sea shore, we came upon a cairn that marked the site of Castle MacEwen, high atop a promontory overlooking Loch Fyne. The castle has been in ruins for centuries. The stones with which it was built had been put to other uses, and ultimately the castle was completely dismantled. Despite the castle's despoiled state, I was moved as I stood on ground where my ancestors walked as long ago as the beginning of the 13th century.

However, there is a gap of some centuries between the Ewings who inhabited Castle MacEwen and my earliest confirmed ancestor, William (1625-1660). He is said to have been born in Stirlingshire, Scotland in 1625 and died in Ulster, Ireland, in 1660. His wife, Elizabeth/Eliza Milford lived a short life, 1630 to 1660. Their children, all born in Scotland, were John (details below); Findley, born about 1650; James, born about the same time; Robert, born in 1654; and William, born in 1655.

James' father, John, was born in Carnashannagh, Ireland in 1648. He married Janett McElvaney, who was four years younger than her husband. Her death date is unknown, but John passed away on September 23, 1745 and was buried at the Ewing Cemetery near Stephens City, Virginia. In addition to James, John and Janett had four other children: John, who lived from 1703-1735; Mary, who was born in 1706; William, who lived from 1711 to 1781 and was also buried at Stephens City; and Samuel, who was born in 1719 and died in 1798 in Mercer County, Kentucky. James' presumed birth date is February 14, 1721.

James and his brothers immigrated to America in 1740. Their port of arrival is not certain, though it might have been Philadelphia. At least one of James' brothers settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died there. We do not know when James married Sarah Mayes/Maes/Mays, but apparently it was after his immigration to America. There is concrete evidence that in April 1746 James had a survey done of 245 acres of land where the Muddy Run Creek flows into the Jackson River near Warm

⁵ Ewing, Nancy Hank (ed. Barbara (Ewing) Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

⁶ Ewing, Wallace K. Walking With Ghosts Near the Shores of Loch Fyne, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 3/4, (August/November 2010), pp. 1-5 (available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing_Wally/101603_Reprint_Ewing_Wally.pdf)

Springs, Bath County, Virginia. It is probable, though not definite, that all of James Ewing's children were born on this site.⁷

We also know that the couple's first-born child, Janett Ann, also called Jennie or Ann, was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia in 1740 or 1741. She was followed in 1745 by another daughter, Susan Jean (or Susan Jane), then John on December 27, 1747, a third daughter sometime after that, and finally a second son, William, born in Bath County, Virginia, on December 24, 1756. There are hints of a fourth daughter, but nothing conclusive has been found to verify her existence.

Although James was a hunter and trapper, he undoubtedly also raised corn and other crops and had livestock. Family legend says that James remarked, upon seeing American corn for the first time, "'Tis a fine straight stalk, but cruel light grain."

On occasion James' hunting expeditions took him west into the Allegheny Mountains, and he liked what he saw there. Around 1746 James sold his land on the Jackson River, now grown to 254 acres, and moved his family deep into the mountainous area around Buckeye, Pocahontas County, in present-day West Virginia. For the next fourteen years James and his family lived on land bordered by Ewing's Creek, later renamed Knapp's Creek, which flowed into the larger Greenbrier River. West Virginia separated from Virginia in 1863, when a majority of the residents living there sided with the North and voted to form their own state.

It was at this site on Ewing's Creek that James had an adventure that has survived the years. One day two men stopped at the Ewing cabin and asked for something to eat. James' wife Sarah was happy to oblige, hospitality being part of the frontier spirit. James had left earlier in the day for some apparently routine business, leaving behind his wife and his prized flintlock. While the visitors were eating one of them spotted the flintlock and decided he would like to have it for his own – without payment. Mrs. Ewing protested, but there was little she could do to stop men who were not above taking advantage of her friendliness and openness.

When James returned later that day and learned of the theft, he concluded quickly that the two men probably were part of the notorious Shockley Gang, which had been rustling cattle, thieving, and generally terrorizing the mountainside. James loaded his shotgun with buckshot and used his hunting experience and familiarity with the mountain trails to follow and find the thieves. Toward evening he overtook them as they were preparing camp for the night, convinced they were safe from pursuit. Quietly James re-primed his shotgun, to ensure a clean shot, and stepping up to the campsite he demanded his flintlock.

Shockley responded by raising the stolen gun to his shoulder and aiming it at James, who just as quickly brought his shotgun to firing position. James' gun discharged, but Shockley's weapon misfired and he fell dead with a charge of buckshot in his chest. The two men were so close to each other that Shockley's neck cloth was burned by the powder from the shot that killed him.

James' appearance and the gun fight happened so quickly that the second thief did not have time to get to a gun, but instead he jumped on James, who found himself in a hand-to-hand battle of survival.

⁷ An extensively documented analysis of the birthplaces of James Ewing's children appears in McClure, Jean. Birthplaces of Pocahontas James Ewing's Children, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (February 2009), pp. 5-8 (available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/McClure/McClure_James_BirthPlaces.html).

James ended the fight by using his hunting knife to fatally wound to the man's neck. He gathered his two firearms, called it a day, and returned to his cabin.

There are conflicting stories about whether or not James collected the reward of several hundred dollars that had been on Shockley's head. One version says he did, the other says he declared it was reward enough to retrieve his gun and get rid of the two 'pesky varmints'.

From 1770 to 1791 there is no record of James' life. In 1791 he received a grant of 1,000 acres of land, possibly as a reward for military service. If so, a record of his service has not been uncovered. In any event, some years later James sold the acreage for \$400 to James Searight, formerly of Augusta County. Unfortunately James had to sue to get his money, and by 1799 he had two other law suits pending. The cause of each is unknown, but both were dismissed by the court, although the same litigants were named two years later as having accounts outstanding against the estate of James Ewing, in addition to similar claims against Mr. Searight and a John Duffield.

James did not leave a will, but because his estate was inventoried on July 14, 1801, it is reasonable to say he died at least a few months before that date. The complete inventory consisted of:

One bay horse
One saddle
One shot gun and bag
Drawing knife
Hand saw
Fur hat
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Buttons
Great coat
Two shirts
One pair overalls
Cloth coat and jacket
One pair blankets
One pack handkerchiefs

Total value: 26.29 pounds

No record has been found regarding the death of James' wife. Her date of death and burial site remain unknown. There has been speculation from time to time that James remarried after Sarah's death, but nothing substantive has been uncovered to prove it.

Sequels

Next up in this series are stories about several of Pocahontas James Ewing's children: John 'Indian John' Ewing, William 'Swago Bill' Ewing, and Ann (Ewing) Clendenin.

The Family

Several genealogies have been prepared about Pocahontas James Ewing and his father John Ewing of Carnashannagh:

- My sister's book, *James Ewing – Pioneer*,⁸ reports on the life, times and descendants of Pocahontas James Ewing.
- William W. Sproul III's articles^{9,10} concern three early James/Joshua Ewing settlers of Augusta County, Virginia including Pocahontas James Ewing.
- A genealogy of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, prepared by James R. McMichael, is available in the Ewing Genealogy Documentation material provided on the Ewing Family Association's Web Site.¹¹

To aid readers of these articles, the descendency tree on the following page identifies the people mentioned in these articles. Future articles will update this descendency tree to include the additional people mentioned in the future articles.

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.

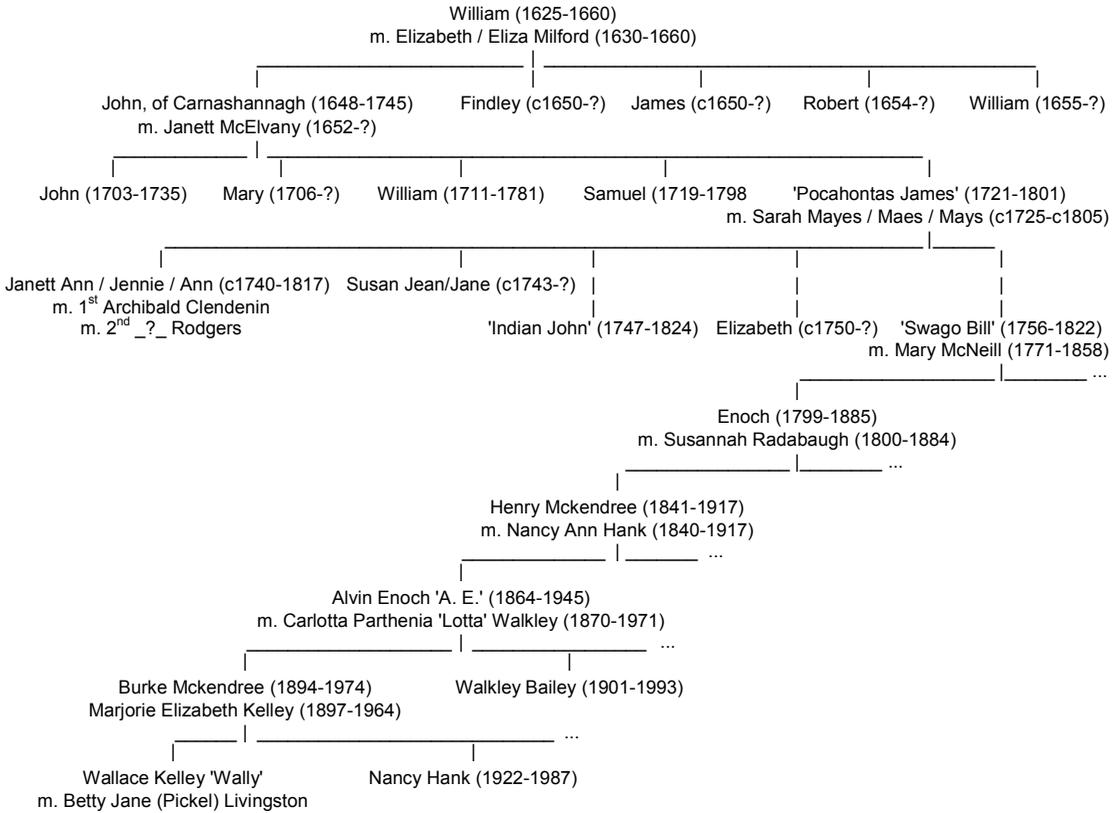


⁸ Ewing, Nancy Hank (ed. Barbara (Ewing) Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

⁹ Sproul, William W., III. The Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia: Part I, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2009), pp 27-29. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Sproul/Sproul_Part_1.html.

¹⁰ Sproul, William W., III. The Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia: Parts II to IV, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (May 2010), pp. 16-37. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Sproul/Sproul_Part_2.html.

¹¹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/Document_JohnOfCarnashannagh.html



Ewing Digital Library

This section of the *Ewing Family 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. After publication in the *Journal* these tidbits are posted to the Ewing Family Association (EFA) Web Site. The long-range intent is to gradually create an online repository, hosted by the EFA Web Site, of genealogical data and/or anthropological or sociological information regarding the lives and times of Ewing ancestors.

Most of these items have been contributed by EFA members and others. Some have been extracted from various sources including: *Rootsweb*, the EFA's Forum¹ and dialogues resulting from messages to the *Journal's* Editor, the EFA Genealogist and other EFA members.

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 others – verified the information presented here.

James Elwin Ewing's Home Doors

William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing² (*Bill.Norma@cox.net*)

Several years ago, my first cousin, James Elwin 'Jim' Ewing, a dentist, and his wife George Ann (Stedman) Ewing built a lovely home in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma. One of the unusual features of the home is its front doors. He had them made in Mexico with the Ewing crest carved in both doors.



¹ groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation

² William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing is Member #166 and participant WM in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project).

John Ewing of Carnashannagh's *Confession of Faith* – Part I

From Douglas Rohde (DouglasRohde@yahoo.com) to William E. Riddle (Riddle@WmERiddle.com), Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net), Esther (Ewing) Johnson (EJohnson30@verizon.net), Mary (Ewing) Gosline (Mary@gosline.net) and David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

I am an amateur genealogist and a descendant of William Bullitt Walter (1801-1863) and Margaret Ewing (1796-1874). They were my great⁴-grandparents and lived in Winchester, Virginia. Margaret was a great-granddaughter of John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) through John's son William (1711-1781) and William's son Robert (1761-1825) who married his cousin Margaret E. Ewing (1750-1815). Robert and Margaret E. Ewing were also of Winchester.

I recently found a *Confession of Faith* book in a relative's storeroom, passed down apparently from Margaret. It was printed in 1700, supposedly brought to this country by John Ewing of Carnashannagh in 1729, and contains many birth, marriage and death announcements. There is also another prayer book, from the Walter family, that is from the 19th century.

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

All I can say is: WOW!! and thank you very much for contacting us. I think all members of Ewing Family Association will agree with me! I've forwarded your EMail to Wallace K. Ewing (our Board Chair) who will be quite interested in this as this is his personal lineage. My genealogy database says Wally and Margaret (1796-1874) are second cousins four times removed.

Response from Wallace K. Ewing (WKEwing@charter.net)

What a thrill, indeed! Yours is an astonishing discovery, and I, too, thank you for sharing it. You already may know that the Ewing Family Association will hold its biennial gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio this coming September. If you are able to attend that meeting, I hope you can bring the two books with you. I, for one, would relish the chance to see them first hand. Whether you come to the gathering or not, I hope you and I will have a chance to meet sometime.

Response from Douglas Rohde (DouglasRohde@yahoo.com)

It is a pleasure to connect with all of you. Yes, I would be happy to share access to the books.

I might be able to attend the September gathering, but it will depend on my schedule which will become clearer as we get nearer to the date. Also, I have a toddler, John, and live in Bethesda, Maryland so it would be a bit of a drive.

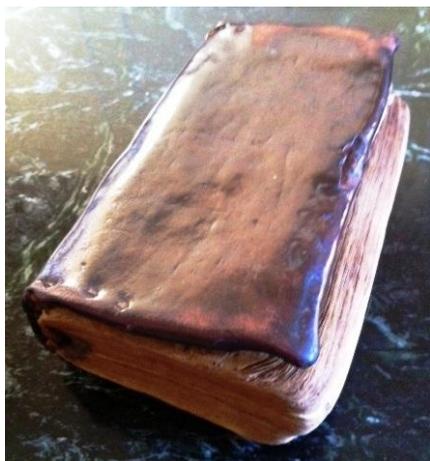


**The Rohde Family
(John Berk, Douglas and Pelin)**



**Margaret (Ewing) Walter
1796-1874**

My understanding, based on the limited information I was told and the research I have conducted, is that my great⁷-grandfather John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) was the original owner. This would make sense not only because the dates agree and the locations mentioned in the official text match up with his origin, but because those named in the pages are his direct descendants.



Confession of Faith
(approx. the size of a card deck)



Confession of Faith
Family Information

In addition to the books, I have some other Ewing memorabilia. I've been told that the dresser in which all these materials are kept has been opened only twice in the last fifty years – the contents are remarkably well-preserved.

I wish I had more information to pass on at this time. I will get as much as I can and let you know what else I find. I have found a photo of John's great-granddaughter (and my great⁴-grandmother), Margaret Ewing (1796-1874) (see previous page). I have also found photos of others from her generation in the dresser – most of which are printed on metal plates and not paper! There is also a rumor that a huge suitcase full of material from that line is in a garage somewhere.

It would be amazing to somehow get, at the very least, headstone shots for John Ewing of Carnashannagh and his descendants – I can't find them on www.FindAGrave.com.

From Mary (Ewing) Gosline (Mary@gosline.net)

What a treasure you have found! I have heard of this copy of the *Confession of Faith*, but no one seemed to know where it was.

I am a descendant of Samuel Ewing, son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh. It was Samuel's daughter Margaret who married Robert Ewing, her cousin. I live in Columbia, Maryland and would be happy to exchange information about this family.

I have cc'ed Evelyn (Jones) Ewing this EMail because she may have even more information for you. Her husband, James Earl Ewing, grew up near Winchester and together they wrote a book about the Winchester Ewings.³ I do not know of any photos of Margaret Ewing, daughter of Robert and Margaret Ewing, but Evelyn might know. The Ewing Family Cemetery, near Winchester, has new headstones for some members of this family.

³ Ewing, Evelyn and Jim. *The Ewings of Frederick County, Virginia*, Self Published, 1986. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_WmofFrederickCo.html.

From Evelyn Ewing (jeej@telpage.net)

I am very excited about your discovery! When Mary (Ewing) Gosline was helping the Stephens-City/Winchester Ewings plan the 2008 Gathering, my husband, Jim, and I tried to interest some of the distant relatives in attending. I made many, many calls using a 1987 printout of the *Descendants of John Ewing* prepared by Erle Preston Carter⁴ from Maitland, Orange County, Florida hoping to find some Carter, Walter and Ewing descendants and a lead on John Ewing of Carnashannagh's *Confession of Faith*. Margaret (Ewing) Walter was a daughter of Robert and Margaret Ewing (Carr) Ewing.⁵ Robert Ewing is believed to have received from William, his father, before his death in 1781, the *Confession of Faith*, printed in 1700 and brought to America by John Ewing of Carnashannagh. I believe the book was passed down to Margaret Ewing from her father Robert, who died in 1825, when she lived at the family homestead on Double Churches Road, near Stephens City, before her marriage to William Walter. The book then passed down the Walter family to Dorsey A. Walter, who had prepared the early data shared by Erle Preston Carter. Erle Preston Carter visited the Ewing Family Cemetery in Stephens City in 1995 and had contacted the children of Dorsey A. Walter, hoping that the source data was available. It is wonderful it has been found!! The chest provided terrific storage!



**Confession of Faith
Family Information (continued)**

⁴ Erle Preston Carter is a grandson of Franklin Gardner Walter, who was son of Margaret and Wm. Bullitt Walter.

⁵ From Ewing, Evelyn (Jones) . Ewings of Shenandoah Valley, Virginia (Part 2), *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 13-25:

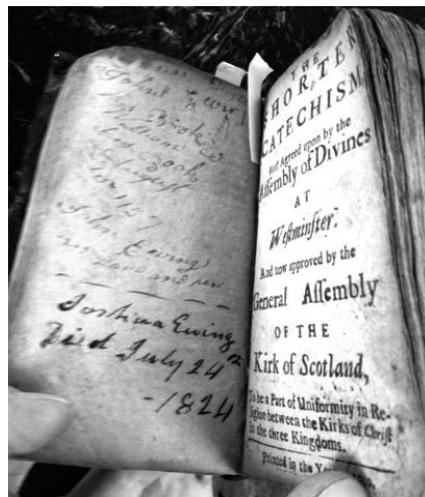
Robert Ewing ... married his cousin, Margaret Ewing Carr, on March 5, 1790.

Margaret Carr, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret McMichael Ewing and granddaughter of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, had married John Carr in Pennsylvania. After her first husband died in 1785, Margaret moved to Stephens City with her children Ann, Thomas, John, Samuel and William Carr. Margaret Carr was listed in 1786 as a tenant on William Ewing's land. ... It is uncertain when Samuel Ewing [her father] migrated to Frederick County. He probably brought his daughter Margaret Carr and her children to Stephens City after her first husband died. ... Margaret (Ewing) Carr Ewing died in 1815 and was buried beside her father, Samuel Ewing.

The children of Robert and Margaret Ewing were Robert, Elizabeth, Margaret and Joshua, who drowned when he was 26 years old. Robert Ewing Jr. who was born December 11, 1790, married Mary White, the daughter of Warner and Mary White of Frederick County. This Robert Ewing wrote [a] letter to "Aunt Sallie Jamison," who was really his cousin in his mother's family. The letter, dated August 26, 1827, gave the family history as told him by his mother's sister, Elizabeth Ewing Jamison, daughter of Samuel Ewing in 1820. Researchers regard this "History of the Tribe," found in Ewing in Early America, page 54, as most valuable information. [See Fife, Margaret (Ewing) (James R. McMichael, Ed.). Ewing in Early America, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org

In 2008, Emporia was blessed to have a very kind Presbyterian minister, Rev. Zolton J. Phillips, who knew the Winchester and Shenandoah Valley of Virginia well and appreciated the Ewing family interest in the ancestors who arrived in the 1730s. He was thrilled that John Ewing of Carnashannagh brought his *Confession of Faith* on the voyage and allowed me to photograph his copy. Zolton J. Phillips wrote a two-page manuscript – *A Brief Historical Sketch of the Westminster Confession of Faith* – which we framed and displayed at the 2008 Gathering with a photo of the *Confession of Faith* and Jim's grandparents Martin Luther and Rosa Jane (Carper) Ewing – in the background.

I have photos of Jim's great-grandparents and snapshots of younger generations. I do not have any photos of Margaret Ewing but I do have photos of the headstones for Margaret, her father Samuel, and Robert's father William and mother Elizabeth. I will send you prints of these pictures.



**Confession of Faith
Family Information (continued)**



Rev. Zolton Phillips' *Confession of Faith* with pictures of Jim Ewing's Grandparents, Martin Luther and Rosa Jane (Carper) Ewing.

Douglas, I am so anxious to meet you. Thank you for sharing this great news with us. I wish Jim were here to see what you have found.

**Response from Douglas Rohde
(DouglasRohde@yahoo.com)**

I would love to see that two-page sketch by Rev. Zolton J. Phillips and the headstone photos. I have a copy of Dorsey A. Walter's genealogy and am in the process of using it to learn more about my Ewing roots.

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Regarding Erle Preston Carter: I found his burial information on www.FindaGrave.com.⁶

From David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Douglas: Thank you for sharing your discovery with us.

I looked for years for a similar artifact in my own family – a family Bible that had multiple generations documented in longhand and had been cited by previous genealogists. I thought I knew which of my

⁶ www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=66541723

great-great-aunts had ended up with the Bible, but I couldn't find her descendants. Finally, by chance I stumbled across one of them, who led me to her dad, who spoke with me on the 'phone. He told me that he had the old Bible and "a bunch of other old papers" stored in a trunk in his attic for years, but a few years ago there was a roof leak, everything got moldy and was destroyed.

The *Confession of Faith* you have found belongs to your family and of course you can do what you wish with it. Telling us about it and sharing photographs was an act of generosity. Please forgive me for suggesting that you do something more.

The Ewing Family Association (EFA) is in the process of arranging with the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Ft. Wayne, Indiana to preserve and digitize the material in the Ewing Family Archives. These documents will be preserved under state-of-the-art climate-controlled conditions in one of the premier genealogical libraries in the country, where they will be safe from the vagaries of weather and of individual human lives, which are too, too, transient. They will be available, under protective control, to researchers in perpetuity. When it is possible, they will be digitized and available to researchers on the Internet.

May I humbly suggest that you donate your precious book to the ACPL or to the EFA so that it can receive the same protection? It may very well be that you could also benefit from a substantial tax deduction because of the donation. I do not know the tax status of the ACPL, but as it happens the EFA has recently qualified under Chapter 501(c)3 of the IRS code as a tax-exempt scientific/educational organization and as such, donations to the EFA are tax deductible to the donor. If you were to donate the book to the EFA, we would put it with the Ewing Family Archives at the ACPL and provide you with a receipt for its value to use as a tax deduction.

I have no idea how to value such a treasure. From my point of view it is priceless. You can hopefully arrange for an appraisal, but I do not know where this kind of appraisal can be done. Maybe the ACPL can do it or knows who can. Maybe we can surf the Internet and find out more about this. The EFA would be happy to pay for the appraisal (or if the Board overrules me on this, I would be happy to pay for it personally).

If you cannot bear to part with the book, then at least consider leaving instructions in your Will for the book to be sent to the ACPL or an equivalent institution (there are similar genealogical repository organizations in Salt Lake City and Pittsburgh).

I just cannot stand the thought that your *Confession of Faith* might end up as my family's book did – lost forever.

Response from Wallace K. Ewing (WKEwing@charter.net)

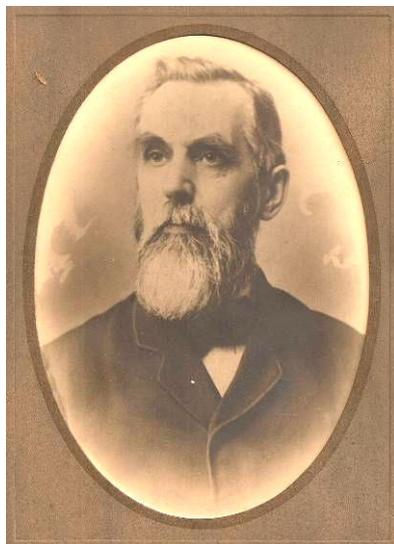
Good idea, David, and to support it I want Douglas to know that I donated my family archives – Bibles, correspondence, and photographs – to ACPL, where those items are being digitized as I write. Several years ago I gave my collection of 291 Civil War letters to the State of Michigan Archives Department. Before doing that, I had them appraised by a certified appraiser and used his letter to support a significant tax deduction. Most important of all is the safe-keeping of the items and second to that is making them available to others through digitization.

Response from Douglas Rohde (*DouglasRohde@yahoo.com*)

My family recognizes the historical and genealogical importance and value of this original copy of the *Confession of Faith* owned by John of Carnashannagh and will work together to have it donated to a library/organization which is well-equipped to preserve it for future generations. This reflects the wishes of Margaret (Ewing) Walter expressed in a letter to her son Dorsey A. Walter (1830-1908) in which she instructed him to safeguard her grandfather's memory by "keeping safe this treasured book."

Evelyn: Many thanks for the pictures of tombstones in the Ewing Family Cemetery. Would you happen to have photos for: 1) Elizabeth (Tharp) Ewing; 2) Margaret (McMichael) Ewing; and 3) Robert Ewing? Also, a photo of the tree that grew up in John Ewing of Carnashannagh's plot would be amazing (if you have it, of course). These people are all said to have been laid to rest in the Ewing Family Cemetery.

Also, if you have an extra copy of the book you wrote concerning this line I would be greatly interested in a copy.



Dorsey A. Walter
Son of Margaret (Ewing) Walter

Response from William E. Riddle, (*Riddle@WmERiddle.com*)

Evelyn and Jim Ewing's book – *The Ewings of Frederick County, Virginia* – is available on the EFA Web Site at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_WmofFrederickCo.html. A related book by Shirley Tharp Dye – *William Ewing of Frederick County, VA* – is also available on the EFA Web Site at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_WmEwingbyDye.html.

Raymond C. Ewing: My Time in the United States Navy

Raymond C. Ewing⁷ (August 2001)

I graduated from the Antwerp, Ohio, High School on a Friday in 1941 and enlisted in the Navy on the next Monday. I went to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center where I went through Boot Camp training, then Radio School before being sent on to Panama for two years. I was a Radiomen RM 2nd Class. During this time, I spent most of my time in a Y.P. (yard patrol) boat off the coast of Panama. It was so hot there that I asked for a transfer and was put on the *USS Intrepid* (an aircraft carrier). The *Intrepid* went on to Hunter's Point, San Francisco, into dry dock to have the front end repaired as it had

⁷ Raymond C. Ewing is the father of Ewing Family Association (EFA) officers Beth A. (Ewing) Toscos and Jane P. (Ewing) Weippert and an uncle of Karen Avery, the EFA Genealogist. He recently passed away and his obituary appears on page 47.. He is participant RC in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project).

hit the cement locks while going through the Panama Canal. While it was being repaired, all the crew was sent home for one month. That was when I met Lela R. Bainbridge in Fort Wayne. She was working at General Electric and living with her uncle.

At the end of that month, I reported back to the *Intrepid* and went out to Pearl Harbor. I was then transferred to the *USS Essex*, an aircraft carrier, where I became a Radiomen RM 1st class. Had I not been transferred I most likely would have been killed on the *USS Intrepid*. She was hit by a suicide plane in the center of the ship, where I would have been, and many men were lost.

From Pearl Harbor, now on the *USS Essex*, we started bombing the various islands where the Japanese were well entrenched. Our planes and planes from other carriers would knock out their big guns and destroy their airplanes. This enabled our marines and soldiers to go ashore and fight the Japanese. They were very fierce fighters, and many of our soldiers and marines were killed. We went all the way across the Pacific Ocean from island to island and then finally to Japan. I remember the first time the *USS Essex* bombed Tokyo. We were out, I would guess, fifty miles or so and could not see the bombing, but we were very happy about it. We did not stay around very long, because we knew that the Japanese would be sending their planes out for us.

The flight deck on the carrier was nearly as long as three football fields, so it was an easy target. We were hit just one time with a Kamikaze plane. The plane hit the front left side near the front end of the carrier. Nineteen or twenty men were killed. Not many of the Japanese got through to us. The guns put up a huge amount of gun fire. Every ship would be firing on the Japanese planes and not many got through.

After several trips out to 'seek and destroy', we went back to the Philippines. An officer came to me and said "pack your sea bag and prepare to head back to the States." That was good news for me! And how! It took a couple of weeks, as we stopped at Pearl Harbor, and then travelled on to San Francisco. From there I took a train home. They had sent me home to be trained in Dearborn, Michigan at the Ford River Rouge Plant to become an officer. I had a thirty-day leave after arriving home before going to Dearborn and this is when Lela and I were married (July 15, 1945). Ford wasn't making cars because of the war. I had just started training at Dearborn when the war ended. Several of us went uptown that night into Detroit and saw the largest celebration I've ever seen in my life. We were sent back to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, given a medical exam, and sent home for good. Happy day! I had been in the U.S. Navy for four years, three months and ten days.

William Myrl Ewing's Family Mural

William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing⁸ (*Bill.Norma@cox.net*)

My wife, Norma Lee (Hall) Ewing, is a professional artist with an M.F.A. degree in Studio Art (a.k.a. a Ph.D.) and taught classes at the Tulsa Junior College for seven years before spending three years as a teaching assistant at the University of Tulsa. Her M.F.A. thesis mural was a huge canvas painting (11½ x 10½ feet) of our family, titled *Artist, with Family, at Home*. There are images of twenty-three people, including six Ewings, and a six-toed cat. It took a year to complete and was designed to fill one wall of our living room. It gives the illusion of extending the room's length and makes the room appear to have

⁸ William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing is Member #166 and participant WM in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project).

doors opening to a patio. I (#2) am the focal point. My dad, Milam Myrl Ewing (#13), who wrote a couple of genealogical books, is included. Dr. Patricia Joan 'Patty' (Ewing) Lessley is the Director of Pathology at the *Angell Animal Medical Center* in Boston. She is #14 in the mural and is holding her six-toed cat.

Subjects as Related to the Artist, Norma Ewing: 1. Thomas Lee 'Tom' Ewing (son); 2. William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing (husband); 3. Terry Michael Ewing (son); 4. Norma Lee (Hall) Ewing (self); 5. Kathryn Sue 'Kathy' (Brown) Ewing (daughter-in-law, Terry's wife); 6. Randi Nicholle Ewing (granddaughter, daughter of Terry and Kathy); 7. Dina Louise (Griswold) Gustin (niece, daughter of Dorothy and Clark Griswold); 8. Betty Jo 'B.J.' (Hall) Moody (sister); 9. Dorothy Ina (Hall) Griswold (sister); 10. Clark Bishop Griswold (brother-in-law, husband of Dorothy); 11. Thomas Neal 'Tom' Ewing (brother-in-law, brother of Bill); 12. Leone Josephine (Johnson) Ewing (mother-in-law, second wife of Myrl); 13. Milam Myrl Ewing (father-in-law, Bill's father); 14. Patricia Joan 'Patty' (Ewing) Lessley (niece, daughter of Tom Ewing); 15. Michael 'Mike' Addison (husband of niece Cathy (Ewing) Addison, son-in-law of Tom Ewing); 16. Catherine Louise 'Cathy' (Ewing) Addison (niece, daughter of Tom Ewing); 17. Donna Marie (Hall) Zuziak (niece, daughter of deceased brother, George); 18. Dorothy Lee (Hall) Schrader (niece, daughter of deceased brother, George); 19. Cindy (Shields) Griswold (wife of nephew Kim, daughter-in-law of Dorothy and Clark Griswold); 20. Korey Griswold (great-nephew, son of Kim and Cindy Griswold, grandson of Dorothy and Clark Griswold); 21. Kim Scott Griswold (nephew, son of Dorothy and Clark Griswold); 22. Kevin Spencer Moody (nephew, son of 'B.J.' Moody); 23. Brett Griswold (nephew, son of Dorothy and Clark Griswold)



**Bill Ewing With His
Life-size Image in the Mural**



Mural With Identification Numbers



EWING FAMILY ASSOCIATION

TWELFTH BIENNIAL GATHERING

*Down the Ohio
and Westward*

**Quality Inn, Rt. 7 North
Gallipolis, Ohio**

20-23 September 2012

Ewing Family Association

Twelfth Biennial Gathering

Gallipolis, Ohio — 20-23 September 2012



Pt. Pleasant (foreground) at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. Gallipolis, Ohio is in the background right.

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The Ewington Academy, Ewington, Ohio

These Pocahontas James Ewing descendants, who migrated from the Shenandoah Valley via the Cumberland Gap, were descendants of John Ewing of Carnashannagh. They were joined by descendants of another early Scots-Irish immigrant – James Ewing of Inch – whose family had immigrated to the Upper Chesapeake Bay area and then migrated via Braddock's Road, now known as the National Road, Route 40, to the area around Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Riverfront Mural, Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia

In September 2012 Ewings will gather in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio to acknowledge the Ewings' continued western migration. Information about the gathering appears in this issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* as follows:

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- Registration Form page 39
- Tentative Agenda page 41
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Renaissance Singers

Ewing Family Association Twelfth Biennial Gathering

Gallipolis, Ohio — 20-23 September 2012

Registration Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State or Province: _____

ZipCode or PostalCode/Country: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____

Note: Your email address will be used to confirm your registration and to send you news about the 2012 Gathering. If you do not have an email address, or prefer not to use it, please enter "none."

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Preferred Name (for ID Badge)	First Timer?	EFA Member?	Fee (see below)
#1 _____	Yes / No	Yes / No	\$ _____
#2 _____	Yes / No	Yes / No	\$ _____
#3 _____	Yes / No	Yes / No	\$ _____
Total Fee:			\$ _____

Fee: Adults: \$175 if paid before August 15th, \$200 on or after August 15th
 Children Under 12: \$100 if paid before August 15th, \$110 on or after August 15th

What is your choice of entrée for the Friday night dinner?

	Beef	Fowl	Fish
Participant #1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participant #2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Who is your earliest known Ewing ancestor? _____

What topics would you like to have discussed at the gathering? _____

Make your check for the Total Fee payable to *Ewing Family 2012 Gathering* and send it with your completed registration form to Jane P. (Ewing) Weippert, EFA Treasurer, 17721 Road 123, Cecil, Ohio 45821.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received prior to August 15, 2012 are subject to a \$25 per person processing fee. Cancellations on or after that date are subject to a charge of 50% of the total fee.

Questions? Contact Wallace K. Ewing at wkewing@charter.net or (616) 928-4015.

Ewing Family Association Twelfth Biennial Gathering

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Lodging Information



The Quality Inn in Gallipolis, our venue for the 2012 Gathering, will hold rooms for us until August 15, 2012. Local events on the same dates as the Gathering may make rooms scarce, so be sure to register before August 15. It's important to make your reservations as early as possible. Don't forget to request a senior rate or any other discount to which you are entitled.

The room rate is \$79 per night, single or double occupancy, plus 9.8% tax. The room rate includes a hot breakfast buffet each morning. Also included are free high-speed wireless Internet access and free weekday newspapers. Each room offers a flat screen television with cable, a coffee maker, hair dryer, refrigerator, and iron and ironing board. Pets are extra.

For reservations, contact the Quality Inn:

577 State Route 7 North
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
+1 740.446.0090

www.qualityinn.com/hotel-gallipolis-ohio

Be sure to mention you will be attending the Ewing Family Association *Gathering*.

Check in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is 11:00 a.m. Arrangements can be made with the motel for early arrival and late departure.

Let the motel management know if you have special needs.

If you have any problems making your reservation, contact Wally Ewing at wkewing@charter.net, (616)-928-4015, advising him of the problem.

**Up-to-date versions of the Agenda, Lodging Information, and
Registration Form can be viewed and downloaded from the EFA Web Site:
www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.**

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Tentative Agenda

(As of 1 May 2012 – Subject to Change)

Thursday, September 20th

Registration Desk Open	2:00-5:30
Research Room Open	2:00-5:30
Opening Session (with cash bar)	6:00
Greetings from David Neal Ewing, EFA Chancellor, and Wallace K. Ewing, Chair, Gathering Chair	
Presentation by Henny Evans, Gallia County Genealogical Society, <i>A History of Gallipolis</i>	
Dinner: On Your Own	

Friday, September 21st

Breakfast Buffet	7:00-8:30
Registration Desk Open	9:00-11:00
Presentation by David Neal Ewing, <i>Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Update</i>	9:00
Break	10:15
Presentation by Wallace K. Ewing <i>Down the Ohio and Westward: The Progeny of Pocahontas James' Move to Gallia County</i>	10:30
Lunch at the Quality Inn	12:00
Research Room Open	2:00-4:30
Caravan-Style Outing <i>Our House in Gallipolis; Pt. Pleasant Murals and Tu-Endie- Wei Park</i>	1:15
Dinner at Lowe Hotel	6:30
	Cash Bar at 5:30
Presentation by Dewetta Gay, Local Historian, <i>The French 500 and The Our House</i>	

Saturday, September 22nd

Breakfast Buffet	7:00-8:30
Research Room Open	9:00-11:00
Presentation by Jane and Wallace K. Ewing, <i>Tombstone Rubbing: A Genealogical Tool</i>	
Pick-up Discussions	10:00
EFA General Meeting	11:00
Lunch: On Your Own	

Afternoon: Explore Local Area On Your Own	
Research Room Open	2:00-4:30
Banquet at the Quality Inn	6:00
	Cash Bar at 5:30
Keynote Presentation by Curt Witcher, Manager, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana	
Renaissance Singers	

Sunday, September 23rd

Breakfast Buffet	7:00-9:00
Question and Answer Session with Curt Witcher	
EFA Board of Directors Meeting	9:00-10:00

The 2012 Gathering: Down the Ohio and Westward

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and Westward*

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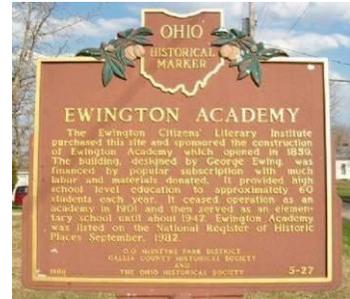
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In September 2012 Ewings will gather in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio to acknowledge the Ewings' western migration. A registration form is on page 39. A preliminary schedule and lodging information appear on pages 41 and 40. A registration form as well as up-to-date schedule and lodging information may be downloaded from www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org, the EFA's Web Site. In brief:

Registration: The early-bird (prior to August 15th) registration fee is \$175 for adults and \$100 for children under twelve.

Program: The gathering's program will include genealogical and historical presentations, caravans to various local historical sites, such as the site of the Battle of Pt. Pleasant, and opportunities for self-guided tours to Ewington, Vinton, local cemeteries, and other venues important to Ewing family history. As at previous gatherings, the Research Room will be open at specified times and there will be ample time for reminiscing.

Caravan-Style Outing: The program includes an outing to Gallipolis' Our House Tavern, the Pt. Pleasant Mural and Tu-Endie-Wei Park (see page 49 for further information about the Caravan-Style Outing).



The Ewington Academy in Ewington, Ohio is one of several possibilities for a self-guided tour during the gathering.



A replica of Fort Randolph, a fort from the American Revolutionary War. The town of Pt. Pleasant was built on the site of the original fort, and so the rebuilt fort was located nearby.

Presentations: There will be several presentations on Ewing-related topics, among them: a status report on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project¹ by David Neal Ewing; an analysis of the children of Pocahontas James Ewing by Wallace K. Ewing; and a discussion of the value of and techniques for tombstone rubbing by Jane and Wallace K. Ewing. In addition, talks by Henny Evans (Gallia County Genealogical Society) and Dewetta Gay (a local historian) will discuss the area's history and Curt Witcher (Manager, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library) will talk about the ways in which his department preserves genealogical documents.

Merchandise: Ewing Family Association Merchandise (Tee Shirts, Caps, Golf Shirts, etc.) will be on sale at reduced prices during the gathering (see page 57 for further information).

Entertainment: Among the meals included in the program will be a banquet on Saturday night, September 23rd. The Renaissance Singers, pictured to the right, will perform at the banquet. The ensemble's home is Chillicothe, Ohio. Barb Nowlin, Director, says the group will feature songs from Scotland and Ireland. One of the singers, Barbara (Ewing) Seigneur (the third person in the second row in the picture), is a great⁶-granddaughter of Alexander Ewing, who was born about 1708.



Renaissance Singers

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**Ewing Crest Totes
Available Only to 2012 Gathering Attendees**

Hurry! Every 2012 Gathering attendee will receive a specially-designed tote, filled with tasty treats and useful information, with the Ewing crest emblazoned on the side. Make your reservation now to be sure you get one of these totes, available only to 2012 Gathering attendees.

¹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

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- Ewing, Jane. That Ewing Culture, or Why I'm Going to Gallipolis, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), pp. 1-2
- Ewing, Wallace K. Honeymooners at the 1893 Columbian Exposition, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 18-20
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- Ewing, Wallace K. . Morgan's Raid, *Ewing Family J.* Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 61-63
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- Riddle, William E. Ann Jeanette (Ewing) Clendenin, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 32-33
- Riddle, William E. A Brief History of Gallia Co., Gallipolis and Pt. Pleasant, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 59-61
- Riddle, William E. Clendenin Massacre, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 63-70. Contains reprints of the following previously published articles:
 - James Ewing of Pocahontas, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 1, No. 4 (May 1955), pp.28-32
 - Ewing, David Neal. Clendenin Massacre, Greenbrier Co., West Virginia, 1793, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (May 2005), pp. 15-18
- Riddle, William E. Early History of the Ohio Country, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 56-58
- Sproul, William W., III. The Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia: Part I, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (May 2009), pp 27-29
- Sproul, William W., III. The Early Ewing Families of Augusta County, Virginia: Parts II to IV, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (May 2010), pp. 16-37

An additional article appears in this issue:

- Ewing, Wallace K. One American Family – Part 1, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (May 2012), pp. 21-26

Other additional articles will appear in the next, August issue of the *Journal*.

Chancellor's Message

David Neal Ewing, Chancellor (+1 505.764.8704, DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

A Chief for Clan Ewen

We have just learned from the *Clan Ewen Society* in Scotland that the Lord Lyon has announced his intention to appoint a Supervising Officer to oversee a Family Convention, or *Derbhfine*, to recognize a Commander of Clan Ewen. Here is the notice he has posted on his website:¹

NOTICE OF INTENT – FAMILY CONVENTION – CLAN EWEN

It has been proposed by the Clan Ewen Society, the Ewing Family Association and various individuals of the name that a Family Convention for those of the name, broadly defined, should be convened with a view to the recognition of a Commander. In accordance with the Guidelines already posted regarding the holding of a *Derbhfine* or Family Convention the Lord Lyon intends to appoint a Supervising Officer in the near future.

David Sellar
Lyon

This is the next step toward re-establishing a Chief for Clan Ewen and the Ewing Family Association is cooperating in the process with the Clan Ewen Society and the Lord Lyon. I should think that anyone in the Ewing Family Association who is interested in Clan membership and activities would find this very interesting and important. Though there are dissenters, the prevailing view in the Clan Ewen Society is that Ewing is one of many surnames that belong within Clan Ewen, and that all are connected with Clan Ewen of Otter, in spirit if not in actual historical fact.

There have been a number of discussions in this *Journal* and elsewhere of the implications of this and the position that should be taken by the Ewing Family Association. The position we have arrived at is, roughly, that while we have no wish to interfere with any initiative of the Clan Ewen Society, we think that it is important to recognize the unique status of Clan Ewing with respect to its distinct armorial tradition and history. The EFA Board has developed some guidelines² and constituted a committee (consisting of Wally Ewing, Joe Neff Ewing Jr., Thor Ewing and me) to participate in negotiations and to advise the Lord Lyon about the position of the EFA in this matter.

The Lord Lyon has not yet announced a date for the Family Convention. He has used words like 'soon' in the distant past, so it is not at all clear what 'in the near future' might mean. Meanwhile, the Annual General Meeting of the Clan Ewen Society in Scotland will take place at one o'clock on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at The Gateway Conference Centre, Loch Lomond Shores, Balloch G83 8QL. I am sure that anyone who is able to attend would be welcomed.³

¹ www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/756.html

² The guidelines are indicated in Ewing, David Neal. Chancellor's Message, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), p. 51.

³ Anyone who wants to find out more about this meeting can contact John McEwan, the Chairman of the Clan Ewen Society at jrhmcewen@btinternet.com.

EFA Bylaws Changes Under Discussion

In my last Chancellor's Message, I said in part:

I will put the name change⁴ issue on the agenda for further discussion at the General Meeting during the upcoming gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio. Because arguments were made that some EFA members were disenfranchised because they could not afford to attend the gatherings, we have established a process for proxy voting...

Though we have had Bylaws since early in the course of our organization, business has always been conducted rather informally, which I think is fitting for a group like ours. Because of the contentious nature of some of the discussion around the name change issue and our wish to be fair and to strictly adhere to the Bylaws of the EFA in arriving at a resolution of the matter, the Board of Directors and I have taken a close look at our Bylaws. There are a number of areas of uncertainty in the current Bylaws, and we have realized that they are much in need of clarification and updating.

We do look forward to a discussion of our organization's name and other issues at the meeting of the members in Gallipolis. The requisite notice has been given so that the members can amend the Bylaws at that meeting and/or approve amendments made by the Board of Directors, but I am disappointed to learn that it will not be possible to permit voting by proxy at this meeting. I am afraid that most of you will find detailed legalistic discussion of this and other issues tedious. I certainly do, so I have relegated it an Appendix (see page 47).

Nominating Committee

At every biennial gathering, the members of the EFA elect a new Chancellor and Board of Directors. Martin S. Ewing has agreed to chair the nominating committee for the Gallipolis gathering. Anyone interested in assisting him or nominating candidates for Chancellor and the Board of Directors should contact him at Martin.S.Ewing@gmail.com.

We are always interested in recruiting volunteers to be Directors, Officers and Activity Coordinators. The new Board of Directors will elect the other officers (Board Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), and the Chancellor appoints various Activity Coordinators.

- Virginia Okie has been the Activity Coordinator in charge of EFA merchandise. She would like to turn this job over to someone more centrally located, as it is difficult to transport the merchandise from her home in Florida to the gatherings.
- Jane Weippert would also very much like to retire from the important post of Treasurer.
- Bill Riddle continues to hope for help in his position as *Journal* editor and has some ideas about dividing the work by creating a less-formal newsletter publication for messages like this one, news and queries, while reserving the *Journal* for scholarly articles and genealogical stories.

⁴ Roger Settlemyre has proposed abandoning the name *Ewing Family Association* in favor of *Clan Ewing Society* and has expressed his intention to make a motion to this effect at the General Meeting in Gallipolis, Ohio this September.

The Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio

I am starting to get excited about *Down the Ohio and Westward*, the twelfth biennial gathering of the Ewing Family Association! Frankie and I look forward to seeing old friends and cousins and meeting new ones. And it will be interesting to see this area of southeastern Ohio, so steeped in Ewing history. We hope you can join us!

David Neal Ewing

Chancellor's Message Appendix: Discussion of Bylaws Issues

The Bylaws of the EFA can be seen at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/BYLAWS.pdf.

Proxy voting is not presently permitted by the Bylaws

The section covering amendments to the Bylaws is as follows:

Section 10.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority of the votes which all members present are entitled to cast at any regular or special meeting duly convened after notice to the members of that purpose or by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting duly convened after notice to the Directors of that purpose, subject always to the power of the members to change such action by the Directors, and further subject to limitations of the Directors to act set forth at Section 5504(b) of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

The "Section 5504(b)" cited is part of the Pennsylvania law governing non-profit corporations (law.onecle.com/pennsylvania/corporations-and-unincorporated-associations/index.html). Even though we are no longer incorporated in Pennsylvania and so are not subject to Pennsylvania law, this provision of Pennsylvania law is explicitly mentioned in the Bylaws and so we are still governed by it. Section 5504(b) lists several circumstances where the Board of Directors does not have the power to change the Bylaws, and under these circumstances the Bylaws can only be changed by a vote of the members. One such circumstance is governed by Section 5759(a) (relating to voting and other action by proxy). This Section says, in part

§ 5759. Voting and other action by proxy.

(a) General rule.--Voting by members of a nonprofit corporation shall be only in person unless a bylaw adopted by the members provides for voting by proxy.

I had thought that the Board could approve a process for voting by proxy and we actually discussed doing so. Now, it has become plain that under our current Bylaws, it is not possible for the Board to take this action. I am hopeful that this situation can be rectified at the Gallipolis meeting so that we will be able to have proxy voting at future meetings. Sadly, it appears there can be no proxy voting in Gallipolis.

It would make sense to amend the Bylaws to eliminate references to Pennsylvania law and to explicitly spell out how we want to handle proxy voting.

Non-dues paying memberships

We have also discovered another difficulty with the current Bylaws.

Section 3.1 Qualification of Members. Membership in the EFA shall be open to all persons with the surname of Ewing, or who are descended from anyone with that surname and to anyone

who is, or has been, the spouse of such a person, or who otherwise support the purposes of the EFA.

Section 3.2 Admission to Membership. Each person qualified under Section 3.1 hereof who keeps a currently valid postal or Email address on file with the Secretary shall be a member.

As you can see, these sections make no reference to dues. Dues are mentioned in another Section:

Section 7.1 Fees, Dues and Assessments. The Board of Directors may by resolution from time to time set or amend a schedule of dues applicable to members; may impose dues upon all members either alike or in different amounts or proportions; and may prescribe the times and methods of collecting such dues.

Joe Neff Ewing, Jr., who was one of the organizing members of Clan Ewing in America and was instrumental in writing the Bylaws, tells us that the conscious decision was made to make paying dues optional, so that no one would be denied membership on the basis of not being able to afford joining. It was subsequently determined that because it costs money to produce and mail the *Journal*, that this would be sent only to dues-paying members, but non-dues paying members were still to be considered members of the organization, with voting privileges. I personally do not have a problem with the idea, but some practical difficulties have arisen.

This is mainly due to the fact that the language in Section 3.2, "keeps a currently valid postal or Email address on file with the Secretary", is not clearly defined. Are we to consider for non-dues paying membership status only for those who ask for membership and verify their address annually with the Secretary? Or should anyone who has ever sent us a letter, Email or discussion list posting be automatically added to the membership roll? Or something in between?

What is more, notice of the time and place of meetings is required to be given to "all members":

Section 3.5 Notice. Written notice of every meeting of the members, specifying the place, date of the meeting, and hour shall be given either personally or by mail at least forty-five days prior to the meeting, to each member entitled to vote. The general nature of the business of the meeting may be specified, and shall be specified in case of special meetings or when required by the Corporation Not-for-Profit Code.

We have a very long list of people we have corresponded with through the years, but as it presently stands, it is very difficult to determine which of the individuals on it are to be considered active members of the Ewing Family Association. We have published notice of the upcoming meeting in the *Journal* and on the EFA Forum. I am not a Facebook user, but I think we have also published the notice on the EFA Facebook Page. Sending notice to everyone whose address we have ever received would cost hundreds of dollars and take hours of time. Plainly, we need to get a clearer idea of how one becomes and remains a 'non-dues paying member' and to spell that out in the Bylaws. We also have created 'trial members', 'gift members' and we send subscriptions to a number of libraries, which might be construed as 'institutional members.' Whether these 'members' should be permitted to vote also needs to be spelled out.

Chair's Message

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

When Jane and I visited Gallipolis a year ago we toured several sites that are on the Caravan-Style Outing for this year's gathering: Our House, Tu-Endie-Wei Park, and the Point Pleasant Mural. I want to share with you a preview of those attractions and tell you a little bit about Ewington and the Lowe Hotel, too.

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and Westward*

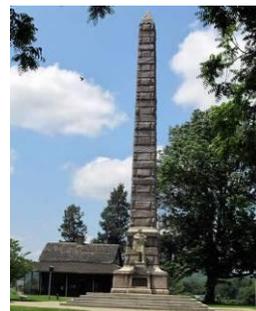


Our House

Built by Henry Cushing in 1819 in the Federal Style, Our House opened its doors as a three-story brick tavern. Among its many rooms are a large ballroom, taproom, dining room and bed chambers. On May 22, 1825 General Marquis de Lafayette, while on his legendary tour of the United States, visited Gallipolis and was entertained at Our House. The Cushing family retained ownership of the house until 1865. In 1944, eleven years after purchasing the property, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Holzer donated it to the State of Ohio as a memorial to the French families who founded Gallipolis. On the Friday afternoon of the 2012 Gathering, Dewetta Gay, a Gallipolis historian, will guide us through the restored tavern and inn and describe some of the

details and events that mark its long, eventful life. You will enjoy the period furnishings that offer an authentic taste of the era and the stories Dewetta will tell.

From Our House the caravan will continue across the river to Tu-Endie-Wei Park, located in Point Pleasant, West Virginia at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers. In the language of the local Wyandot Indians, 'tu-endie-wei' means 'a point between two waters'. The park was the scene of a horrific, day-long battle fought on October 10, 1774. Colonel Andrew Lewis' 1,100 Virginia Militiamen decisively defeated a like number of Indians led by the Shawnee Chieftain, Cornstalk. Considered a landmark in frontier history, some historians believe this fight was the first battle of the American Revolution, not the one in Concord, Massachusetts where Americans fired 'the shot heard round the world'. The decisive victory at Point Pleasant prevented an alliance between the British and the American Indians, an alliance that might have changed the outcome of the Revolution. In addition, the ensuing peace with the American Indians enabled western Virginians to return across the Allegheny Mountains to aid Revolutionary forces. Among the Ewings in the battle was William 'Swago Bill' Ewing, my great³-grandfather. Dennis Bellamy, Director of Tourism in Point Pleasant, will help us understand better the details of the battle and its importance. An obelisk was erected in the park in 1909 to commemorate the battle and to honor the Virginia militiamen who died there that day.



**Obelisk at
Tu-Endie-Wei Park**

Not far from Tu-Endie-Wei Park in Point Pleasant is an extensive mural, 150 feet long and fifteen-to-eighteen feet high. It was painted by Robert Dafford a few years ago to memorialize the Battle of Point Pleasant. Mr. Bellamy will also explain its significance.



Point Pleasant Mural



Swago Bill Ewing's Grave Marker Near Ewington

About a half-hour north of Gallipolis is the town of Ewington, founded by Indian John Ewing not long after his arrival in the area in 1802. He and his brother, Swago Bill, among many other Ewings, are buried in the area. While Ewington today is barely a crossroads, it is well worth the trip to see the Ewington Academy building and imagine the life of the Ewings who lived on this site 200 years ago. A search for the headstones of those ancestors may lead you to Swago Bill's weathered headstone.

Friday night we will dine at the Lowe Hotel in Point Pleasant, located in the heart of the town's Historic District. Originally named the Spencer Hotel, this grand structure was built in 1901.



Lowe Hotel

The hotel was bought by the Lowe family in 1929 following the stock market crash. The new owners gave the hotel their family name. Ruth and Rush Finley, who purchased the business and real estate in 1990, will host our Friday-night dinner.

These special attractions, combined with the scheduled meetings at the Quality Inn, will make the trip to Gallipolis well worthwhile. Jane and I will greet you there.

Wally Ewing

General Meeting Announcement

Beth A. (Ewing) Toscos, Secretary
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The next General Meeting of the Ewing Family Association will be held during the 2012 Gathering at the Quality Inn in Gallipolis, Ohio at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

[N.B. The General Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM rather than at 11:30 AM as previously announced in previous issues of the *Journal*.

An agenda will be published in future issues of this *Journal*. If you have suggestions or requests for agenda items, contact Chancellor David Neal Ewing at DavidEwing93@gmail.com, +1 505.764.8704, or 1621 Roma NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106.

Beth Toscos

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Membership News

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As of the mailing, back in February, of the latest issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* (Vol. 18, No. 1), we had 266 individual members and 89 institutional (library, genealogy society, etc.) memberships. No individual member is African-American. Two live 'across the pond' in the U.K. One lives up north in Canada. 37% of the individual members have a Ewing or closely-allied (Ewin, Ewings, McEwan) surname. No individual members live in the Antipodes, but there has been an EMail conversation with a Ewing-related individual in New Zealand. Likewise, there has been an EMail conversation with a Ewing-related individual in South America.

Many others participate in the EFA Community:

- The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project⁵ has 142 participants, 131 of which have a Ewing or closely-allied surname. Very roughly, half to three-quarters of these project participants are members of the EFA.
- 156 individuals participate in the EFA Forum,⁶ using it to hold coherent, structured conversations about topics such as the heritage of the Ewing surname with respect to the ancient clans of Scotland, the import of various 'found documents' related to Ewings, the evolution of Scottish musical instruments over the previous several century, reading lists regarding the evolution of the Scots-Irish over the past thirty thousand years, etc. Conservatively speaking, two-thirds of these people have Ewing or closely-allied surnames and half of them are members of the EFA.
- The EFA Facebook Page⁷ has 131 people who 'like' the EFA. Very rough analysis of this group says that only a third have Ewing or closely-allied surnames and less than a quarter are members of the EFA.

It's *really* hard to make definitive conclusions from these data. But stepping back and squinting a bit, some very general, but indicative, statements can be made:

- Somewhere between 100 and 175 people are not individual members of the EFA but participate in EFA activities such as its Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, its Forum and its Facebook Page.
- Somewhere between 95 and 170 people are not individual members of the EFA but participate in EFA's online-interaction activities (its Forum and Facebook Page).
- A third to 80% of the EFA's individual members participate in its Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, its Forum and its Facebook Page.
- Only about a third of the people who are EFA individual members or who participate in its activities have a Ewing or closely-allied surname.

So what? First of all, it appears that our attempt, over the past half-decade, to move beyond being a group of descendants of some thirty-three Ewing-surnamed families who migrated to America before

⁵ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

⁶ groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation

⁷ www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association

1776⁸ has been mildly, but significantly, successful. Second of all, it appears that our attempt, again over the past half-decade, to involve people whose primary genealogical research focus is upon collateral, non-Ewing-surnamed families has also been mildly, but significantly, successful. And third of all, we have been significantly more successful in achieving our attempt to connect with a 'younger breed' of people interested in their heritage and quite comfortable with interacting online through social-networking sites such as our Forum and Facebook Page.

Finally, there's the significant challenge to convert the interest of some 100 or so people participating the EFA's activities into individual memberships. Over the next year I'll be actively working on doing this by contacting the Forum's and Facebook Page's non-members and using incentives such as one-year-free memberships to the first twenty people to respond to my invitation to join.

I'd very much appreciate your help in this membership drive. Please consider providing gift or trial memberships to your relatives and colleagues:

- Gift Memberships: Recipients of \$25/year Gift Memberships receive copies of all issues published in the year their membership begins. The giftor will be asked to renew the membership into the future, leaving it to them to decide whether to continue the gift or have the giftee assume the membership's cost.
- Trial Memberships: Members may provide \$10 Trial Memberships to their family, friends and colleagues. The intent is to provide a way to familiarize others with the Association and its activities. Trial Members receive two consecutive issues of the *Journal* and are then invited to become Regular Members. Trial Members who decide to become Regular Members receive all issues of the *Journal* for the calendar year(s) in which they were Trial Members.

In addition, please consider donating gift or trial memberships to the pool of one-year-free memberships I can offer as incentives to convert already interested people into members. And, of course, please consider supporting, at \$20/year, memberships for institutions (for example, your local library and national organizations such as the DAR) which you personally use for your genealogical research or feel that others could beneficially use for their research.

Jill Spitzer

New EFA Members ... Welcome Aboard!

Teresa Kaye (DeBerry) Ewing (Member #1138) and her husband David James live in Longmont, Colorado with their children, Scott, Tim and Emily. David is a software engineer for Apple Computer. Teresa is an optical engineer researching adaptive optics. They may be contacted at teresa@ewingdev.com.

Our Ewing relatives immigrated from Carndonagh, County Donegal, Ireland in the 1850s to Easthampton, Massachusetts. We know nothing about our Ewing line before this. David's Ewing line is David James Ewing, son of James Hildreth Ewing, son of Clifton Henry Ewing, son of Joseph William Ewing, son of James Ewing Jr. (born in Carndonagh, 1851), son of James Ewing Sr. (born in Donegal, 1812). James Ewing Sr. married Mary Lee – a daughter of _?_ Lee and Sarah White – in 1851. A brief pedigree appears at trees.ancestry.com/tree/4972654/family?cfpid=-1506884151.

⁸ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/immigrants.html

I would love some help identifying James Ewing Sr.'s parents.

From Karen Avery (BKAVery2@comcast.net): I've added much of your ancestry into my database. I have over 11,000 Ewing-born individuals and use it to try to make connections among cousins. I did not previously have your line, but there was another Ewing family who lived in Easthampton, Massachusetts. I do not so far see a connection between these two groups. They came from different villages in County Donegal, Ireland.

I think you would enjoy getting in touch with Steven Craig Ewing. His family also lived in Easthampton. He shared information about himself and his family on pages 27-30 in the Vol. 17, No. 4 (November, 2011) issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*. His lineage is found on page 67 of that *Journal* issue, and a story about him and his family appears on pages 70-77. Finally, on pages 79-81 there is an obituary for his mother who died in March 2011.

Steve joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project⁹ and I suggest your husband also joins. The results will help you understand how your line relates to other members' lines.

From Teresa Ewing (teresa@ewingdev.com): There were other Ewing families that settled in Easthampton, but the family lore says that we are not related.

From David Neal Ewing (DavidEwing93@gmail.com): I searched our web site for 'Joseph William Ewing' and found one such in James R. McMichael's book,¹⁰ but this is fairly clearly not your ancestor. His father was Joseph Otto Ewing and his grandfather was William Thomas Ewing; this is a Texas line. I couldn't find any hits for 'Clifton Henry Ewing' or for 'Carndonagh'.

To see a map of places in Ireland and Scotland we have identified as important in Ewing history, see tinyurl.com/EwingHomeland or go to Google Maps (maps.google.com) and look for the map 'Ewing homeland'. As you can see, there were a number of Ewing families on the Inishowen Peninsula of County Donegal, but a good ways south of Carndonagh. One large family descends from John Ewing of Carnashannagh. His descendants came to America a little over 100 years before yours. We have found Ewings who are in this 'large group of closely related Ewings' in Ireland, Scotland and England, and I have an idea they are all over the world.

Interestingly, we might be able to make a stronger case for finding your close relatives if you turn out **not** to be in the large closely related group, because their Y-DNA patterns are more distinct. The Y-DNA of men in the large closely related group is so similar that it usually does not give us too much branch-specific information. There will be time enough to discuss these matters once we have results. I look forward to seeing them.

Patricia B. Penning (Member #1137) lives in Menlo Park, California. She may be contacted at patpen34@sbcglobal.net.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Rachel Jane (Ewing) Howell, my great-grandmother, of Leavenworth, Kansas. She was a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Kimball) Ewing. She was born February 28, 1844 in Marietta, Ohio. She married Joseph Howell in Leavenworth on November 17, 1863.

⁹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

¹⁰ McMichael, James R. *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) and Descendants*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 1999. The information about the Joseph William Ewing I found is at: www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/book_JimMcMic/Chapter18.htm.

My cousin and I were in Leavenworth in October 2011 and believe that we discovered, at the library, the address of the house in which both my grandmother and mother were born. I wrote to a Realtor but received no reply. However, I can see the original stone foundation online.

A family legend, told a thousand times, is that Samuel floated bricks down the river to Liberty, Missouri and built a house. Rachel attended Jewel Finishing School. The bushwhackers¹¹ drove them out to Kansas.

The drama continues with the death of Rachel's son Charles Ewing Howell at age twenty-three at the State Capital on September 29, 1889. Her husband, Joseph Howell, was twice a State Legislator and died at age fifty-nine.

Rachel died on February 2, 1923 while staying with one of the Ewings when my grandmother Ella Howell White went to the birth of her first grandchild. Rachel's nightgown caught on fire and she died several days later from the burns. There is no documentation except for an obituary and some information in *Descendants of Edward Howell*.¹² I have a photograph of her.

My basic question is: Who are Rachel Jane (Ewing) Howell's siblings, aunts/uncles and cousins? In addition, I believe there was a lawyer in Leavenworth named Ewing and wonder if he is related.

From Karen Avery (BK Avery2@comcast.net): I will attempt to help you, but I must confess that I am confused by the family legend "that Samuel floated bricks down the river to Liberty, Missouri and built a house." Are you speaking of Samuel who married Rebecca Kimball in Liberty? My database is possibly wrong; I have Samuel and Rebecca each dying in 1854 in Brown County, Ohio and buried at Fitch's Chapel Cemetery. In addition I have Samuel and Rachel listed in the 1850 census in Union Township, Brown County, Ohio with children Charles, Rachel, Josephine and Mary Ann.

Response from Patricia B. Penning (patpen34@sbcglobal.net): My information from David Moore Howell says that Rachel's parents were Samuel Ewing and Rebecca Kimball.

¹¹ Bushwhackers (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bushwhacker): Bushwhacking was a form of guerrilla warfare common during the American Revolutionary War, American Civil War and other conflicts in which there [were] large areas of contested land and few governmental resources to control these tracts. This was particularly prevalent in rural areas during the Civil War where there were sharp divisions between those favoring the Union and Confederacy in the conflict. The perpetrators of the attacks were called bushwhackers. ... Bushwhackers were generally part of the irregular military forces on both sides. While bushwhackers conducted a few well-organized raids in which they burned cities, most of the attacks involved ambushes of individuals or families in rural areas. In areas affected by bushwhacking the actions were particularly insidious since it amounted to a fight of neighbor against neighbor. Since the attacks were non-uniformed, the government response was complicated by trying to decide whether they were legitimate military attacks or criminal actions

¹² *Descendants of Edward Howell (1584-1655)*. First Edition: Emma (Howell) Ross, 1969. Second Edition: David Faris, 1985. Third Edition: Cindy (Ward) Clark, 2011. A brief synopsis and availability information may be found at www.edwardhowellfamily.org.

Keeping Up With the Ewings

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

The EMail address for **Carol and Lawrence B. Ewing** of New Haven, Indiana has changed to carolcrochet66@aol.com. They attended the 2006 Gathering in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Larry is a cousin of **William Curtis Ewing**, participant WC3 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.¹³

A summary of **Bill Scott's** reason for writing his book *The Buttercup: The Remarkable Story of Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Dairy* can be found at:

www.amazon.co.uk/Bill-Scott/e/B007DL9QOK/ref=ntt_dp_epwbk_0.

Barbara (Ewing) Seigneur's heritage was incorrectly reported on page 54 of the previous issue. She is a cousin of Karen Avery), Beth Toscos and Jane Weippert and a great⁶-granddaughter of Alexander Ewing, who was born about 1708:

great⁶-grandfather: Alexander Ewing (c1708-?_)

great⁵-grandfather: John Ewing (1739-c1801)

great⁴-grandfather: John Ewing Sr. (c1771-c1812)

great³-grandfather: John Ewing III (c1811-1889)

great-great-grandfather: William A. Ewing (1839-1907)

great-grandfather: Albert Alonzo Ewing (1870-1938)

grandfather: Albert LeRoy Ewing (1899-1969)

father: Ervin Dale Ewing (1923-1991)

William Myrl 'Bill' Ewing (Member #166, Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project participant WM, Bill.Norma@cox.net) passes along the following:

The recent suicide of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s estranged wife, Mary, brings to mind the fact that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and his first wife, Emily Ruth Black, were married by my son, Rev. Dr. Terry Michael Ewing. Emily grew up in the First Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana. One day Emily called the church and the associate pastor, Rev. Terry answered the phone. She wanted to get married in her church and Rev. Terry said he would be happy to conduct the service along with a Catholic priest the Kennedy family requested. By the way: Rev. Terry boogied with Ethel Kennedy (the groom's mother) at the rehearsal dinner.

And proof, yet again, that it is a small, well-connected world: Thomas Lee 'Tom' Ewing (Terry's brother) was working as a reporter for the *Tulsa World* newspaper, and was in the office when the Kennedy wedding story came online that night from the Associated Press. They had misspelled Terry's last name, so Tom told the AP Tulsa agent right there in the *Tulsa World* office, and the correction was made immediately all over the country.

Dennis Skidmore (Member #1096) has moved from St. Charles, Missouri to Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. He may still be reached at DSkidmore82@gmail.com.

¹³ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

Passings

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

Rachel Elizabeth (Ewing) Corrigan (1948-2012)¹⁴

Age 81, of Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2012. She was the daughter of Louise Raymunda Leppek Ewing and Dt. Robert Thornton Ewing.

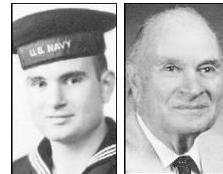
Rachel graduated from Monroe High School (Monroe, MI) in 1948. After two years at the University of Michigan, majoring in piano, she transferred to the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY) where she received her Bachelor in Musical Arts and a Masters in Music Performance, majoring in Harp, and received her performance certificate as soloist with the Rochester Symphony. During those years she attended the Interlochen National Music Camp (Interlochen, MI), the Aspen Musical Festival and was a student at Tanglewood in Massachusetts. She was the 1st harpist in the Indianapolis Symphony for 11 years and taught both at Butler University and privately. She met her husband, Daniel Patrick Corrigan, a tuba and string bass player while playing in the North Carolina Spring Symphony. Dan and Rachel were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Monroe, MI in 1959. They had a wonderful celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in 2009.

Rachel is survived by her husband, Daniel; three children, Christine Marie Corrigan, Sharon Ann Stevens, and Robert Patrick Corrigan; and sister, Roberta Louise Ewing Marks. Her brother, James Edgar Ewing, preceded in death in 1935.

Mass of celebration will be Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 1 p.m. from Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Myelofibrosis Research Foundation, www.mfnresearchfoundation.org. Family and friends are welcome to sign the online guest book for Rachel at: www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Raymond C. Ewing (1923-2012)¹⁵

Raymond C. Ewing, 88, died on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at Hickory Creek, Hicksville, Ohio. Born July 1, 1923, in Paulding County, Ohio, he was the son of the late Albert A. and Laura M. (Bash) Ewing. He was a 1941 graduate of Antwerp High School, Antwerp, Ohio. On July 15, 1945, he married Lela R. [Bainbridge]; she preceded him in death in 1999. He joined the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II as Radioman 1st Class aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Essex with the Pacific Fleet. He participated in the



¹⁴ Rachel Elizabeth (Ewing) Corrigan is a sister of Ewing Family Association member Roberta Louise (Ewing) Marks. Her obituary was published by IndyStar.com at www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=rachel-e-corrigan&pid=155747389&fhid=14506.

¹⁵ Raymond C. Ewing is the father of Ewing Family Association officers Beth A. (Ewing) Toscos and Jane P. (Ewing) Weippert and an uncle of Karen Avery, the EFA Genealogist. His obituary was published by *FortWayne.com* at www.legacy.com/obituaries/fortwayne/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-c-ewing&pid=156200683. He is participant RC in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project). An account of his life in the U.S. Navy appears at page 33.

action at the Marshalls, Marianas, Philippines, Bonin Islands, and Iwo Jima. He was the owner of Ewing Nursery, Hicksville, from 1952 to 2006 and a Village Councilman for 13 years. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the American Landscape Association. Survivors include a son, John A. (Denise) of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Beth A. (Michael) Toscos of Fort Wayne and Jane P. (William) Weippert of Cecil, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by [ten] siblings. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling one hour prior. Pastor Tim Pieper officiating. Calling also from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors accorded by Hicksville American Legion Post 223. Preferred memorials to Grace United Methodist Church for the Pipe Organ Fund or CHP Hospice of Defiance, Ohio.

Delores L. (Ewing) Hockman (1928-2012)¹⁶

Delores L. Hockman, 83, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 13, 2012. Born Nov. 11, 1928, in Fort Wayne, she had lived in New Mexico since 1973. Surviving are sister, Beulah Pickett; brothers, Donald Ewing of Texas and Joey Ewing of Kentucky; children, Lennie (Sharon) Hockman, Patrick Hockman, Keela (Steve) Denery, Shawn Hockman and Daniel Hockman all of New Mexico and Roxanne (Steve) Miser of Ossian, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max J. Hockman; and daughter, Tina L. Hockman. Graveside service is 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Six Mile Cemetery, SR 116, Bluffton, Ind.



Merchandise Coordinator's Message

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

Ewing Family Association merchandise (Tee Shirts, Caps, Golf Shirts, etc.) will be on sale at reduced, gathering-only prices during the 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio, 20-23 September 2012. For example, Sweat Shirts will be available for \$25, a 30% reduction of their \$35 online price. Polo Shirts will also be available at reduced prices.

*Down the Ohio
and Westward*

In addition, 2012 Gathering attendees will receive the coupon on the next page in their Registration Packets.

Should you wish to purchase any EFA merchandise before or after the gathering and at their non-reduced prices, please use the order form at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/activities/merchandise.

Virginia Okie

¹⁶ Delores L. (Ewing) Hockman (Member #952) is a first cousin once removed of Ewing Family Association officers Beth A. (Ewing) Toscos and Jane P. (Ewing) Weippert as well as Karen Avery, the EFA Genealogist. Her obituary was published by *FortWayne.com* at www.legacy.com/obituaries/fortwayne/obituary.aspx?n=delores-l-hockman&pid=157148748.



Show your Affiliation by Wearing Ewing Family Association Merchandise!

Bring this coupon to the merchandise table
and receive a gift
with any \$10 or more purchase.

(Hurry – Good only while supplies last. One per customer, please.)

Information Exchange

This section of the *Ewing Family Journal* provides members with transcripts of dialogues initiated by queries or offers of information sent to the EFA Genealogist, the *Journal's* Editor and others. Including these items here is intended to entice others to join the dialogues and help respond to the queries or amplify the provided information.

Ewing-related requests for information and offers of information are often posted to various Internet web sites including:

- EFA's Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation,
- EFA's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association,
- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum at genforum.genealogy.com/ewing, and
- Rootsweb's Ewing Message Board at boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx.

Readers should periodically view and search these sites to find queries and offered information related to their Ewing-related genealogy research.

Hannah (Ewing) and John Collins

Query from Susie Simon (SSimon3362@aol.com) to David Neal Ewing, Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project¹ Administrator (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

I have read your recent detailed Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project update article and thought it was great. After I read it I decided to contact you with a request. I was wondering if your project does any work on allied families or if possibly you might know of one of your project's members who might be connected to: 1) the Collins family thru the line:²

¹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

² From the John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) genealogy available at:

Hannah Ewing (d/o Joshua s/o John s/o John of Carnashannagh). Hannah married John Collins on 17 December 1792. John died on 1 January 1835 in Hunt, Ohio.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. Rebecca Collins was born in 1799 in Virginia.
- ii. John J. Collins was born in 1801 in Bath County, Virginia.
- iii. Mary Collins was born about 1800 and died after 1860 in Van Buren County, Iowa.
- iv. Hannah Collins was born 1800/1810.
- v. Nancy Collins was born about 1810 and died in 1847 in Missouri about age 37.
- vi. Elizabeth Collins
- vii. Rachel Collins was born about 1814.
- viii. Annis Collins died about 1839.
- ix. Joshua Ewing Collins was born about 1810 in Virginia

or 2) any of the John or Jesse Collins families, from Virginia that I keep running into in Southern Ohio, and are connected in many ways with the Ewing families. Perhaps I have to find a Collins family from Gallia, Vinton, or Jackson Counties in Ohio which has had their Y-DNA tested.

I belong to a Collins Surname Y-DNA group, but nobody comes close to me in many years I have been a member. They tell me it is because no Collins men from Ohio, let alone Southern Ohio have been tested.

The reason I have searched so hard through Ewing records is because several years ago I came across a Don Collins who had a Y-DNA test with a small number of markers, ten as I recall,, but he was related to the Gallia County Ewing and Jesse Collins families and we matched all markers. He has since dropped out of sight and wasn't really interested in helping me anyway. He isn't even listed on the Collins Surname Y-DNA group any more.

My family is from Jackson, Vinton and Gallia Counties in Ohio. My great³-grandfather was Jesse Collins born in 1809 in Virginia (now probably West Virginia) and died in Vinton County in 1881. #173 listed above. The John J. Collins (ii in the list of children above) who married Susanna Hawks lived a few miles from my Jesse Collins ancestor in the 1850 census in Vinton County, Ohio. Their children even have the same names. I believe that Joshua Ewing Collins (ix in the list above) may have lived close by also. The county lines changed quite frequently and I figured it all out once, but I would have to find all the Ewing-related materials I have chased down over the ten years I have been searching for my Jesse to be sure. In any case they all lived near each other, but no genealogies list a Jesse Collins.

But it seems to me that the ten-marker Y-DNA test I match must mean something. Maybe he was a family orphan the Collins/Ewings brought from Virginia?

The only way I am ever going to know is through the Y-DNA test. According to a Y-DNA test of John Thomas Collins from the Collins/Whetsel family of Ohio, Jesse Collins is in Haplogroup J2. If you could pass that along to someone who might be allied with your Ewings through a Collins line, maybe I could find out something. If there are no J2 Collins-allied families then I will stop chasing Ewings. Ten years is a long time, and it is perhaps time to just admit this is an unsolvable genealogy puzzle

By the way, our family site is at trees.ancestry.com/tree/17666154/person/540767137.

Response from David Neal Ewing, (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Though we recognize the importance of studying allied families and collateral lines for genealogy, we have made no systematic attempt to do that in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, so I am sorry to say that I cannot give you any information about your Collins lineage. I did take a moment to visit the web site for the Collins Surname Y-DNA Project³ and saw there some Haplogroup J2 results. Perhaps these are from the relative you speak about, but if not, I am sure you will want to see them.

Your Gallipolis connection is interesting. Wally Ewing, the Chair of the Ewing Family Association's Board of Directors, has Ewing roots that trace to Gallipolis, but through a different son of John Ewing of Carnashannagh than the one in the line you cite. Wally is participant WK in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project and his relationship to other John Ewing of Carnashannagh descendants in the project is shown in the relationship diagram posted at dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group1aRelationshipDiagram.pdf.

I am doubtful that Wally will know anything about the descendants of Joshua Ewing Collins, but I have copied him on this message just in case.

Finally, though you are right that no one at our gathering in Gallipolis would likely know much about Collins families and Y-DNA tests for Collins-surnamed people, you would certainly be welcome to attend the gathering as well as join the EFA. Our focus is on Ewing lines, but the connection of many of our members with Ewing is through their maternal lines and by no means all of us have the surname Ewing.

Response from Wallace K. Ewing (WKEwing@charter.net)

I am not sure how I might help, but Joshua Ewing Collins and some of the other people in the family group listed in your message are in my family tree, including Joshua's parents and his Ewing grandparents. Joshua Ewing Collins is my third cousin three times removed. He and I have a common ancestor in John Ewing of Carnashannagh, my great⁵-grandfather. His son, my great⁴-grandfather James Ewing of Pocahontas County, was a brother of John Ewing, from whom Joshua was descended. But David is correct: I do not have any data on Joshua's descendants. Please let me know if there is anything I could add that might be helpful. It would be a delight to see you in Gallipolis this September; I suspect we could learn from each other.

Ewing Clan Web Site

From a Contribution by William S. Ewing (w.ewing421@btinternet.com) to the EFA Forum (groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)

You may be interested in at least checking out and perhaps joining (for free) IrishGathering.ie – a site "created to celebrate the uniqueness of our Irish culture and heritage." The *Clan Ewing* section is available at www.irishgathering.ie/html/ewing.htm.

³ www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/collins/results

Francis C. Ewing, born 1858-59, son of Philemon Ewing

Query from Lois Trampe (dyetrampe@roadrunner.com) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

Neither I nor my husband are related to Ewings. However, we are thinking that the California ranch partner of his (George's) maternal great-grandfather James T. Martin was in fact the Francis C. Ewing (son of Philemon), who was born about 1858-59 in Lancaster, Ohio.

The 1910 U.S. census for Rowland Township, Los Angeles County, California shows James T. Martin as a partner with Frank C. Ewing. Frank is listed as being born in Ohio and his parents are listed as being born in Ohio (father) and Pennsylvania (mother). A Frank C. Ewing is found in the South Bend, Indiana 1900 census and is listed as being born in Ohio, with parents born in Ohio and Pennsylvania, etc..

We are interested in finding out more information on James T. Martin and Frank C. Ewing. We think we may have found James T. Martin in Tulare County, California in the 1920 census but we cannot locate Frank. We will be working to substantiate information on James T. Martin and will continue to look for any information we may find on Frank.

Do you have any information on Frank that might help us? Do you know if anybody working on Frank's direct family and lines ever found any information on him? Would it be possible for me, a non-Ewing, to obtain a password to look at your site or is it just for family members?

We would be glad to share with you any further information we might find about Frank if you would like that.

As an aside, I have been researching various genealogies for years. I am from southern Ohio and currently we reside across the Ohio River in northeast Kentucky across from my hometown, Portsmouth, Ohio. From 1980 to 1983, during my first marriage, I resided in Lancaster, Ohio. I learned about the Ewing-Sherman histories and enjoyed the histories of the families and of their homes (which, being located in the historic Square 13, are close to where my former church, First United Methodist, is located). I became friends with (and taught piano to) a lady whose daughter and son-in-law purchased the Sen. Thomas Ewing home. I was involved in the Lancaster Music Club, which met monthly in the Mumaugh Memorial, an old, historical home located across Main Street from the Ewing House. Imagine my surprise when I found James T. Martin in partnership with Frank C. Ewing in the 1910 census and then, in tracing Frank C. , surmised that he might be Francis C. Ewing, son of Philemon Ewing of Lancaster, Ohio. There are many 'small world' happenings when doing genealogy.

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I enjoyed your query and your personal memories about the Ewing family and homes in Lancaster, Ohio. I agree that genealogical research is often rewarded with some unexpected discoveries.

Unfortunately I have nothing more than the date of birth of Francis Cointet 'Frank' Ewing in my personal database. I can find nothing more than what you already discovered in the 1900 and 1910 census. It does appear that Francis probably never married.

It is very possible that someone in Ewing Family Association (EFA) might have more information on Francis because this is a well-known family line. We will publish your query in the *Ewing Family Journal* with the hope that members will see it and contact you if they can provide some help.

If you haven't found the great site about this line located at www.sandcastles.net, please have a look there. You may contact Marilyn Price-Mitchell, the site's administrator, at ewingfamily@sandcastles.net. She will be happy to hear from you and perhaps have more information for you.

I would be interested to have any further information you discover about Francis.

By the way ... Passwords are not needed to access the information on the EFA Web Site. It may be freely searched and the content accessed without a password.

From Marilyn Price-Mitchell (EwingFamily@sandcastles.net)

Because Karen Avery copied me on her EMail, I thought I would chime in. I'm the person who administers the Thomas Ewing Sr. web site at www.sandcastles.net and have a large database for this line of Ewings. I just looked up Francis Cointet Ewing, and I only have his name and birth date, November 12, 1859. I am sorry I cannot be of any further help.

George Washington (1885-1940) Ewing m. Flossie Belle Canter

Query from Becky Ewing (teddybear3029@yahoo.com) to Ewing Family Genealogy Forum (genforum.genealogy.com/ewing/messages/3374.html)

I am looking for information regarding the George Washington Ewing (1885-1940) family from Jackson County, Ohio. George was my husband's grandfather. My husband's grandmother was Flossie Belle (Canter) Ewing.

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

If your husband's grandfather was the George Washington Ewing who was born on 11 July 1885, I believe his (George's) father was Levi Curtis Ewing, born on 19 September 1841 in Gallia County, Ohio and died on 20 September 1908 in Jackson County, Ohio. He married Eliza Ann McManus (9 November 1842 – 7 August 1891) on 29 March 1863 in Gallia County, Ohio.

This Ewing line goes back to John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745). Sources about John Ewing of Carnashannagh's descendants are: 1) Nancy Hank Ewing's book *James Ewing – Pioneer* which is available online at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html

and 2) the John Ewing of Carnashannagh genealogy included in the Ewing Genealogy Documentation Project and available online at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/EGD_Project/Document_JohnOfCarnashannagh.html.

These sources show your descendency as follows:

John Ewing of Camashannagh (1648-1745) m. Janett McElvany (1652-?)
 son: 'Pocahontas James' Ewing (1721-1801) m. Sarah Mayes / Maes / Mays (c1725-c1805)
 son: 'Swago Bill' Ewing (1756-1822) m. Mary McNeill (1771-1858) in 1785
 son: William Ewing (1792-1847) m. Sarah Mannering (1796-1877) in 1818
 son: Enoch McNeill Ewing (1819-1896) m. Salpena 'Anny' Holcomb (1824-?) in 1841
 son: Levi Curtis Ewing (1841-1908) m. Eliza Ann McManus (1842-1891) in 1863
 son: George Washington Ewing (1885-1940) m. Flossie Belle Canter
 son: George Arthur Ewing, Sr. 1931-1993

If this matches your data then you need to be aware that this line of Ewings is going to be honored at the Ewing Family Association's biennial gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio, 20-23 September 2012. Please consult the Association's Web Site at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org for more information about this meeting.

Response from Becky Ewing (teddybear3029@yahoo.com)

Many thanks for the detailed information about my husband's Ewing heritage.

I was wondering if you can also help me identify a couple of photos I have acquired. On the back of one it has "Uncle George Ewing." The other does not have anything on it to identify the family, but to me the man looks to be the same as the man in the photo with the writing on it. I don't know which George Ewing this is, and my mother-in-law never saw any pictures of her father-in-law. Do you know if it is George Washington and Flossie Ewing in the family picture?



Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I am sorry to say that I can't identify these people; you could possibly be correct in your identification. I agree that the same man is in both pictures. My guess would be that the pictures were taken about 1910.

If someone from your Levi Curtis Ewing line could attend our gathering in Gallipolis in September, you might find a definite identification from some other attendee.

Response from Becky Ewing (teddybear3029@yahoo.com)

Here are photos (see next page) of Flossie Belle (Canter) Ewing next to a close-up of the woman in the family photo and a photo of her son George Arthur Ewing next to close-ups of the man who I think might be his father, George Washington Ewing. To me they look like a match, but that might be wishful thinking.



**Flossie Belle (Canter) Ewing and _?_****George Arthur Ewing and His Father _?_**

I asked my mother-in-law and she said that the men do have ears sticking out like her husband and that it is possible that it is his father, but she never met her father-in-law or saw a photo of him.

I know there are several people that share the name George Washington Ewing. There was a Robert Bassett who posted on the Ewing Family Genealogy Forum back in 1999 and was a son of Juanita Jean Ewing. I sent a message to the EMail address that he left, but the address is no longer in use.

My husband's father was Juanita's brother. We know very little about this family and would like to learn more.

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

We can't be at all certain of the identities of these folks. My advice is to keep trying to find Ewing lines for George and Flossie and from the male lines of George's older brothers. Perhaps some additional information and pictures will surface from finding others.

Nancy Catherine (Ewing) and Isaac Hayes

Query from Renee Smith (myxcape@yahoo.com) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

I recently discovered the Ewing Family Association Web Site and am very glad that I did. I have been at a brick wall for ten years on a particular ancestor – Nancy Catherine Ewing – and now think I may have found her line - although I will need to collaborate with you so that we can either confirm or rule out this theory.

The particular family is that of Nancy Catherine (Ewing) and Isaac Hayes who were in Kentucky in the early 1800s. I have recently discovered that Nancy was Samuel and Mary (Davis) Ewing's daughter from Virginia. Can you confirm this?

Response from Karen Avery (BKAvery2@comcast.net)

There are mistakes in the books available in the Reading Room on the Ewing Family Association Web Site. One mistake involves the line for Samuel Ewing (c1740-1817) and his wife, Mary. James R. McMichael (deceased), the previous EFA Genealogist, corrected the lineage in his article in the

February 2008 issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.⁴ At the time, however, he didn't have a maiden name for Mary so your addition of her maiden name of Davis is a definite contribution. If the result is consistent with the results of your research, then I think you may safely follow this line back to the group of Ewings who settled in Cecil County, Maryland about 1726.

Scottish DNA Study

From AncestralScotland.com (www.ancestralscotland.com)

A new study led by academics at Edinburgh and St Andrews' Universities has discovered extraordinary diversity within the DNA of people living in Scotland. Researchers tested almost 1,000 Scots over the past four months, and found that Scotland has almost 100 different groups of male ancestry, with 150 types of female DNA, from across Europe and further afield.

More information may be found at tinyurl.com/ScottishDNA.

Scottish Games

From a Contribution by Roger Settlemire (rsettle@sbcbglobal.net) to the EFA Forum (groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation)

My first experience at a Scottish Games was the in the mid-1990s. For those who have not attended a Scottish games, I would like to summarize the 'Scottish Games experience', and try to convey how delightful the Scottish Games can be.

The Scottish Games are usually held at a county fairground, or, in some cases, a park. The Scots take over the entire fairgrounds. There are usually a large number of Clan tents. The tents have clan banners and symbols proudly displaying their names and Scottish heritage. Many of the attendees wear kilts with their respective clan's colorful tartan. The clan tents are decorated with clan banners and have clan books of Scottish names and septs (allied clans or families) and Scottish clan tartans, large maps of Scotland and Ulster, and other paraphernalia. The Scottish Games have Scottish and Celtic entertainers and activities, such as numerous pipe bands (all dressed in kilts), a clan march-by, Scottish performers, Scottish animals, sheep dog trials, Scotch tasting, Scottish vendors, caber toss and other games, and much, much more.

While the proceedings do not always adhere to strict Scottish customs and cultural history, it does not matter. The Games serve the purpose of introducing many attendees to their Scottish heritage and creating a desire to search further for their family roots. People stopping at a tent immediately want to know if his or her family name is 'in the book' of Scottish names, find the original location of their clans on the big map of Scotland, find out the clan tartan, and then learn about the history of that clan or the list of the numerous sept families. Everyone has a great time and fun enjoying Scottish festivities and mixing and mingling with other Scots. Everyone wants to be a Scot or 'wannabe' Scot for the weekend. You can just walk around and soak up the Scottish atmosphere and music if you like. The Games are a great place for recruiting people to various Scottish organizations. At most Scottish Games, there is

⁴ McMichael, James R. Lineage Correction for Samuel Ewing, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (February 2008), pp. 32-36

usually a significant presence not only of those people of Scottish descent, but also includes many people of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds just to celebrate things Scottish.

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco sponsors The Scottish Highland Gatherings and Games held in Pleasanton, attracting pipe bands from as far away as Britain, New Zealand and Canada. It is quite a spectacle, being one of the largest Games in North America with about 60,000 attendees. It is held Friday night, Saturday and Sunday over Labor Day weekend. There are a couple dozen pipe bands with 400 to 500 bagpipers and drummers forming a 'mass band' at the end of each day, all dressed in kilts, and playing *Amazing Grace*, *Scotland the Brave* and other Scottish tunes. The announcer suggests that the attendees think of someone dear to them that have passed on. It is a heartwarming experience, with many tears being shed. Last year, these games had a variety of Clan Tents. With the fifty-eight sept's listed on 'sandwich boards' in front of the tents and the Scottish book of names, The Scottish Highland Gatherings and Games identify literally hundreds of Scottish names of interest to the attendees.

Upcoming Events

Events in Scotland: A very good source of information about genealogy-related happenings in Scotland is *Visit Scotland* (www.ancestralscotland.com). They periodically distribute a newsletter by Email; you can join their mailing list by making a request via their web site.

2012 May 9-12: National Genealogical Society 2012 Family History Conference. Theme: *The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier*. The conference will be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The convention center is located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, just blocks from I-71 and I-75 and ten minutes from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. The downtown area offers shopping, dining, theatre, a lively arts and music scene, and is just a short walk from the Ohio River. Program and registration information may be found at: www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

2012 May 12-21 and 21-27: The 2012 Legacy Family Tree Genealogy Cruise – an annual event in its 9th year – is pleased to announce that professional genealogist and educator Judith Eccles Wight (and popular webinar speaker for Legacy Family Tree) will be joining the event as its featured speaker. Two back-to-back genealogy cruises take place beginning May 12, 2012 and visit the British Isles (first cruise) and the Norwegian Fjords (second cruise, immediately following the first) on the luxurious Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas ship.

During the first nine-day period, Judy will offer presentations related to the key resources for Irish, English, and Scottish research, including the best websites and details about the various record repositories in these countries that you will visit. An Accredited Genealogist, Judy is one of genealogy's best researchers of these countries – what an opportunity you will have to learn from such an expert! She will join Legacy Family Tree's Geoff Rasmussen and others who will offer classes on Legacy and other genealogy technology.

The first of the back-to-back cruises starts and ends in Oslo, Norway and visits the following ports: Le Havre (Paris), France; Cherbourg, France; Dublin, Ireland; Liverpool, England; and Edinburgh, Scotland. The second leg starts and ends in Oslo, Norway and visits Århus, Denmark; Bergen, Norway; and Geiranger, Norwegian Fjords.

For more information, or to register, visit www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2012.asp. Or call our travel coordinator, Christy, at +1 888.505.6997 or send an email to info@trekalot.com. Not only will you have the vacation of a lifetime, but you will do so in good company with other genealogists.

2012 May 20-27: *Research Trip to Belfast*, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) with featured NEHGS experts Marie Daly and Judith Lucey. Join NEHGS for our inaugural trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland, as we delve into the resources at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), the Linen Hall Library, Belfast Central Library, and Presbyterian Historical Society. In addition to individual consultations, the week in Belfast will also feature group activities and educational opportunities with local experts. Participants can additionally enjoy exploring the revitalized city of Belfast and the new Titanic Quarter. For more information, visit

www.americanancestors.org/home.html.

2012 June 2: *Clan Ewen Society's Annual General Meeting*

From John McEwen (clanewen@googlegroups.com):

The Clan Ewen Society's Annual General Meeting will take place at one o'clock on Saturday 2nd June 2012 at The Gateway Conference Centre, Loch Lomond Shores, Balloch G83 8QL, 01389 751 031, www.lochlomondshores.com/portfolio-item/the-gateway-centre.

Balloch is in easy reach of Glasgow by road or rail and Loch Lomond Shores is by all accounts a lovely place to visit with plenty to do for all ages, excellent shops, and boat trips on the Loch.

Also, many of our ancestors will have known Balloch very well.

2012 July 2-11: *Nova Scotia Heritage Tour*, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). From the first French settlement in North America in 1604, Nova Scotia has had a strong relationship to New England as goods were traded and people migrated back and forth. We invite you to join historian and expert tour guide Donald Friary, who led a wonderful NEHGS tour to Ireland last summer, to discover the fascinating past and extraordinary natural beauty of Nova Scotia. Explore the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq, the Acadians, Loyalist refugees, Scottish Highlanders, and settlers from Great Britain, New England, and Europe. The tour will visit Acadian settlements in the Annapolis Valley, the remarkable fortress at Louisbourg and England's first foothold in the 1710 garrison at Annapolis Royal, the 1749 establishment of Halifax, the subsequent attempts to settle 'Foreign Protestants' in Lunenburg, and the influx of Loyalists following the American Revolution. Participants will see the high tides of the Bay of Fundy – the highest in the world – the exquisite coastline of the South Shore, and the dramatic scenery along the Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island. For more information, visit www.americanancestors.org/home.html.

2012 July 11-15: *Research Trip to Albany, New York*, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) with featured NEHGS experts Christopher C. Child, Henry B. Hoff and David Dearborn. Our first trip to Albany, New York in July 2011 was such a success we're offering a repeat trip. If you missed your chance last year, sign up now and join NEHGS as we explore the vast resources of the New York State Archives in Albany. The trip includes individual consultations and lectures. For more information, visit: www.americanancestors.org/home.html.

2012 August 29 – September 1: The Federation of Genealogical Societies presents its 2012 conference *Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the Old Southwest* with local host the *Alabama Genealogical Society* (AGS). Gather with the nation's genealogists in beautiful Birmingham, Alabama. Program and registration information may be found at: www.fgs.org/2012conference.

2012 September 16-23: The Master Genealogist's 2012 Genealogy Conference and Cruise to Alaska's Inside Passage. This annual conference has a reputation for offering lectures by some of the most respected genealogists in the country on topics that are relevant to all researchers, including methodology, standards, repositories, record types, research aids, and technology. With expert

presentations aboard a cruise ship plus exciting ports of call, this event offers a major educational opportunity and a unique vacation experience – all at a price that rivals a typical national conference or vacation alone.

This year's conference offers some of the most sought-after speakers on genealogy and technology topics, including:

- Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS: Co-Editor of the *NGS Quarterly*, past President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert on research in Ireland and East Coast States, especially Georgia and Virginia.
- J. Mark Lowe, CG: Past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), past Vice-President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert in land records, migration, court records, and church records (Baptists, Methodists, and Moravians).
- Debra S. Mieszala, CG: Certified genealogist and expert in forensic genealogy and research in Midwest States, especially Illinois.
- Paul Milner, M.Div.: Professional genealogist and expert in British Isles research, migration, and Lutheran records.
- Craig Scott, MA, CG: Expert in military records, Federal records, Government publications, Scottish records, Quaker records, and book publishing.
- Thomas MacEntee: Expert in using technology and social media for genealogical research.

Although the host company, Wholly Genes, Inc., makes family history software, the seventeen-plus hours of genealogical lectures are completely *software-neutral* and relevant to all researchers. (Non-competing lecture time is set aside for users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) who want to learn how to make the best use of that software's features and companion products.)

Classroom lectures represent only part of the appeal of this annual conference. One of its most popular features is the opportunity for attendees to meet one-on-one or in small groups with the speakers in order to get expert advice about their specific research challenges. "In addition," says Bob Velke, President of *Wholly Genes, Inc.*, "group discussions, cocktail parties, and other events make the conference a great place to learn new research skills while making new friends who have similar research interests."

The conference will be held on the luxurious *Star Princess* traveling roundtrip from Seattle, Washington, with visits to Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska, and a brief stop in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Unlike many traditional conferences, none of the presentation times overlap, so conference-goers won't have to make difficult choices and miss some lectures. The schedule also avoids conflicts with 'scenic cruising time' as the ship sails through Tracy Arm Fjord and between the twin Sawyer glaciers.

"The cruise ship includes plenty of things for spouses or traveling companions to do while the family researcher is attending the lectures," said Velke, "but families and friends can share meals and have memorable vacation experiences together while the ship is at port."

Prices start at just \$979 per person, including the cost of the cruise, food, shipboard entertainment, and attendance at all conference events. A roommate-finding service is also available for those who need it. Complete details can be found at www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm.

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

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Sometime in the Future: Clan Ewen Family Convention, or *Derbhfine*
From John McEwen (clanewen@googlegroups.com):

The Lord Lyon has announced his intention to appoint a Supervising Officer to oversee a Family Convention, or Derbhfine, to recognize a Commander of our Clan. His full message can be seen on the web site www.lyon-court.com. We shall try to keep Clansfolk informed of any further developments.

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fosters interest in the Ewing family; promotes gatherings of its members; publishes a journal with biographical, genealogical and historical information; encourages identifying the relationships among Ewing families; and encourages genealogical research and the sharing of results.

Membership is open to all persons with the surname of Ewing or who are descended from anyone with that surname; to anyone who is, or has been, the spouse of such a person; and to anyone who otherwise supports the organization's purposes. To join, send a membership form to Ewing Family Association, 17721 Road 123, Cecil, Ohio 45821. Forms are available at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org. Annual dues are \$25.00. Membership includes the quarterly *Ewing Family Journal*.

Publication of the *Ewing Family Journal* began in 1994. Through 2008, the publication was titled *Journal of Clan Ewing*. The first two issues were published in August and November 1994. They were not designated with a Volume and Number. The May 1995 issue was designated as Vol. 1, No. 4, as it was the third issue of the *Journal*. The *Journal* is currently published quarterly in May, August and November.

We welcome contributions to the *Journal* from Ewing Family Association members and others. Electronic copy is preferred and should be sent to the Editor at Riddle@WmERiddle.com. Hardcopy submissions should be sent to William E. Riddle, 223 N. Guadalupe #332, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please call William E. Riddle at +1 505.988.1092.