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From the Editor

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Y'All Came!!

The 2012 Gathering, held in Gallipolis, Ohio, 20-23 September 2012, was quite a success. Some forty-five people, most of them Ewing Family Association (EFA) members, enjoyed the gathering and participated in the gathering's events. Reports on the gathering and its events appear throughout this issue. Look for the gathering's logo.



2012 Gathering Logo

How-To?

In my message in the previous issue, I indicated that I planned in this, November, issue of the *Journal* or the first issue of next year's *Journal* volume, to initiate a How-To section. I'm pleased to say that thanks to a submission by Jane Ewing I'm able to do this in this issue.

The rationale for this new How-To section is that most *Journal* articles report not only the results of the author's research but also give some insights into the process the author used to derive the results. Some articles have more directly focused more on the process than the results. An example from many years ago is Charlotte Hudson Ewing's 2006 article¹ on the process she used to record her family's story in a historical-fiction book.

These how-to articles have become more numerous of late. For example, Louis Lehmann's article² in the May 2012 issue explains how a psychologist's notion of family systems can help sort out some genealogical puzzles, and Lance Cameron Ewing's article in the previous issue³ discusses his use of Y-DNA testing to guide the exploration of his Scottish heritage.

This first appearance of the new How-To section contains a short article by Jane Ewing giving answers to the question: Where can I obtain materials to support tombstone rubbing? I plan to contribute an article to the next issue on how to make sense of and draw valuable, defensible conclusions from U.S. Census records. I invite any and all genealogists, whether or not they are EFA members, to think about what they have learned about doing their genealogic work and submit articles helping others learn how they may more effectively and efficiently carry out their genealogy work

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¹ Ewing, Charlotte Hudson. Transferring Your Genealogy Into Historical Fiction, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 12, No. 4 (November 2006), pp. 12-14

² Lehmann, Louis. Exploring Family Systems of Ancestral Relatives, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (May 2012), pp. 9-17

³ Ewing, Lance Cameron. The Ewings of the County of Norfolk, England, Part II, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (August 2012), pp. 23-29.

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The Sad Life of Hannah Ewing

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Family history becomes much more than a collection of births, marriages, and deaths when it researches the dramatic experiences in the lives of our ancestors, as illustrated in an earlier article, "Reverend William Ewing - The Soldier-Preacher from Scotland."¹ More focused research of Hannah Ewing, William's youngest known child, now explores how her life was affected by experiences within family, home, community, church, culture, and history.

Reverend William Ewing was born about 1725 at Kilmarnock, Scotland. He soldiered in Germany, probably during the War of Austrian Succession (1743-48) after which he was in Ireland where he first began preaching, eventually becoming known as the 'soldier-preacher'. In Ireland he married Eleanor Sullivan. Their two oldest children were born in Ireland (James in 1754, Alexander in 1755) before William and his family went to America, probably about 1755 as part of General Braddock's expedition. William was with Braddock at the disastrous 1755 defeat at Fort Duquesne near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as was George Washington. Subsequently he became a lieutenant in a Pennsylvania provincial regiment. His third child, Elinor, was born in 1759, probably at Wilmington, Delaware. Not yet known are the birthplaces of his next three children: Joshua, born about 1760, William, born about 1763, and Polly born about 1765.² William may have been in Massachusetts as early as 1765, perhaps preaching occasionally in the Brimfield area. He was ordained in 1768 at Sturbridge where his son John was born in 1769. From 1770 to 1772 William preached at Wales (originally South Brimfield) probably where Hannah was born about 1771.^{3,4} This article explores the sad and often tragic forty-three years of Hannah's life.

Infancy (1771-1772)

It is difficult to imagine how Hannah was raised in late 18th century Massachusetts as the youngest of at least eight children of an immigrant Scottish 'soldier-preacher' and an Irish mother – in a family subjected to many influences during their many moves before Hannah's birth. As an itinerant Baptist minister whose religious views conflicted sharply with those of his family in Scotland, William probably wanted to foster religious piety and virtuous values in his children but his parenting may have reflected how much he subscribed to such ideas as the then popular Baptist view of children being "potentially

¹ Lehmann, Louis. Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 4 (November 2009), pp. 11-40. Available online at:

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

² I have tenuously recently added William and Polly to Rev. Wm Ewing's children because of records placing them in Shutesbury between 1779-84 when Rev. Ewing's family appears to be the only one of that surname there. William's 1764 birth year derives from his record in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, Vol. 5, p. 442, naming him in 1781 as seventeen years old and of Shutesbury Massachusetts. The *Town Vital Collections, 1620-1988* on *Ancestry.com* lists "Nathaniel Smith of New Salem and Polley Ewing of Shutesbury were published in Shutesbury Nov 24, 1784." I have guessed Polly's birth year as about 1765 as Nathaniel is said to be born 1764 because *Ancestry's* Woodbury Family Tree cites: Nathaniel Smith b. 1764 in New Salem.

³ Lehmann. *Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland*

⁴ Lehmann, Louis. William Ewing, Soldier/Preacher, and his Certain, Almost Certain, Probable and Possible Children, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 4 (November 2009), pp. 41-55. Available online at:

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

sinful creatures who needed to be sheltered from the evil influences of the outside world and whose willfulness must be broken in infancy," and the belief that "Love of Credit, and an Apprehension of Shame and Disgrace" was much more effective in shaping children's behavior than physical beatings"⁵ But however he parented, he probably did not include Hannah and her siblings in a 1772 church meeting at his house in Wales where he served as moderator to receive a complaint in which one church member charged another with cheating him out of a sum of money.⁶ Of course little Hannah could not have known anything about her father's activities, including his success in reorganizing the dwindling Wales/Brimfield Baptist Church. Nor could she have realized that her family was destined to move to Vermont in 1773, a year in which Wales/Brimfield citizens were angrily expressing their hostility toward the Crown (see the Appendix on page 11).⁷

Early Childhood in Vermont (1773-1778)

By November 1773, Hannah and her family had moved from Wales/Brimfield, Massachusetts, to Halifax, Vermont, where Reverend Ewing was welcomed by a number of town leaders who wanted him to be their minister in a new meeting house which they planned to build. The prospective meeting house was framed but never completed and William Ewing was never settled as Halifax's first minister as support for him and for the meeting house both dwindled away over the next five years when more Congregationalists settled in the area. Yet during that period Reverend Ewing and his family continued to live in the wooded area of Lot 36 within the Whitneyville area of the town. Their home was located across the County Road from the unfinished meeting house. He held a number of meetings in the body of the framed meeting house and prayed in the place for the door, apparently still hoping to become a settled minister. He also preached in various log houses and barns in the Halifax area where everybody convened by foot or by horses and by ox sled in the winter.⁸

Presumably Hannah's family was intact when they moved to Halifax in 1773 although little information has emerged about Alexander and John. Her oldest brother, James, was listed as "of Halifax" when he wed Naomi Cooley in 1775 at Greenwich, Vermont. (James may well have connected with Naomi's family back in Brimfield where Cooleys resided before some of them moved to Greenwich.) Elinor surely was in the family since she married Stephen Wilcox about 1778, probably in Halifax, at age eighteen. And although there is limited information about Hannah and all her siblings, it seems likely that in 1773 James was nineteen, Alexander was eighteen, Elinor was fourteen, Joshua was eleven, William was nine, Polly was eight, John was four, and Hannah was two.

The family may well have lived in a log cabin and they all probably attended any services conducted by their father, wherever the services might have taken them. If Reverend Ewing endorsed *The School of*

⁵ "Parenting - Eighteenth-Century Ferment." In *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood in History and Society*. Available online at www.faqs.org/childhood/index.html.

⁶ Lehmann. *Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland*

⁷ Holland, Joseph Gilbert. *History of Western Massachusetts. The Counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire*, Vol. II, Part III, pp. 20-22. Available online at Ancestry.com.

⁸ *Born in Controversy: History of Halifax, Vermont*. Researched, written, and compiled by the History Committee for the Halifax Historical Society Inc., 2008, pp. 278-80, 523.

Good Manners,⁹ a popular 18th century book, Hannah and her siblings might have been expected to follow such rules as the following:

Make a bow always when you come home, and be immediately uncovered.
Never sit in the presence of thy parents without bidding,
Never speak to thy parents without some title of respect, viz., Sir, Madam, &c.
Approach near thy parents at no time without a bow.
Dispute not, nor delay to obey thy parents commands.
Go not out of doors without thy parents leave, and return within the time by them limited.
Quarrel not nor contend with thy brethren or sisters, but live in love, peace, and unity.
Grumble not nor be discontented at anything thy parents appoint, speak, or do.
Bear with meekness and patience, and without murmuring or sullenness, thy parents reproofs
Among superiors speak not till thou art spoken to, and bid to speak.
If thy superior speak to thee while thou sittest, stand up before thou givest any answer.
Sit not down till thy superior bid thee.
Speak neither very loud, nor too low.
Speak not without, Sir, or some other title of respect.
If thy superior speak anything wherein thou knowest he is mistaken, correct not him
Mention not frivolous or little things among grave persons or superiors.
If thy superior be relating a story, say not, "I have heard it before," but attend to it.
If he tell it not right, snigger not, nor endeavor to help him out, or add to his relation.
Boast not in discourse of thine own wit or doings.
Interrupt not any one that speaks, though thou be his familiar.
Speaking of any distant person, it is rude and unmannerly to point at him.

Despite William Ewing's role as a preacher-father, he may not have enforced such rules too strongly in the context of his family's uncertain life in the wilderness area of their home. Nevertheless his children were probably expected to be obedient and respectful to their parents and to others, to behave properly during family prayers and to be quietly attentive during their father's religious services which they would have been expected to attend wherever he might have been preaching.

William Ewing's family must have been greatly affected by his worries about not having a settled job and his distress over land ownership, aggravated by the political turmoil and conflict in Vermont. The New Hampshire land grant conflicts in which King George supported New York's claim to disputed lands led to New York surveying those lands and requiring the settlers to pay again for the land they had earlier already purchased from New Hampshire's Governor Benning Wentworth. This is what infuriated Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys whose heated and often violent conflicts with the Yorkers stemmed largely from wanting to protect their own vast land holdings in Vermont.¹⁰ William Ewing was just one of many Vermonters who had problems with land ownership. In 1774 William purchased from Michael Wentworth Lots 36 and 44, and Lot 10 in Halifax. Lots 36 and 44 had belonged to the deceased

⁹ Moody, Eleazer. "The School of Good Manners, Composed for the Help of Parents in Teaching Their Children How to Carry It in Their Places During Their Minority" in Binder, Frederick M. and David M. Reimers (Eds.), *The Way We Lived: Essays and Documents in American Social History*, Vol. I, D. C. Heath & Company (Lexington, Massachusetts), 1988, pp. 79-81.

¹⁰ *Born in Controversy: History of Halifax, Vermont*, pp. 194-195.

Governor Benning Wentworth whose widow had married Michael Wentworth. Lot 10 had belonged to John Wentworth, the governor's son. William Ewing paid Michael Wentworth a settlement but when he went to pay the remainder and get the deed, as per agreement, he learned that Michael Wentworth had gone to England, that in the interim Ewing's land had been sold to John Taylor and Luke Knolton, that Taylor was later confined for being an enemy to his country with all his estate seized for the use of the state, and that Knolton then gave a deed of the sale to Joseph Baker, Esq. of Westborough. William petitioned "His Excellency, the Governor, the Honourable Council and House of Representatives" for help, describing his predicament and concluding "I have still the lands in my possession and pray that your Excellency & Honours in your wisdom would give such directions as may be for the public good and my safety. Halifax, June the 9th, 1778." ^{11,12}

And that was not his only problem with land. Expecting a lot of 360 acres as appropriate in the original grant of the town for the first settled orthodox minister, he disputed the claim of Mr. Goodall, the congregational minister who was recognized as the first settled minister despite William Ewing's earlier services to the Halifax community. The matter was eventually resolved when Mr. Goodall quit claimed a hundred acres to William Ewing. ¹³

During the next few years the Ewing family was probably much affected by more political turmoil, especially the outbreak of the American Revolution. Any fears they might have had about those violent Green Mountain Boys might have diminished in 1775 soon after the outbreak of the American Revolution when Ethan Allen turned his attention toward capturing Fort Ticonderoga. And soon the patriotic sentiments of the Ewings surfaced when two of Hannah's brothers, James and Joshua, enlisted. After James and his new wife, Naomi Cooley, had settled in Pittsford following their marriage in 1775, he enlisted in 1776 with part of his service in a company commanded by Naomi's brother, Benjamin Cooley, who was one of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys. Following James Ewing's example, Hannah's brother, Joshua, enlisted in Massachusetts in 1777 as a drummer, serving at nearby North River, New York. ^{14,15} (The North River runs through Halifax, Vermont.)

Hannah was seven years-old in 1778 when she saw her sister, Elinor, settle in Halifax with her new husband, Stephen Wilcox. And in that same year William Ewing decided to move the family to Shutesbury, Massachusetts. He had been bitterly disappointed when his promised ministerial position never materialized after Halifax chose a congregational preacher to be its first settled minister. He was cheated out of land promised and land purchased. For five years his family had faced hardship and danger, living in a wilderness where they never knew if or when their lives might be touched by the

¹¹ *Petition for Grant of Wentworth Lots in Halifax, filed June 15, 1778.* Record Date 1778-06-09. Indexed in the *Index to Manuscript Vermont State Papers* - also known as *The Nye Index* - Record I.D. 23177. Available online at: <http://vermont-archives.org>.

¹² "Benning Wentworth's widow married Colonel Michael Wentworth, said to be a retired British officer. He was a great horseman and a free liver. ... Having run through a handsome estate, he died under suspicion of suicide, leaving his own epitaph, *'I have eaten my cake.....'*" from Drake, Samuel Adams. *Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast*, 1875. p. 206. Available online at: <http://books.google.com/books>.

¹³ Eastman, Rev. H. "Halifax" in "The Towns of Windham County", *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, Vol. V, pp. 408-422. Collated by Abby Maria Hemenway. Published by Mrs. Carrie E. H. Page, Brandon, Vermont.

¹⁴ Goodrich, John E. *The State of Vermont: Rolls of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War 1775 to 1783.* Published by Authority of the Legislature, Rutland, Vermont, 1904.

¹⁵ Ethan Allen Homestead. *Who Were the Green Mountain Boys?* Available online at: www.ethanallenhomestead.org/green-mountain-boys.html.

violent conflicts between the Vermonters and the Yorkers. William's family had dwindled as three of his children had left the household. And finally the political turmoil and uncertainty took a new turn in 1778 when Vermont responded to the New Hampshire land conflicts by becoming a separate republic. As such troubles and changes mounted, William Ewing apparently decided he had enough. So he sold off more of his land and moved the family to Shutesbury where he hoped for better experiences and where Hannah was to spend the next five years of her life.

Later Childhood and Adolescence (1779-1789)

The Ewings were warmly welcomed in Shutesbury where the town was just recovering from a bitter conflict with a previous minister, Abraham Hill, a congregational preacher whom they rejected because of his Tory sentiments. In contrast to his unhappy experiences in Halifax, William Ewing became the minister of a Baptist church formed in 1780 at Shutesbury where he was instrumental in a religious revival. In the wider Shutesbury community he soon became a respected citizen, traveling to Cambridge in 1779 when the town chose him to be their delegate to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. At the Convention he presumably followed the town's instructions to assert a list of Shutesbury's rights and privileges. There he also was said to have "earnestly opposed the continuance of the Congregational establishment.", an action not included in any record of instructions to him.^{16,17} Perhaps some of the Shutesbury citizens had endorsed such opposition because it reflected their disenchantment with the town's previous Congregational minister. However William's views may well have expressed a wider concern among Massachusetts Baptists about the political power of the Congregationalists. He may also have been personally biased against the Congregationalists because of his displacement by a Congregational minister in Halifax.

If William Ewing found that some of Shutesbury's Congregational residents disliked his anti-Congregational speeches at Cambridge, he may have been distressed by that and by some differences erupting among the town's Baptists.¹⁸ If his relationships with his town and his church were souring, William might have once become interested in Vermont where Elinor and her family were still residing. That may partly explain why he agreed to act as an agent for some Greenwich citizens by presenting their 1781 petition to the State of Vermont for a new township in that state.¹⁹ Of course his agreement was also probably influenced by his ties to Greenwich where his son, James, had married Naomi Cooley – whose relatives were among those signing the petition. (There is no record that any such new township was ever granted to the petitioners.)

For William's family, changes seemed to be never-ending. In 1781 Hannah's brother, William, like James and Joshua, enlisted and left the household.²⁰ Two years later the American Revolution ended but there is no evidence that either Joshua or William returned to their family in Shutesbury. Hannah may have learned that Joshua returned to Brimfield in 1780 to marry Lovinia Durkee. In 1784 Hannah's

¹⁶ Colesworthy, Rev. George. *Historical Sketch of the Baptist Church in Shutesbury, Mass.* p. 4.

¹⁷ Lehmann. *Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland*

¹⁸ Colesworthy. *Historical Sketch of the Baptist Church in Shutesbury, Mass.*, pp. 4-5.

¹⁹ Lehmann. *Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland*

²⁰ *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, Vol. 5, p. 442.

sister Polly left the Ewing household, marrying Nathaniel Smith at Shutesbury.²¹ And the next year marked the end of the Ewing's residence in Shutesbury when William was dismissed by the Baptist church. Once more it was time to move, this time to Rowley, Massachusetts, where William had accepted an invitation to become the pastor of that town's Baptist church. It was the third major move in the life of Hannah, now a thirteen-year-old teenager.²²

Very little is known about the life of Hannah and her family in Rowley. They arrived in May 1785 and William Ewing preached there for four years. During the last two of those years Hannah would presumably have been given some guidance as to what conduct would be expected of her as a young woman. A 1786 article on *Desultory Observations on the Education and Manners of the Fair Sex* cautioned that being too "airy and sprightly" could expose a woman to "every danger consequent on levity" and that the "most innocent sprightliness of conduct" could oblige her to hear comments which ought to embarrass her.²³ But regardless of how she may have been educated at Rowley, she faced yet another move when she was eighteen as her father was dismissed from his position as the Baptist church's minister after he became involved in "some difficulty" with another member of the church.²⁴ This time the family connected with a Baptist church in Medfield where some members were organizing to form a church in Weston where William Ewing may have hoped to become the pastor. If so, it was a hope not to be realized.^{25,26}

Life in Weston (1789-1803)

On July 14, 1789, William Ewing was part of an ecclesiastical council organizing the Baptist church for Weston. He was chosen to be the church's first clerk although he never became a member, a fact that may have influenced the church when they voted on March 11, 1791, "to take the records of the church into the hands of the church."²⁷ As clerk, he could have been offended when required to turn over the records, and he may well have expressed his distress to his family.

William Ewing's household at Weston in 1790 consisted of three males aged sixteen or more, one male under age sixteen, and one female who must have been his wife, Eleanor. For some reason, Hannah, age nineteen, does not appear in the record. One possibility is that she might have been taken into another household to help in some way, perhaps with the care of young children. It could have been Samuel Train Sr.'s household which included: two males aged sixteen or more, one of whom was Samuel Train Jr.; three males under age sixteen who would have been Samuel's sons (Isaac age eleven, Charles age seven and Samuel age five); and three females, two of whom would have been Samuel's wife, Deborah, and their daughter Betsey, age three. Such a family with four young children

²¹ The *Massachusetts, Town Vital Collections, 1620-1988* says "Nathaniel Smith of New Salem and Polley Ewing of Shutesbury were published in Shutesbury Nov 24, 1784."

²² Lehmann. *Reverend William Ewing, the Soldier/Preacher from Scotland*

²³ *Desultory Observations on the Education and Manners of the Fair Sex*, January 3, 1786, *Plymouth Journal*, Vol. I, Issue XLII. p. 3. Available online at *GenealogyBank*.

²⁴ Gage, Thomas. *History of Rowley*, Boston, 1840, p. 103.

²⁵ *History of the First Baptist Church in Weston, Mass*, Boston, 1890, p. 4.

²⁶ *History of Essex County, Mass*, Vol. I, Chapter LV, Philadelphia, 1888, p. 829.

²⁷ *Records of the Baptist Church of Christ in Weston, Mass. Constituted 1789. Revised and copied from the old book of records or notes to the present date*, 1 Jan 1838.

might have welcomed a nineteen-year-old woman to help care for them.²⁸ It is also intriguing to wonder if the other older-than-age-sixteen male might have been Enoch Train Sr., Samuel's brother, who married Hannah Ewing in 1791. Intentions of Marriage were entered for Enoch Sr. and Hannah on May 5, 1791.²⁹ (It is worth noting that Samuel Train Jr. and William Ewing were both members of the ecclesiastical council that organized the Weston Baptist Church.)

Everybody in William Ewing's household and Hannah (Ewing) Train's household must have been shocked the following year, if and when they learned about the shameful behavior of Hannah's brother, Joshua, resulting in his divorce on February 28, 1792, at Somers, Connecticut. (Soon after Joshua married Lovinia Durkee at Wales/Brimfield in 1780, they moved to Somers.) Grounds for the divorce included "violent cruelty when pregnant with sixth child - fornication - adultery"^{30,31} Such news could have been a source of much stress for all of the Weston Ewings.

Hannah was probably further stressed the next year by a severe conflict within the church between her father and Deacon Oliver Hastings who had been a highly respected Baptist for many years in Weston. Church records of February 15, 1793, reveal that William Ewing charged Oliver Hastings with lying but the records do not specify the specifics of the alleged lies which were denied. The church then suspended Oliver Hastings pending an investigation. The next church meeting on February 21st was evidently a stormy one. Samuel Train Jr., Hannah's brother-in-law, was chosen to be clerk for that particular meeting. That action suggests that William Ewing may no longer have been the church clerk or that he was still in office but was being temporarily displaced because of the investigation of his charges against Oliver Hastings. William Ewing then:

entered a protest against the proceeding of the church to the investigation of this difficulty on account of his not being a member of the church in Weston and on account of the weakness, the small number in the church. But he produced no evidence though requested in proof of the charge brought against brother Hastings. The church took into consideration the protest of Elder Ewing and voted not to receive it [not to regard it].

Then the church "voted to restore brother Hastings to the fellowship and privileges of the church" and then:

voted that the clerk transcribe the above proceedings relative to the difficulty between Elder Ewing and Deacon Hastings and forward them to the Baptist Church in New Rowley of which it is supposed Elder Ewing is a member.

²⁸ In the 1790 Census for Weston, Massachusetts, William Ewing is listed as 'William Evens' or 'William Euens'.

²⁹ *Early Massachusetts Vital Records, Records of Weston*, p. 166.

³⁰ Knox, Grace Louise and Barbara B. Ferris. *Connecticut Divorces: Superior Court Records for the Counties of New London, Tolland, and Windham 1719-1910*, Heritage Books Inc., 1987.

³¹ In *Family History of Wales* (a.k.a. *The Corbin Collection*), Absalom Gardner says that "after her husband's demise", "Lovinia returned from Somers to Wales/Brimfield " with her children, in condition of pecuniary destitution; but she found a friend, kind and generous in Capt. Daniel Winchester, who gratuitously furnished her much assistance in rearing, supporting, and educating her children in their state of fatherless." Joshua Ewing had been a drummer in Captain Winchester's company during the Revolutionary War. But Joshua Ewing appears in the 1800 Census in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, with one adult female. Currently it is not clear if Lovinia returned to him after the divorce or if this is a different female.

The wording of that final action of the meeting suggests that William may have walked out of the meeting. Whatever did happen, the church's actions reflected a deteriorating relationship climaxed by the Weston Baptist Church's rejection of William Ewing.^{32,33}

A few months later Enoch Sr.'s and Hannah's first child, Harriot, was born on May 20, 1793. Their second child, Enoch Jr., was born next on September 9, 1795.³⁴

Church records reveal no further presence of William Ewing in Weston after the church rejected his accusations against Oliver Hastings. He may have remained there for the birth of Harriot. He may have left the area by September 12, 1794, when *The Mercury* published a list of letters remaining in the post-office which included "Ewing, Rev. William, Weston."³⁵ However long he remained in Weston after his conflict with the church, William apparently moved to New Salem where he bought land in 1796, appeared on a tax list in 1798, and sold land in 1803. The *Hampshire Gazette* placed him at New Salem in 1798, reporting that when "Elijah Montague was ordained to the pastoral care of the Baptist Church of Christ in Leveret and Montague," the "Right Hand of Fellowship" was given by "Elder William Ewing of New Salem."^{36,37} William Ewing then apparently went back to Vermont, where he reportedly served as pastor of the Baptist church at Windsor, Vermont, from 1800 to 1803.³⁸ His wife, Eleanor, died at Windsor on May 28, 1803.³⁹ He then married Eunice Lamphere at Windsor the following year on July 1, 1804.⁴⁰

Back in Weston, Enoch Sr. and Hannah (Ewing) Train experienced the first two tragedies of their married life when both of their children died: Enoch Jr. at age one in 1796 and Harriot at age four years and ten months in 1797.⁴¹ The causes of their deaths are not recorded but they may have been victims

³² *History of the First Baptist Church in Weston, Mass. on its Centennial Anniversary*, Boston, 1889.

³³ *Records of the Baptist Church of Christ in Weston, Mass. Constituted 1789. Revised and copied from the old book of records or notes to the present date*, 1 Jan 1838.

³⁴ Peirce, Mary Frances. *Town of Weston: Births, deaths and marriages, 1707-1850. 1703-Gravestones-1900. Church records, 1709-1825*, McIndoe Bros, Printers, 1901.

³⁵ List of letters remaining in the Post-office, Tuesday, Sept. 9, to Friday, Sept. 12, 1794, *Massachusetts Mercury* (published as *The Mercury*), Vol. IV, Issue 22, p. 1.

³⁶ From *Vital records of New Salem, Mass, to the end of the year 1849*: "New Salem Public Records. EWING, W[illia]m, grantee. 1796. f. d. [Franklin County Deeds] William, grantor, 1803. f. d. (Franklin County Deeds) William, occupant, 1798. D. T. [Direct Tax of 1798]."

³⁷ *Hampshire Gazette*, June 20, 1798. Available online at *GenealogyBank*.

³⁸ Multiple sources: 1) Crocker, Henry, *History of the Baptists in Vermont*, p. 244; 2) Benedict, David. *A General History of the Baptist Denomination in America and Other Parts of the World*, 1848, p.487. Available online at books.google.com/books; and 3) "William Ewing purchased 44 ¾ acres of land at Windsor from Benoni Wilks for \$462" in *Windsor Land Records*, Vol. 7, 29 September 1801, p. 161.

³⁹ The following entry in the 14 June 1803 issue of *Spooner's Vermont Journal*, Vol. XX, Issue 1038, p. 3, Location: Windsor, Vermont, reports a death which appears to be Eleanor (Sullivan) Ewing: "DIED In this town, Mrs. Ewen, consort of Elder Ewen." The entry suggests that the date of death might have been 28 May 1803. Available online at www.dartmouth.edu/~lmfwelch/Spooner's/look1811.html.

⁴⁰ *Vital Records of Windsor, VT*, Family History Library, Film 29246: "Be it remembered that at Windsor in said county on this first day of July in the year of our Lord 1804, the Elder William Ewing and Widow Eunice Lamphere both of said Windsor were duly joined in marriage by one William Hunter, Justice Peace."

⁴¹ Peirce. *Town of Weston: Births, deaths and marriages, 1707-1850. 1703-Gravestones-1900. Church records, 1709-1825*.

of Smallpox which was a serious problem at Weston in 1791-1792 and perhaps for some time later.⁴² Subsequently Enoch Sr. and Hannah had two more children: Elmira, born December 13, 1798, and Enoch Jr., born May 2, 1801. Then their household expanded a few months later with the inclusion of five-and-a-half-year old Josiah Hastings, the illegitimate son of Lydia Stearns. Through an indenture Josiah was bound out to Enoch Sr. Train "lawfully settled in Weston, until he is 21, to be taught the various branches of Husbandry, and to read, write & cypher."⁴³

Sadly, tragedy and misfortune were just beginning for Hannah. Sometime in the summer of 1803 she must have learned that her mother had died at Windsor, Vermont, probably on May 28th.⁴⁴

And just two months later Hannah herself was penalized on August 29, 1803, when the Weston Baptist Church "voted that the wife of Enoch Train shall be cut off from all the privileges of church on account of misconduct."⁴⁵ The church records do not say anything specific about the misconduct. In the 18th century that term may have referred to any one of a wide variety of problems such as missing church services, frivolity, inappropriate language, or other unmannerly behaviors. But it could also refer to something more serious such as sexual misbehavior which may or may not have been Hannah's offense. Whatever it was, the severity of the punishment suggests that Hannah's misconduct was regarded as quite serious. Nothing in the church records indicates that Hannah ever asked for forgiveness or that the church ever provided any avenue for Hannah to regain church privileges.

Sometime after the misconduct incident it appears that Enoch Sr. moved his family to Needham where their youngest child, Sally, was born on April 16, 1805.⁴⁶ Just seven months later Hannah suffered yet another tragedy when her husband, Enoch Sr., died at Needham on November 24th.⁴⁷

Final Years in Vermont

A year after her husband's death, Hannah must have been shocked by newspaper reports that her stepmother, Eunice (Lamphere) Ewing, was accused of being an accessory to her son, George Lamphere, in the murder of his wife, Amelia, on October 25, 1806, at Windsor.⁴⁸ It seems reasonable to assume communication between Hannah and her father who must have been devastated by the

⁴² Lamson, Daniel S. *History of the Town of Weston*, 1913, p. 113. Available online at: www.archive.org/stream/historyoftownofw00lams/historyoftownofw00lams_djvu.txt.

⁴³ *Town of Weston : records of the town clerk, 1804-1826*. Available online at www.ebooksread.com/authors-eng/weston-mass/town-of-weston--records-of-the-town-clerk-1804-1826-tse/page-30-town-of-weston--records-of-the-town-clerk-1804-1826-tse.shtml.

⁴⁴ *Spooner's Vermont Journal*, 14 June 1803, Vol. XX, Issue 1038, p. 3: "Windsor, Vermont: "DIED In this town, Mrs. Ewen, consort of Elder Ewen." The entry suggests that the date of death might have been 28 May 1803.

⁴⁵ Mullin, Madeline W., Local History Librarian. *Train and Ewing Families; Weston, Massachusetts: 1705-1814*, Weston Public Library, Weston, Massachusetts. Cites: *The Weston Baptists and Their Church, 1789-1939*, typescript, 31 pages.

⁴⁶ Two sources: 1) An online database [available at Ancestry.com]: *Massachusetts, Town Records, 1620-1988*; and 2) Holbrook, Jay and Delene. *City Clerks of Massachusetts. Massachusetts Vital and Town Records*. Holbrook Research Institute (Provo, Utah).

⁴⁷ *Independent Chronicle*, 2 December 1805, Vol. XXXVII, Issue 2565, Boston, p. 2: "In Weston, 24th inst, after a short illness, Mr. Enoch Train. aged 43." Available online at GenealogyBank.

⁴⁸ *The Norfolk Repository*, 9 December 1806, Vol. II, Issue 5, p. 39, Location: Needham, Massachusetts. Available online at GenealogyBank.

murder, the accusations, the publicity, and the jailing of his wife and stepson for almost a year. During that period Hannah married again, an event recorded as follows:

*Intentions of marriage between Mr Levi Bishop of Windsor in the state of Vermont and the widow Hannah Train of Weston entered March 23rd 1807. ... Capt. Levi Bishop of Windsor, Vermont & [the widow] Hannah Train of Weston married June 7, 1807.*⁴⁹

Hannah was apparently pregnant at the time since her next child, Charles Bishop, was born on November 1, 1807,⁵⁰ about three months after Eunice (Lamphere) Ewing and her son, George Lamphere, were found not guilty of murder on August 26, 1807.⁵¹

Since there is no indication that Levi Bishop of Windsor, Vermont, had any other associations with Weston, Massachusetts, perhaps William Ewing arranged the marriage because he wanted Hannah to be living closer to him during those very stressful times. Levi did indeed move his new pregnant wife back to Windsor where Levi Bishop's household on the 1810 Census does not seem to include William Ewing or any of Enoch Train Sr.'s children. The household includes one male aged forty-five-or-older (Levi), one female aged between twenty-six and forty-four (Hannah), and one male under age ten (Charles Bishop, born 1807, the first child of Levi and Hannah). The remaining household members all appear to be children of Levi and his deceased wife, Elizabeth: one male aged ten-to-fifteen (John Bishop 1795-1812), one male sixteen-to-twenty-five (Ira Bishop 1793-1812), one female aged ten-to-fifteen (Lucy Bishop 1797-1871), and one female aged sixteen-to-twenty-five (Hannah Bishop, born 1788).⁵² William Ewing appears to be in some other household.⁵³ Enoch Train Sr.'s children (Enoch Jr., Elmira, and Sally) must also be in some other household in 1810 but it has not yet been identified.

There was much more grief for Hannah Ewing during the next two years. Noting the death of her father in 1811, an obituary in Windsor's *The Washingtonian* on August 12th related:

*DIED - In this town Elder William Ewing (a native of Scotland) aged 86, who had officiated in this Country, in the gospel ministry upwards of 50 years. He was a worthy and respectable man and has left a numerous and respectable family, settled in different parts of New-England.*⁵⁴

His death was also noted briefly in a number of other New England newspapers. Then four months later Hannah's household was shattered by news in December 1812 that three of her husband's sons –

⁴⁹ Peirce. *Town of Weston: Births, deaths and marriages, 1707-1850. 1703-Gravestones-1900. Church records, 1709-1825*

⁵⁰ "Descendants of Thomas Bishop" in *Bishop Genealogy*. Available online at www.lulu.com/items/volume_63/2752000/2752536/1/print/2752536.pdf.

⁵¹ *Green Mountain Palladium*, 7 Sep 1807: "On the 26th ult, before the Supreme Court of Woodstock, came on the trial of Mrs. Ewen and George Lamphere, of Windsor, on an indictment for Murder committed on the body of Mrs. Lamphere (wife of the latter) and after an impartial trial, which continued four days, the charge was given to the Jury by his Honor Judge Tyler. After a consultation of three hours, the Jury returned a verdict NOT GUILTY."

⁵² The birth and death information about children of Levi Bishop and Elizabeth Grandy is from *Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005 Windsor Births, marriages, deaths 1764-1858, 1904, Vols. 1-3*. Available online at FamilySearch.org.

⁵³ The 1810 Census record for the household of Nathan Smith in Windsor includes two males 45+, consistent with the ages of William Ewing and his son-in-law, Nathaniel Smith. The one female 45+ is in the right age range for Polly (Ewing) Smith. But there is insufficient information about Nathaniel's family to conclude anything.

⁵⁴ *The Washingtonian*, 12 August 1811, Windsor, Vermont.

Jesse, Ira and John Bishop – had all died from Spotted Fever at Burlington, Vermont.⁵⁵ Within five months of this tragic news, Levi and Hannah separated as noted in this published announcement:

Whereas, by mutual agreement between the subscriber and his wife Hannah, a separation has taken place; this is therefore to forbid all persons trusting or harbouring her on my account, as I will not pay any debts of her contracting after this date. -- Levi Bishop, Windsor, 7 May, 1813.⁵⁶

Less than a year later, the sad life of Hannah (Ewing) (Train) Bishop ended when she died at Windsor on January 20, 1814, at age forty-three. She is buried in the Sheddsville Cemetery, West Windsor, Vermont.^{57,58,59}

Appendix: Brimfield Citizenry 1773 Resolution

The citizens of Brimfield expressed their hostility to the Crown by voting unanimously in 1773:⁶⁰

To see if the town would take into consideration the matters of grievance brought upon them by certain acts of Parliament ...

1. *That the town of Brimfield have the right, as often as they think proper, to assemble themselves together, and consult on their rights and liberties, and point out the violations of them; and confer with any, or all the towns in the Province on matters belonging to their common safety.*
2. *That we esteem it a very great grievance that there should be a revenue raised in this Province by which our property is taken from us, without our consent, or that of our representative; and that our moneys thus taken from us are appropriated to acts tending to the subversion of that constitution we have an indefeasible right to be governed by, till we are pleased to consent to another.*
3. *That we hold it as a great grievance growing out of the above as its natural offspring and in its own similitude, that the Governor of this Province, whom we desire to honor as the Representative of the greatest Potentate on earth, should be paid out of a revenue unconstitutionally raised, and contrary to the known, stated, and approved manner in this Province, and in a way so apparently tending to alienate his affections from his people, and clearly tending to destroy their mutual confidence, upon which the well-being of a Province so much depends.*

⁵⁵ *Spoooner's Vermont Journal*: "At Burlington, Vt. Jesse Bishop (age 30), John Bishop, and Ira Bishop, sons of Captain Levi Bishop of Windsor, soldiers; also Capt. William Sweetser, Syms Ashley Jr., and George Lamphear, all soldiers from Hartland, died from the Spotted Fever. (noted Monday, 21 December, 1812)."

⁵⁶ *Spoooner's Vermont Journal*, May 24, 1813.

⁵⁷ Kittredge, Mildred M. and Beatrice Dana. Data Taken from Sheddsville Cemetery West Windsor, VT. 1964, *Branches & Twigs Newsletter of Genealogical Society of Vermont*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Winter 1973-74): "Hannah wife Levi Bishop d 1814 ae 43." Available online at www.genealogyvermont.org/VTContent/BTv3n1.pdf.

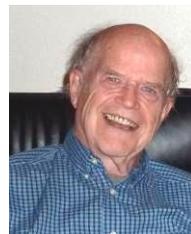
⁵⁸ *General Index to Vermont Vital Records*, Family History Library, Film #27478: "Death - Hannah Bishop Age 43 20 Jan 1814 Sheddsville Cemetery. Birth 1771."

⁵⁹ *The Reporter*, 12 February 1814, Vol. XI, Issue 562, p. 3, Location Brattleboro, Vermont: "Died In Windsor, Mrs. Bishop, wife of Capt Levi Bishop."

⁶⁰ Holland. *History of Western Massachusetts: The Counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire*, pp. 20-21.

4. *That we are much alarmed by the report, which we fear is too well grounded, that the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature have their salaries appointed out of the aforesaid revenue, by which they are made entirely dependent on the Crown. Should it ever happen that the aforesaid Judges should be more careful to enrich themselves than to do justice, how are our lives and properties exposed? They ought either to be independent of King and people, or equally dependent on them both. The latter has ever been the case, which tended to keep a balance of affection in them to the Prince and his subjects.*
5. *That we account the late act of Parliament entitled ' An Act for the better serving His Majesty's Dock Yards, Magazines, &c,' to be a great grievance as we are thereby deprived of that which is most dear to us. On suspected guilt, we must be hurried across the Atlantic, for trial, where we must be deprived of a trial by jury from the vicinity, in a moment exposed to the loss of our whole estate, if not to the loss of life.*
6. *That we are and every have been ready to resign our lives and spend our fortunes in the defense of his Majesty, King George the III, his Crown and Dignity; and that we will endeavor to lead quiet and peaceable lives; but, at the same time firmly and resolutely endeavor, by every just and constitutional way, to maintain our rights and liberties yet continued, which were purchased for us by the blood of our ancestors, and recover those which have been cruelly, not to say unrighteously, taken from us.'... It was ordered that a copy of these resolutions should be presented to the delegate, and by him, transmitted to the Committee of Grievance in Boston. ...*

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Aging – Part I

"You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake." – Bob Hope

"You really know you're getting old when you bend over to tie your shoes, and you wonder what else you can do while you're down there." – Phyllis Diller

"Gray hair is God's graffiti." – Bill Cosby

One American Family – Part III

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A few years ago I prepared 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. Another spinoff was an article about a 1914 family 'walking adventure' by my father, Burke McKendree Ewing, and his brother, Walkley Bailey Ewing. Both stories have appeared in previous issues of the *Journal*.^{2,3}

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 Seamans 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 ancestors.

The result is a multi-article series discussing the lives of my parents and their ancestors. This is the third article in the series. The previous two articles appeared in previous issues of this journal.^{4,5} 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 the 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.

These articles are based primarily on the journals, diaries, and plentiful correspondence that they, their families, and their friends maintained over the decades.⁶ 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 Ann Hank Ewing, whose intensive research and

¹ She was born Carlotta Parthenia Walkley, the third daughter of Wyllys Seamans 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. The Long Walk of 1914: Grand Haven to Mackinaw City, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (August 2011), pp. 8-16.

³ Ewing, Wallace K. Honeymooners at the 1893 Columbian Exposition, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 18-20.

⁴ Ewing, Wallace K. One American Family – Part I, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (May 2012), pp. 21-26.

⁵ Ewing, Wallace K. One American Family – Part II, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (August 2012), pp. 16-22.

⁶ Material taken from primary sources follows as closely as possible the original. I have inserted bracketed [] information for purposes of clarification or elaboration.

monumental genealogy of the complete Pocahontas James Ewing family⁷ 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.

Life and Times of Enoch Ewing, Grandson of Pocahontas James

By 1785 the Greenbrier River, West Virginia, area was becoming well populated. Among the Ewings' neighbors was the McNeill family, including little Mary. Born on Christmas Day, 1771, Mary was not quite fourteen years old and William Ewing was five weeks short of twenty-nine when they were wedded in nearby Lewisburg, West Virginia, on November 16, 1785. They set up housekeeping at William's cabin on the Swago Creek, and fifteen months later their first born arrived, a daughter they named Elizabeth. By 1807 William and Mary had ten sons and two daughters, two more children than William's brother John 'Indian John' Ewing and his wife, Ann Smith, could claim. The creek flowing through the Ewing land gave William the nickname he still goes by today, 'Swago Bill'.

Among Swago Bill and Mary's children was Enoch, born on July 31, 1799, at the Ewing home on Swago Creek, near Buckeye, West Virginia, where all of their children were born. Enoch took his Christian name from the McNeill side of the family. Elizabeth, twelve years older than Enoch, acted as a second mother to him and the other young ones. Almost every farm within a five mile radius was owned by a relative of Enoch.

A. E. Ewing visited the West Virginia homestead in 1903 and described his grandfather's early environment this way:

When Enoch was old enough to study the world from the outside of the cabin, he found the front door opening toward the noon sun. In front ran a ravine, from the banks of which, not 10 rods [165'] away, bubbled a beautiful spring of water. He saw a well-beaten path leading to and from this spring of water, and he was accustomed to seeing his mother and older brothers and sisters carry water to the house. There was a mill house close by. Surrounding the cabin was a large clearing and fields were cultivated, for the father had lived there some 25 years before Enoch's arrival.

Enoch could see the mountains on nearly all sides and it became an early fixed ambition to see the top of them. There was only one direction the family could go without climbing a mountain and that was the way to the mill. The ravine in front of the cabin led to the valley of Swago, a little creek emptying into the Greenbrier River half a mile away. On the banks of the Swago, near Greenbrier, was the mill of Enoch's Uncle Jonathan McNeill, who was also a weaver and maker of powder.

Enoch received only two terms of formal schooling, and that was in West Virginia when he attended a private subscription school, where parents paid a teacher so much per pupil per term. In addition, A. E. noted, it was common for ministers to assist young people in learning how to read and write. Whatever the means, both Enoch and Susannah Radabaugh, his future wife, learned their ABCs.

⁷ Ewing, Nancy Hank (ed. Barbara (Ewing) Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

A. E. was nearly twenty-two years old when his grandfather Enoch died, and he had vivid memories of the man:

As a boy Enoch learned to handle the rifle, and even did some hunting with his father and older brothers. But above all, he learned the lesson of industry. He knew the utility of the hoe in maturing a crop of corn, and he never, to his dying day, forgot it. It was hoe, hoe, hoe. I have seen him at 80 years old laboriously attack a bunch of weeds in a corn patch after the corn was matured and ready for the stock. It was not so much that he loved the corn, but that he hated the weeds on general principles. I have worked many a day with him simply because I was ashamed not to. I could not bear the looks of my own laziness sitting in the shade while Grandfather worked so hard in the hot sun. But he was as enduring on a cold day as on a hot one, and we boys used to husk corn with him late in the fall when our fingers were literally numb with cold rather than see him do the work alone, for no argument was strong enough to induce him to quit as long as there was anything to be done.

Enoch also told his grandson about a childhood event which took place when he was four years old. While he and his sister Elizabeth were walking to the barn on the Swago Creek homestead to milk the cows, Enoch saw in a fence corner a yellowish object, which he thought was a bunch of dried leaves. He was about to pick up the colorful posy when Elizabeth realized it was a coiled rattlesnake. Alert to the danger, she jerked Enoch away, placed one hand on the top rail of the fence, jumped over, found a piece of wood to use as a club, leaped back over the fence, and dispatched the snake.

The Ordinance of 1787,⁸ establishing the Northwest Territory and encompassing six eventual states, had been implemented and the westward expansion of the United States was well underway. In the spring of 1810 Swago Bill and Mary decided to join Indian John and his family and many of their neighbors who had moved nine years earlier to the western part of Gallia County, across the Ohio River from Point Pleasant, where government land could be bought for \$2.00 an acre. Swago Bill's aim was to get out of the mountains and procure more arable land for his ever-growing family.

The Ewing train covering the difficult 160 miles consisted of three covered wagons fitted out with living quarters, twelve horses, and several head of sheep, swine and cows. They carried the provisions necessary for the trail, as well as the equipment and tools they would need to build a new home. They built rafts at Point Pleasant and made several trips to ferry their train across the Ohio. The journey was not over when they regrouped on the northern shore, since their final destination was a bend on the Raccoon River in Section 11 of Huntington Township, about twenty miles farther north. At home there, Enoch once again was surrounded by Ewings, McNeills, Radabaughs, and other family members, including his best friend, William 'Billy' McNeill. Billy, the son of Enoch's uncle Gabriel McNeill, was four months older than Enoch. As boys, they played together on Swago Creek and continued their friendship after both families moved to Ohio.

Gabriel McNeill, an interesting and enterprising fellow in his own right, was a self-trained medical doctor, minister, Jackson County's first surveyor, and dabbler in many other enterprises. He often was

⁸ Ordinance of 1787 (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Ordinance): The Northwest Ordinance (formally *An Ordinance for the Government of the Territory of the United States, North-West of the River Ohio*, and also known as the *Freedom Ordinance* or *The Ordinance of 1787*) was an act of the Congress of the Confederation of the United States, passed July 13, 1787. The primary effect of the ordinance was the creation of the Northwest Territory as the first organized territory of the United States out of the region south of the Great Lakes, north and west of the Ohio River, and east of the Mississippi River.

referred to as Doctor McNeill. He and his family settled in Madison Township, not far from the Ewing farm. The McNeills sometimes spelled their last name 'McNeil', 'McNeal', or 'McNeel'.

Swago Bill and Mary Ewing had left their home on the Swago without selling it, but on December 1, 1812, it passed into the hands of Sampson Matthews for "\$1,200 current money of the State of Virginia." Two pieces of red sandstone from the chimney of the house on Swago Creek remain in the Ewing family today. Swago Bill and his family were settled in their new home by early July 1810, the date of the first election of the newly formed Huntington Township, which Swago Bill and his son Thomas attended.

Swago Bill bought the northeast quarter of Section 11, 160 acres in all, at \$2.00 an acre, payable at a rate of \$80 down and \$80 a year until paid. On July 22, 1817, he received a grant, signed by President James Monroe, which acknowledged payment in full. Son Thomas bought an adjoining eighty acres. The task that faced William and Thomas was awesome, but typical for the frontier settlers: to convert to farmland 240 acres of dense woods. Trees were cut, stumps pulled, brush burned, and the job was done. They fashioned the trees into usable lumber for home, outbuildings, and fences. The land became meadow, crops were planted, and the house was ready for occupancy by the spring of 1812, allowing the family to vacate the temporary structure they had lived in for two years. The permanent structure was a two-story building, made of hewn logs and with a stone chimney. It was on this site, Section 11 of Huntington Township, Gallia County, Ohio, that Enoch spent his formative years, close to many relatives and friends.

Like his older brothers, Enoch worked at Keystone Furnace just over the line in neighboring Jackson County, chopping wood to be made into charcoal for the smelting furnaces. He also had a job working for Major John Cantrell. As a grandson of Charles Clendenin, after whom Charleston, West Virginia, was named, Cantrell was related also to Archibald Clendenin, Charles' brother, who was killed in the Clendenin Massacre of 1763. The major lived on the Point Pleasant side of the Kanawha River in present-day West Virginia. He had a large estate, with plenty of slaves and hired hands working for him.

One day Cantrell sent Enoch and a young slave to the other side of the Kanawha River for a special task that required their attention. When they reached the middle of the Kanawha, a sizeable river, the Negro threw down his oar and refused to paddle any more. That violated Enoch's sense of fair play, and he swung his paddle at the African-American, knocking him overboard. Enoch rescued the man, who then applied himself diligently to the job of rowing, but swore to tell Major Cantrell of Enoch's actions, causing the young Ewing to fear he might lose his job. When Enoch and his partner returned to the Cantrell farm, the Major was the first person they met, and he soon learned from the black man what Enoch had done. When Enoch started to explain his side of the story, Major Cantrell said, "No explanation necessary. I saw the whole performance, and you did just the right thing. I would have done the same."

By 1819 or 1820, barely twenty years old, Enoch had left his parents' homestead and owned some land of his own, including a house and lot, three calves, and some cattle, in addition to two horses. About the same time records show that he was taxed for his personal goods at the rate of 30¢ the first year for one horse and an undisclosed amount the second year for two horses, evidently the only possessions subject to the levy.

Two years later, on October 7, 1822, Swago Bill died, leaving 120 acres of land back on the Swago to Enoch. Swago Bill's wife, Mary, continued to run the farm, but in 1840 she left her home of twenty-eight years and moved in with son Andrew and his wife. In 1852, at age eighty-one, Mary pulled stakes

completely and moved with Andrew and his family by wagon train to Iowa and five years later to Missouri. There, at age eighty-six, Mary (McNeill) Ewing died in June, 1858. In 1913 A. E. Ewing., her great-grandson, started a campaign to raise money for a memorial to "the greatest little grandmother." A granite monument was placed next to her husband's on the nearby Thomas Ewing farm in Ohio. The town of Ewington, Ohio, was named for Indian John, who died in the area on December 23, 1824.

Among the many neighbors surrounding the Ewing lands was the Radabaugh family. Henry and Catherine Radabaugh had eleven children, including Susannah, who was born in West Virginia and was about Enoch's age. Enoch and Susannah had known each other since they were thirteen, but it wasn't until Enoch was about twenty years old that their acquaintance deepened into something more. On one occasion Enoch was on horseback traveling the main road to visit the McNeill home in Madison Township. As he was riding, a dog came into his path, barking, growling, and threatening the horse and rider that were invading its territory. Enoch's horse reared up, throwing the young man from his saddle. Luckily Enoch wasn't seriously injured, but he had to be carried to the nearest house where he was put to bed and nursed. That house happened to be the home of the widow Catherine Radabaugh, and Enoch's nurse was the young Susannah. Enoch began to think the fall wasn't altogether a bad thing.

Susannah's ancestors had resided in the Palatinate, an area in Germany on the west side of the Rhine River. They may have been Huguenots. Heinrich Radabaugh, with his wife and one-year old son Adam, left Rotterdam aboard the *Glasgow* and disembarked at Philadelphia on September 9, 1738. The young family settled in Berks County, outside of Philadelphia, where Adam grew up. About 1757 Adam married Barbara, last name unknown, and a few years later he and his wife followed other German colonists to present day West Virginia. Their land was on the South Fork of the South Branch River, seven or eight miles east of Petersburg, West Virginia, in what eventually became Hardy County. Radabaugh Run in that vicinity was named for him.

Between 1758 and 1772 Adam and Barbara had eight children, including a son named Henry. The exact date isn't known, but it appears that Henry married Catherine Buzzard in about 1780, when Henry was twenty and Catherine nineteen. Catherine was the daughter of Henry Buzzard and Elizabeth Alt. The newlyweds settled on land near Catherine's parents, close to North Mill Creek in Hampshire County, West Virginia, where they are listed in the census of 1782. In 1785 Catherine and Henry stayed with her parents when they moved to Highland County, Virginia. Catherine's father died about 1790, and ten years later she and Henry were located on Anthony's Creek in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. There Henry and Catherine had their eighth child, a girl they named Susannah, born on October 22, 1800. Two more children were born after Susannah.

Henry and Catherine (Buzzard) Radabaugh moved a bit westward to Sinking Creek. There they met the families of Joseph Horton and Azariah Jenkins. Evidently all three families moved to Jackson County, West Virginia, at the same time. In 1811 the three families made their final move, ending up in Jackson County, Ohio. There Henry Radabaugh bought eighty-four acres, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Madison Township, perhaps ten or twelve miles from the Ewing homestead in adjacent Huntington Township. Henry died at his new home about 1820, or perhaps a year earlier, and Catherine became the head of the household, with at least four children still at home. She died on July 20, 1851 at age ninety.

That was the situation in 1820 when Enoch was taken into the Radabaugh house to heal. After a few days of nursing he was able to leave, but he continued to call on Susannah from time to time. They were married in Jackson County by Uncle Gabe on December 20, 1821. The bride and groom probably resided with her mother until 1827, when Enoch began to think about building a place of his own. He

had not forgotten the 120 acres in West Virginia which he had inherited from his father. He returned there in 1826 to see about selling it, and found a willing buyer in William McNeill at \$1.00 per acre. Enoch took a gun valued at \$15.00 as part payment. Billy described the land as "one mile up and three miles back." That same year Enoch and Susannah and the other Radabaugh heirs sold their interest in her father's land in Madison Township to Susannah's oldest brother, Henry Jr. On April 16, 1827, Enoch was able to buy eighty acres in Section 2, Jefferson Township, just east of Madison Township, from Samuel Radabaugh, who had bought a larger piece from the government. Immediately, Enoch began construction of a house on a hill, very close to Franklin Township. As the family grew, the house was enlarged, so that the last three children never were sure in which township they were born.

In 1836 Enoch added forty acres to the north end of his original plat, and not long afterward he bought an additional forty acres of government land north of that. Enoch had heard that a neighbor was interested in this latter parcel. One day he set out for what appeared to be a casual stroll, but instead he walked the entire thirty or forty miles to the land office in Chillicothe to make his claim. There he was informed by the agent that a technicality prevented him from buying the land in his own name, so he used the name of his first-born son, and for the price of \$50.41 the son, Isaac Ewing, became landowner before the neighbor knew what happened. By the time that transaction was completed, Enoch had a parcel of land a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide, amounting to 160 acres, or a quarter section, in all. Isaac deeded the land back to his father on September 20, 1852.

Enoch was a hunter, as were all the early mountain settlers. One day he was hunting with his brother-in-law, George Dodrill, husband of Swago Bill and Mary's oldest daughter, Elizabeth. George and Enoch had taken separate but proximate trails, when Enoch heard a gunshot and knew that George had found game. In a moment or two he heard a call from George appealing for help. Enoch rushed to George's side, where he found his brother-in-law wrestling with a wounded deer. George thought he had made the kill. Laying down his gun he took out his hunting knife and prepared to complete the kill. As George was reaching for the deer's throat, it suddenly reared up and began to fight for its life. George's shot had only stunned the deer, not killed it. With a swipe of one hoof the deer had disarmed Dodrill of his hunting knife and almost sliced the hunter in two. George was barely able to hold down the buck, and certainly could not let go. Enoch was able to put an end to the matter by quick use of his hunting knife, and George got his venison.

Enoch and Susannah's ten children were born between 1822 and 1844. Charlotte was the first, born on November 1, 1822; then Isaac on April 1, 1825; Jenetta on June 8, 1827, John Wilson on July 22, 1828; William Jordan on September 14, 1831; Andrew Adam on November 13, 1833; James Leander on December 28, 1835; Elizabeth Parilla on May 28, 1838; and Henry McKendree 'Mack' on May 15, 1841. The last child, Emily Jane, died in 1848 at the age of four.

Religion was an important part of life to Enoch and Susannah. In Jackson County, Ohio, Enoch had started a Sunday School for all the young people in the neighborhood. He was secretary of the church, and his account ledger covering the years 1833 to 1849 includes many familiar names, many of them linked to the Ewings: McNeel/McNeill, Radabaugh, Jenkins, Arthur, Yeager, and Cherington.

Enoch and Susannah's religious convictions were felt at home, too, and included a ban on dancing, which was considered frivolous and the devil's work. One night, when Mack was eighteen years old, he left the house to visit a friend who lived nearby. It got rather late and Enoch suspected his youngest son might be yielding to worldly curiosity, so he went in search of him. As he reached the neighbor's house a violin was squeaking out a quadrille. Enoch heard the music and the scrape of boots and shoes as the young people danced to a lively rendition of *The Devil's Dream* or some other equally sinful tune. Enoch

opened the barn door, stuck his head inside, and saw Mack dancing with the rest of them. Mack caught a glimpse of his father, who said nothing, but simply closed the door and returned to his house. For Mack the dance was over. He felt deeply the shame he had caused his father and sheepishly followed him home. Enoch never mentioned the incident, but Mack said he never danced again.

John Wilson Ewing was the first of Enoch's children to leave Ohio. In 1836 and 1837 uncles Henry Jr. and Samuel Radabaugh bought land in Williams County, Ohio, just south of the Michigan border. Catherine Radabaugh, at age eighty-seven, made the move in 1848 with her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and James Jenkins, and her grandson, John Wilson Ewing. Catherine rode the entire distance on horseback. John Wilson Ewing reported, "She rode her own horse and handled him well, she being in good health and unusually spry for one of her age." Catherine died three years later, on July 20th.

In 1848 a wagon train was formed which included Isaac and John Wilson Ewing, who had returned to Jackson, Ohio. Isaac Ewing settled in Williams County permanently, and six years later for \$479.82 he bought a quarter section in Mill Creek Township, next to the Michigan line. Enoch's friend and cousin, Billy McNeill, had bought 175 acres not far from Isaac's property four years earlier. Then, in 1852, John Wilson Ewing, who seemed to divide his time between Williams County and Jackson County, headed north again and became the first Ewing to buy land in Michigan, the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Woodbridge Township, Hillsdale County, eighty acres in all. John Wilson intended to live on the land with his wife, Jane Berry Hank, but she died on Christmas Day that same year, 1852, seventeen days after giving birth to a girl.

Sequels

Next in this series will concern A. E. Ewing., *A Man of Possibilities*.

The Family

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

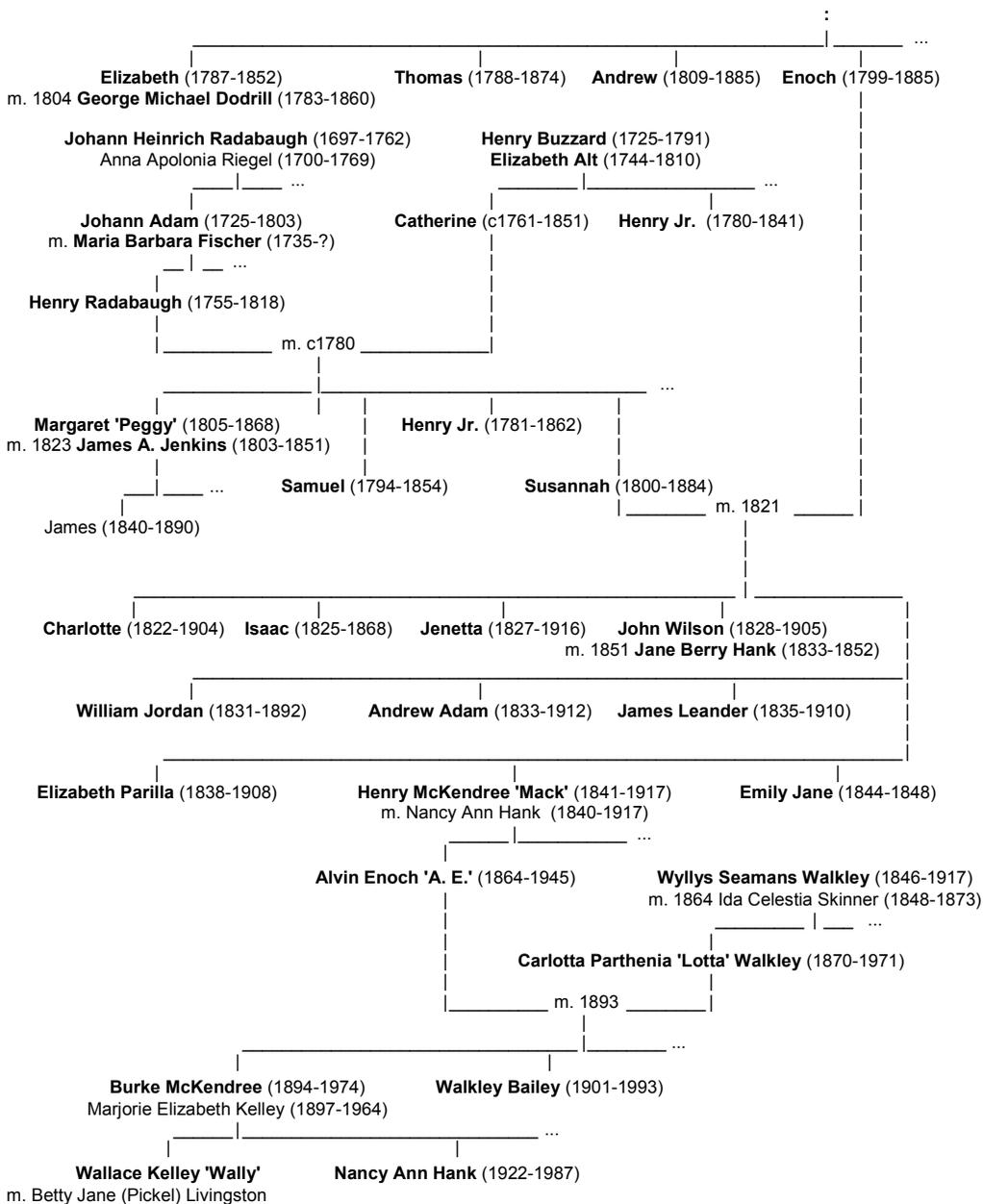
- *Ewing in Early America*, by Margaret (Ewing) Fife, is a basic source of information about many immigrant Ewings.⁹
- My sister's book, *James Ewing – Pioneer*,¹⁰ reports on the life, times and descendants of Pocahontas James Ewing.
- William W. Sproul III's articles^{11,12} concern three early James/Joshua Ewing settlers of Augusta County, Virginia, including Pocahontas James Ewing.

⁹ Fife, Margaret (Ewing) (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

¹⁰ Ewing, Nancy Hank (ed. Barbara (Ewing) Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.



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 on 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.

George E. Matthews' Civil War Memory²

Transcribed by Ann-Adèle Lloyd (+1 828.299.4844, AALetc@aol.com)

This material comes from George E. Matthews'³ notes of March 28, 1934. He was about six years old when he witnessed these events.

I remember the latter part of the Civil War all the boys in Our many families went, some of them never came Back. Three of them that did were badly wounded. The[y] cam[e] home with their little Blue caps, long Bills, the top going to a Peak, Blue coats with capes. The[y] were fine targets to Shoot at. You could See that Bright Blue for miles. Our women went through many hard Ship [sic] and Insults. One of the especially Nice Pet names was Abolition Wenches, Expression used by Rebel Sympathisers [sic], but when their Fathers and Sons Cam[e] Home, then a Bunch of fellows Eat Crow.

One of the Saddest thing[s] that lingers in my memory was the Sad end of Ike Wretter, a young Soldier, his parents Dead & he was [?reared?] out of Sutch [such?]. My mother was a mother to him. He was a fine character, Honest, Honorable [class]. He had worked at what he could find but he always had a place to Stay at our Home. The old Double log house was big and had many Rooms (it was my Father's mansion [in Carthage most likely; owning a double log cabin was a sign of wealth and distinction; one roof covered two cabins close together, creating a covered walkway between them]). Ike Wretter went to war in Old Col. Fonday's Reg. and gave a good account of his Self. About the end of the war Ike's Co. was Sent to Warsaw, a town on the Ills. Side of the Mississ [Mississippi River] and opposed was the North line of mussurie [Missouri?] to protect the citizens from the Raids of the Mo. Jayhawkers. Their Bands

¹ groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation

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³ George E. Matthews is a son of Elisha Matthews and Phoebe Ewing. The new-member item for his granddaughter, Ann-Adèle Lloyd, appears on page 45.

that came over into Ills for Plunder. Ike had a furlough for a visit to Carthage. How wonderful he looked to me as he came first to my Home. Riding a fine Roan horse. As he threw the Reins over the Hitching post, Mother went to meet him. She kissed his forehead as She put her arms around, Started on the walk to the House. He said, " Mother," he always called her mother, "I am the Happiest boy on Earth to see you again." They went in the House with the others of the [family ?]. Not long after, Ike came out and Started to See other friends in the Stores and Places a block away. Carthage like many western town[s] Has a Park with the Court House in the center and the Business Section around the Square [still true in 2008]. To these places he went, talking to people and Shaking Hands. There were Brothers in C Samples [a store?]. One was as fine a man as you could find; the Other a Rat. Ike met the Brothers, Shook hand with the man and then extended his hand to the Bro. the Rat, and the Rat spit in Wretter's hand and said "that the way I ment [went?] Damned black abolitionists and Lincoln's Hirelings." Ike Slapped his dirty old mouth. This was bold for a good old Southern Sympathiser [sic] town. A call was sent for the marshal and Sheriff. Writter walk[ed] back to the House to his Horse and Started back to Warsaw 18 miles. The Town element of that kind seemed determined [to] get him. It was exiting the Livery Stable, let out these Saddle Horses and Individuals. John the Manchant [Merchant?]. About 9 miles out Ike's horse loosed [lost?] a shoe, cutting a Leg Badly and went lame. Ike abandoned the Horse and went into a large thicket of Hazelnut Bushes and Crab apple Trees. In a few minutes he was Surrounded. He was fired on and wounded. Then drawing his gun doing Business [Ser? Sea ? Looks like Sex?]. He was finally out of ammunition and told them his body was Riddled. The news came back, then was great Re[joicing?]. I Shall never forget my mother when she was told that Ike was dead. That night I went with my Sister [Jennie/Cynthia?] down to the corner of the Square. There I Saw the ox team come in with a Hayrack partly loaded with the wild prairie Grass. Ike's body Sprawled out on top. They fired anvils; they had Great Bon fires, yells,[W]Hoops [sic] – Drunken Dirty dastardly Beast. The town was a riot. Ike's Body in the early morning was taken on to the Court House. The Sheriff's Office was open and Ike's Bloody Body was thrown on the floor where it staid [stayed?] for the public to look. What could be done[?] Our Home was Just a Block from the Courthouse Block and diagonal across from our Home live the Hamiltons. Mother went over to Mrs. H---. They talked the matter over and decided to act. Mrs. H— was a little frail woman, while my mother was large. These women went out into the yard, cut flowers, Fern, Evergreen for a Reath [Wreath?]. Mother took Sheets, soap, water & towels. These women went through the mob. Someone took a Board torn off a coal House. They laid the Body on the Board on chair[s]. They washed the Blood away. They closed his Blurry [?] Eyes and Bandaged the mouth closed [wrapped a bandage under his chin and over top of head to hold the jaws closed] in the presence of this Jeering mob, insults & filthy remarks: "Just Wasting your time old girls. We will plant when we get through Jalley fixing [?]." At last the Grisorion [Garrison?] work was finished when Old Dalf Cherrell, an Englishman -- never became an American citizen -- walked in and informed them -- They were wasting time. Sheets covered the Body. Mother places the wreath on and kindly Brushed it out; then Old Dalf walked up and Said "We are a-going to bury this Damned Lincoln Hireling out there in the yards head down and let his feet stick out of the Ground for his tombstone." Then Deliberately took his old Broad-rimmed white hat and brushed the wreath to the floor. Mother went over, put it back on and Said, "Please Mr. Cherrell, don't do that." At this pitiful plea of a heart-Broken woman, Cherrell walked over, brushed it off again, tore the Sheet off the Body, threw it on the Floor there[?]. I in my kills [?] could hardly under Stand [sic], but I Saw Something in mother[']s eyes and action. It was a climax. As I Said, my mother was large but Kind & Gentle. But Something

had cracked. She wore a band around her waist; to it hitched a long Ribbon, With her Shears attached. She moved quick, Determined, positive. She replaces the Sheet, Spread it nice, put the Wreath back on. As Cherrell Stood hat in hand for another Slam. Then She turned on him and said, "You inhuman Beast!" She grabbed him like Rat. She fairly raised him off the floor, then Set him down with a thud. Then She drew up the long Shears on the Ribbon. She took them in her right hand, his Shoulder with her. She drove those Shears down with lightning speed until they touched his Breast. Then She Said Soothing, easy, calmly, " Now Mr. Cherrill, I dare you touch that Dead boy's Body. Go ahead, Mr. Cherrill, and if you do, I will take these Shears and I will drive them [down] your treasonable Body, then I will open them up and Pull them out." She was as courageous as She was Gentle. If Dalf Cherrell had again disturbed that Dead boy's body, She would have done as She Said. That afternoon the Body was placed in a hand made [sic] walnut coffin. it was hauled to the Burying Ground. Ceremonies were held at the Grove and Ike Wretter's Body is at rest in Our Lot with Father and Mother, and the others of our family. [This cemetery (Barnes) has been badly vandalized, and many stones are in pieces. I have not been able to find the family's stones beyond the infant death of Willie E.]



From 1955: No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.

The 2012 Gathering: Down the Ohio and Westward

On 20-23 September 2012 some forty-five Ewings and Ewing-oriented genealogy researchers gathered at the Quality Inn in Gallipolis, Ohio, to acknowledge the continued migration of the Ewings to the West. In the program were genealogical and historical presentations, caravans to various local historical sites, such as the Battle of Pt. Pleasant, and opportunities for self-guided tours to Ewington and Vinton-area cemeteries, and other venues important to the family's history. As in the past, the research room offered the opportunity to track down family-history data, and there was ample time for reminiscing.



Background

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, and 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 Point 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. John 'Indian John' Ewing was the first Ewing to come to Gallia County, and his younger brother, William 'Swago Bill' Ewing, came a little later. Swago Bill Ewing would have remembered the Point Pleasant battle when he crossed the Ohio in 1810 on his way to Raccoon Township, north of Gallipolis. He had participated in the Battle of Point 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 – who had first settled in 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.

Further Reading

Several articles provide information about the lives and times of the Ewing settlers of the Gallipolis area. The following articles appeared in previous issues of the *Ewing Family Journal*:

- Ewing, Jane. That Ewing Culture, or Why I'm Going to Gallipolis, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 1-2.
- Ewing, Wallace K. Honeyymooners at the 1893 Columbian Exposition, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 18-20 .
- Ewing, Wallace K. The Long Walk of 1914: Grand Haven to Mackinaw City, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (November 2011), pp. 8-16.
- Ewing, Wallace K. . Morgan's Raid, *Ewing Family J.* Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 61-63.
- Ewing, Wallace K. One American Family – Part I, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (May 2012), pp. 21-26.

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- McClure, Jean. Birthplaces of Pocahontas James Ewing's Children, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (February 2009), pp. 5-8.
- Riddle, William E. Ann Jeanette (Ewing) Clendenin, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 32-33.
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- 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. 4 (May 2005), pp. 15-18.
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Aging – Part II

"Age doesn't matter, unless you're a cheese." – Billie Burke

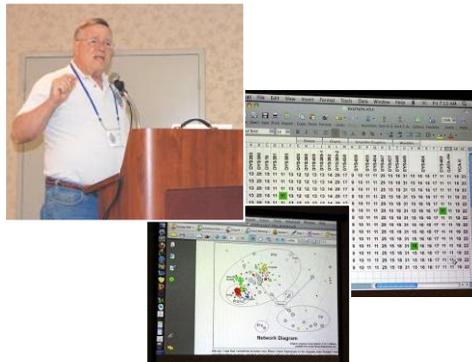
"Inside every 70-year-old is a 35-year-old asking, 'What happened?'" – Ann Landers

"Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci

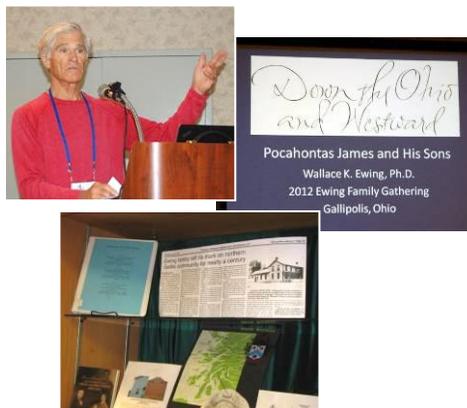
Presentations¹

There were several presentations on Ewing genealogy-related topics:

A status report on the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project² by David Neal Ewing. David's presentation included the display of many updates to the project's Results Tables and Network Diagrams which collectively show the genetic and genealogical similarities and differences among the project's participants. David provided copious details about the ways in which these tables and diagrams demonstrate the potential relationships and possible non-relationships among the project's participants.



An analysis of the children of Pocahontas James Ewing by Wallace K. Ewing. Wally's ancestors include John 'Indian John' Ewing (1747-1824) and William 'Swago Bill' Ewing (756-1822) who jointly settled the Gallia County area. Indian John and Swago Bill were sons of James 'Pocahontas James' Ewing (1721-1801). Wally provided a Research Room display with primary information about these Ewings and his presentation covered their descendants.



¹ The images in the remainder of this item are courtesy of David Neal Ewing, Martin S. Ewing, Daniel C. Ewing and Carol Bauman. A few images have also been taken from various web sites, for example, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center's web site, www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx. The images included here are a small sampling of those posted on the EFA Web Site at tinyurl.com/Gathering-2012-Photos.

² www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

A discussion of the value and techniques of tombstone rubbing by Jane and Wallace K. Ewing. Rubbings from tombstones or grave markers are of great interest, partly because they offer valuable genealogical information about ones ancestors. This presentation explored a genealogist's quandary as to whether to rub or not to rub a tombstone. Rubbing a tombstone is not always a good practice. The question is: "Will rubbing a stone contribute to spoiling it?" The presentation discussed ways genealogists can feel confident that they have not caused damage.



Henny Evans, from the Gallia County Genealogical Society, provided an introductory presentation on the history of Gallipolis at Thursday afternoon's opening session.



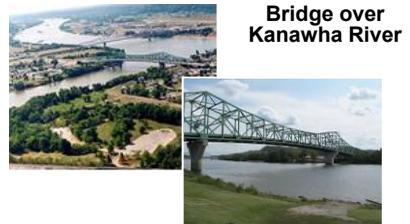
Activities

Gathering attendees explored the gathering's venue and its myths:

Point Pleasant, West Virginia

[from the Gallipolis Daily Tribune (www.mydailytribune.com)]

Pt Pleasant is a city in Mason County, West Virginia, at the confluence of the Ohio and Kanawha rivers. It is the county seat of Mason County and the principal city of the Pt. Pleasant Micropolitan Statistical Area.



Bridge over Kanawha River

Gallipolis, Ohio

[from Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallipolis,_Ohio)]

Gallipolis is one of the fifteen townships in Gallia County. It's located in southeast Ohio on the Ohio River. Gallipolis is the second-largest community in the Pt. Pleasant Micropolitan Statistical Area, which includes all of Gallia County, Ohio, and Mason County, West Virginia.



Downtown Gallipolis

Mothman

[from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mothman_Festival#Mothman_Festival]

The annual Mothman Festival was held in Point Pleasant the week prior to the gathering. Its effect held over and attendees enjoyed the influence. This festival reflects a regional myth:

On Nov. 15, 1966, two young couples from Point Pleasant, Roger and Linda Scarberry, and Steve and Mary Mallette told police they saw a large white creature whose eyes "glowed red" when the car headlights picked it up. They described it as a "flying man with ten foot wings" following their car while they were driving in an area of town known as 'the TNT area', the site of a former World War II munitions plant.

During the next few days, other people reported similar sightings. Two volunteer firemen who sighted it said it was a "large bird with red eyes". Mason County Sheriff George Johnson commented that he believed the sightings were due to an unusually large heron he termed a 'shitepoke'. Contractor Newell Partridge told Johnson that when he aimed a flashlight at a creature in a nearby field its eyes glowed "like bicycle reflectors", and blamed buzzing noises from his television set and the disappearance of his German Shepherd dog on the creature. Wildlife biologist Dr. Robert L. Smith at West Virginia University told reporters that descriptions and sightings all fit the Sandhill Crane, a large American crane almost as high as a man with a seven foot wingspan featuring circles of reddish coloring around the eyes, and that the bird may have wandered out of its migration route.

There were no Mothman reports in the immediate aftermath of the December 15, 1967 collapse of the Silver Bridge and the death of 46 people, giving rise to legends that the Mothman sightings and the bridge collapse were connected.



Attendees also explored many sites in the area:

Riverfront Murals

[from the Gallipolis Daily Tribune (www.mydailytribune.com)]

The Shawnee Village murals were officially dedicated in the fall of 2011. The murals, which were painted by artist Robert Dafford, are 260 feet long and approximately fifteen feet high. A special paint, imported from Germany, was used for the murals in order to enable moisture that is wicked up through the foundation of the floodwall to escape through the painting without damage.

For further information, visit tinyurl.com/PtPleasantMurals.



Murals, Daniel Boone Cabin Mural, Murder of Chief Cornstalk Mural

Tu-Endie-Wei State Park: Pt Pleasant Battle Monument

[from the WV State Parks Official Site (www.tu-endie-weistatepark.com)]

At the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers stands this monument which commemorates the frontiersmen who fought and died at the Battle of Point Pleasant. This battle was fought with Chief Cornstalk on October 10, 1774, and is recognized as the decisive engagement in a proactive series of Indian wars. The name 'Tu-Endie-Wei' is a Wyandot word meaning 'point between two waters'. The Pt. Pleasant Battlefield Monument was erected on October 10, 1909, as a tribute to a battle fought on this same date in 1774.



Commemorative Obelisk, Frontiersman Statue, Chief Cornstalk Monument

Ewington Academy

[from Old McIntyre Park District Historical Marker]

The Ewington Citizen's Literary Institute purchased this site and sponsored the construction of Ewington Academy which opened in 1859. The building, designed by George Ewing, was financed by popular subscription with much labor and material donated. It provided high school level education to approximately 60 students each year. It ceased operation as an academy in 1901 and then served as an elementary school until about 1947.



Our House Tavern

[from The Ohio Historical Society (ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/se10)]

Our House – a three-story brick tavern in the Federal style – was built in Gallipolis by Henry Cushing in 1819. The tavern boasted, in addition to its taproom, dining room, and other usual facilities, a large ballroom for social functions. On May 22, 1825, General Lafayette visited Gallipolis and was entertained at the tavern. Gallipolis still celebrates Lafayette's visit with a ceremony each spring. The Cushing family owned and operated Our House until 1865. The restored tavern and inn contains period furnishings and offers a display of early Americana. Visitors today will step back in time to when proprietor Henry Cushing invited weary travelers to stay at his inn.



**Back Garden, Entry, Kitchen,
Writing Table, The Proprietor**

Wing Haven

Carol Bauman and her spouse, Lee, provided the opportunity to visit the nearby Wing Haven 'homestead' in nearby Vinton, Ohio. Carol and Lee have established this venue because, according to Carol:

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**Carol and Lee Bauman,
Wing Haven Panorama,
Inside the Church**

Ewing Tombstones

Many of John of Carnashannagh's descendants are buried in the vicinity of Gallipolis, Ohio. Carol and Lee Bauman provided a tour to their burial sites.



**Finding the Graves,
Swago Bill Ewing Stone,
Mary (McNeill) Ewing Stone**

Lowe Hotel Dinner

Friday night's dinner was held 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. 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, hosted our Friday-night dinner.



**Lowe Hotel, 'Ewing Barristers',
'Ewing Standups',
One of Many Dinner Tables**

Banquet

The event's banquet was held at the Quality Inn in Gallipolis, the gathering's venue.

The *Renaissance Singers* performed at the banquet. The ensemble's home is Chillicothe, Ohio. Barb Nowlin, Director, put together a program featuring songs from Scotland and Ireland. The ensemble included Barbara (Ewing) Seigneur (the third person in the second row), a great⁶-granddaughter of Alexander Ewing, born about 1708.

Curt Witcher (Manager, Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana) talked about the ways in which his department preserves genealogical documents.



**Quality Inn,
'An Army Travels On Its Stomach',
Renaissance Singers, Curt Witcher**

Newbies, Oldies and Friends

Many long-time members of the Ewing Family Association attended the gathering. Attendees also included several new members and several 'friends' related to the Association's old/new members.



Karen and Bob Avery



Leslie Bagwell



Carol Bauman



Linda Bozzelli



Lynn Coughlin



Bill Ewing



Daniel C. Ewing



David and Frankie Ewing



Joe Neff Ewing Jr.



Thomas Ewing



Wally and Jane Ewing



Bette Fox



Mary Gosline



Esther Johnson



Ann-Adèle Lloyd



Barb McGuinness



Jill Spittler



Jane Weippert



Sandra Rice



Beverly Donato and Roger Settemire

Chancellor's Message

Wallace K. Ewing, Chancellor (*WKEwing@charter.net*)

The Ewing Family Association (EFA) is a dynamic organization, and I give credit for that to our members and their dedication. Our *Journal*, always excellent, improves with each issue thanks to William Ewing 'Bill' Riddle's excellent editing and the articles, informational tidbits, and new/old' news contributed by you. The EFA Web Site is constantly being improved, and I encourage you to tap into it. Martin S. Ewing, our Webmaster, has made navigation simple and effective with many links that take you to new territories. The EFA is continuing its many projects, including expanding our Ewing Genealogy Documentation Project, distributing the results of our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project,³ and purchasing and translating 16th and 17th century Scottish records pertinent to our ancestors.

The EFA's 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio – with the theme *Down the Ohio and Westward* – is now part of our Association's history. Based on the survey and responses from attendees, the gathering met almost everyone's expectations. Having been the organizer of this gathering, such positive feedback is gratifying, but I acknowledge that its success – as with all EFA activities – followed from the donation of time, energy, expertise, and financial support of many members.



At the biannual General Meeting, held on September 22, 2012, in Gallipolis, Ohio, I was elected Chancellor and Karen Avery, Linda (Ewing) 'Lynn' Coughlin, Daniel C. Ewing, Joseph Neff Ewing Jr., Martin S. Ewing, Eleanor (Ewing) Swineford, Beth (Ewing) Toscos, Jane (Ewing) Weippert were selected to serve on the Board of Directors (BoD). David Neal Ewing, immediately-past Chancellor, is an *ex officio* member of the Board.

At the first meeting of the newly elected BoD held the following day, Beth (Ewing) Toscos was elected Secretary and Linda (Ewing) 'Lynn' Coughlin was elected Treasurer. It was also decided that I will chair the BoD. The Board approved continuation of the Bylaws Amendment Committee. As before, it will be chaired by William Ewing 'Bill' Riddle. Board Members and Activity Coordinators constitute the body of this Committee. In other business, the Board approved moving the EFA's archives from Cecil County, Maryland, to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Conscious of the importance of that move, the Board voted to hold the 2014 Gathering in Fort Wayne. Beth (Ewing) Toscos will organize the meeting and synchronize events with Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center.

I am grateful for the encouraging comments that many of you have made, both spoken and written. I am proud to be part of such a vibrant and growing organization as the EFA. My goal is to continue to make the EFA as inclusive as possible, open to anyone who has an interest in Ewing genealogy. I'll carry on recording our family histories in the *Journal* and on the Internet, promote the Ewing Surname Y-DNA and Ewing Genealogy Documentation Projects, expand our collections at the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, and vigorously support our biannual gatherings.

Wally Ewing

³ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

General Meeting Minutes

Beth (Ewing) Toscos, Secretary (MBToscos@comcast.net)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

EWING FAMILY ASSOCIATION

September 22, 2012

Gallipolis, Ohio

*Down the Ohio
and Westward*



The General Meeting of the Membership of the Ewing Family Association was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chancellor David Neal Ewing.

The first order of business being the reading and approval of minutes of the 2010 General Membership Meeting, Joseph Neff Ewing Jr. moved that the reading be dispensed with since copies were provided to Meeting participants. This was seconded by Martin S. Ewing, and approved by the membership. The minutes will be entered into the official Minutes book of the Association.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jane (Ewing) Weippert. As of August 31, 2012, Cash on Hand was \$18,953.04, Income for year-to-date was \$8,780.00 and Expenses were \$4,755.67. Approval for inclusion in the minutes was made by Wallace K. Ewing, seconded by Mary (Ewing) Gosline, and ratified by the membership.

Secretary Beth (Ewing) Toscos presented information on the newly designated 501(c)(3) status of the Ewing Family Association. As a result of a Board resolution dated September 25, 2010 to initiate application for the 501(c)(3) status for the EFA, the exempt purpose of the Association was clearly defined as being educational/scientific, which is a departure from the original 501(c)(7) fraternal organization identified in 1995. Discussions with the IRS resulted in the EFA being approved as a 501(c)(3) educational/scientific organization effective as of December 8, 2008. Contributions to the EFA are therefore deductible under section 170 of the IRS Code.

Committee Reports were given as follows:

Archive Committee - Archivist Mary (Ewing) Gosline introduced members of the Archive Committee: Esther (Ewing) Johnson, Betty (Ewing) Whitmer, Martin S. Ewing, Daniel C. Ewing, Beth (Ewing) Toscos, and Mary (Ewing) Gosline. Current activities include cataloging and re-defining the archival indexes in a format that will accommodate ease of search via online searches.

Mary also outlined the work done to date with the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) as a result of a Board resolution, dated September 25, 2010, which established a working relationship with the ACPL to determine if this might be the appropriate facility for housing Ewing researchers' collections. The library would also digitize these materials and make them available on-line. Mary indicated that after careful consideration, the Archive committee recommends donating the archives currently housed at the Cecil County Historical Society (Elkton, Maryland) be moved to the ACPL in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Clanship Committee - David Neal Ewing reported on the activity of the Clanship Committee. This committee was established by the Board in 2011 in order to develop and promote a

position appropriate for the Ewing Family Association with regard to the Family Convention called by the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, Scotland. The basic purpose of the *derbhfine* (family convention) is to examine the request for establishing official recognition for Clan Ewen with all associated derivative names. The committee has established the Ewing Family Association's official position. The Lord Lyon has invited the Ewing Family Association to participate in this process. A letter addressed to the Lord Lyon enumerating the position points developed by the committee was read by David Neal to the assembled membership.

Roger Settlemire called a point-of-order concerning the ten-minute debate provision noted in the Agenda. Chancellor David Neal Ewing indicated that this point of order could not be raised during the presentation of Committee Reports since there was no motion on the floor. The Committee Reports not being an appropriate place for this discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Settlemire hold his point of order until the New Business section of the meeting.

Committee Reports then continued:

Bylaws Amendment Committee – Wallace K. Ewing read a report on the status of the EFA Bylaws Amendment Committee (BAC) in the absence of the committee Chair William Ewing 'Bill' Riddle. In April of 2012, the Bylaws Amendment Committee was established by Wallace K. Ewing, Chairman of the Board of Directors with the intent of developing a set of changes to the EFA Bylaws. While the intent was to complete these changes by mid-July for introduction to and ratification by the membership, it became apparent that the issues that need to be addressed are too numerous and inter-related to be completed by the time of the General Meeting. Because of the need to further work on resolving issues, create accurate wording and obtain a review of legal counsel, the BAC decided to suspend its work in mid-July and resume work in November 2012. Development of revised Bylaws shall be completed no later than April 1, 2013.

The election of the new Chancellor and Board of Directors then took place. Wallace K. Ewing was nominated for Chancellor along with Board of Directors candidates Martin S. Ewing, Daniel C. Ewing, Joseph Neff Ewing Jr. ., Beth (Ewing) Toscos, Jane (Ewing) Weippert, Eleanor (Ewing) Swineford, Karen Avery and Linda L. 'Lynn' (Ewing) Coughlin. Virginia (Ewing) Okie moved that the nominations be closed and the candidates elected by acclamation. Mary (Ewing) Gosline seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wallace K. Ewing asked if there was any new business. Jim Houston made a motion that Roger Settlemire's proposed changes to the Bylaws published in the August 2012 *Ewing Family Journal* be approved. Mary Gosline seconded the motion. Joseph Neff Ewing Jr. raised the concern that few of the members present had copies of the motion making it impossible to give the motion adequate consideration. He moved that the motion be tabled until further work and development of changes to the Bylaws has been completed by the BAC. The membership voted to table the motion.

Wallace K. Ewing then asked if there was any other New Business. A motion was made from the floor by Larry Ewing asking the Association to provide a tombstone for Pocahontas John Ewing. Mary (Ewing) Gosline seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the actions of family groups to come together and provide for ancestral tombstones. David Neal Ewing moved that the request be considered by the Board with a view to giving support and advice to individual family line's efforts to maintain burial sites. The membership approved this action.

There being no additional motions forthcoming under New Business, Wallace K. Ewing asked for additional comments from the floor. Beverly Donato rose to speak about the potential of changing the name of the Ewing Family Association to 'Clan Ewing'. Additional comments from the floor were made by Virginia (Ewing) Okie who spoke in favor of keeping the name 'Ewing Family Association'.

Wallace K. Ewing asked if the membership would be prepared to travel to Salt Lake City for a future gathering. The response was generally favorable. This information will be taken under advisement by the Board of Directors as they select a city for the 2014 Gathering.

Mary (Ewing) Gosline made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Virginia (Ewing) Okie. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Toscos

Membership News

Jill (Ewing) Spitler, Membership Coordinator (+1 330.464.6378, JEwingSpit@aol.com), Jane (Ewing) Weippert, New Member Coordinator (+1 419.399.2073, JaneWeippert@windstream.net)

Another great gathering is behind us. I want to sincerely thank our past Chancellor David Neal Ewing and our new Chancellor Wallace K. Ewing for the praise and lovely gift I received along with my cousins Betty (Ewing) Whitmer, Eleanor (Ewing) Swineford and Barbara McGuinness. It is nice to be recognized, but the real reward is the good feeling I get from donating my time and energy and helping keep the Association going.

My family, besides cousins, including my sister Judy and brother Joe, along with my cousin Dave and wife Penni, fell in love with Ellsworth when he and his wife Dorothy came, many years ago, to Loudonville to stay at my brother's house. We still can't find our link to his heritage, but we all knew we were family. Ellsworth's family was from Ashland County, and he is buried there.

After visiting the Genealogy Society in Gallipolis, I want to encourage everyone to place copies of their genealogy in places that have histories of their family. We collected names and addresses from the Genealogy Society and have contacted folks to see if they might be interested in joining our Association. Libraries are another place to collect names of folks interested in genealogy. We can all promote our family group. If you don't want to use your personal SnailMail or EMail address, use the Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) addresses. Folks were impressed with our Association when told what we do, and they enjoyed visiting places via our historical information and online genealogies.

Jane (Ewing) Weippert has agreed to take on part of the Association's membership activities. She will focus on connecting with new members. I will continue to work on catching up the genealogies of our members, started by James R. McMichael many years ago. Now, with Karen Avery's help, we try to connect new members via their lineage. But information about members who joined between the time that Jim collected heritage information and the recent past is woefully scant. I would much appreciate the help of anyone who could put information about past members on a disk with their pictures and genealogy. My arthritic hands don't work all that well. If you would be interested in helping me with my work, please let me know.

Jill Spitler

New EFA Members ... Welcome Aboard!

Carol Bauman (Member #1143) and her spouse **Lee** live in Vinton, Ohio, and may be contacted at CBauman@winghaven.org:

William 'Swago Bill' Ewing is my ancestor eight generations back. Ella and Isaac Ewing were my great-grandparents. Their daughter Francis Rachel Ewing, who was born in Ewington, Ohio, in 1895, was my grandmother. I'm listed in the Ewing book⁴ as Carol Tilton. My grandmother Francis married Rev. Wesley Tilton who was pastor at the Methodist Church in Vinton. My dad, Wesley Tilton, was born in the Vinton parsonage in 1917. They moved from Vinton to the Boys Industrial School in Lancaster, Ohio, in 1918 for the elder Wesley to be their Chaplain.



Carol and Lee Bauman

I became interested in my ancestry over twenty years ago. This led to me doing a lot of research, including finding and photographing Swago Bill's original cabin foundation by the Swago Creek near Marlinton, West Virginia. The owners showed me the deed to their farm that came directly with Swago Bill's signature.

In 1998 my love of the family lore influenced a preservation project. At first I tried to buy the Swago Bill land parcel in Ewington but it got away from me through a bad realtor. (I was living in California at the time.) So I came to Ohio on my own to look for and purchase something else.

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If anything, my story could be called *The Run-away Preservationist*.

I enjoyed meeting others at the Gallipolis gathering and sharing my notebooks with letters and pictures. It was a special pleasure to provide a tour to see various grave sites in person.

Linda (Boggs) Bozzelli lives in Midland, Michigan, and may be contacted at LBBozzelli@yahoo.com.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is James Ewing born c1720; this is according to online information which I have not yet confirmed. Laura Holcomb, a daughter of Sarah (Ewing) Holcomb, is my great³-grandmother.

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



It was a pleasure meeting you at the recent EFA gathering in Gallipolis. It's great that you have discovered your early Ewing heritage and that you were visiting one of the places where they lived! You are lucky to now be aware of how far you can follow your ancestors – Pocahontas James (1721-1801) was born in County Donegal, Ireland, so that takes you over the pond.

⁴ Ewing, Nancy Hank (ed. Barbara (Ewing) Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

Let's work on bringing your lineage up-to-date. I have Sarah Ewing and her husband, General Samuel Robert Holcomb, in my very large Ewing database, but do not have their daughter, Laura and your descent from her.

Response from **Linda (Boggs) Bozzelli**:

Laura was General Samuel and Sarah (Ewing) Holcomb's daughter. Laura Holcomb married Edward Tiffin McMillin. From there:⁵

Ansel (Anselm) McMillin and Isabel James, both from Gallia County, then Jackson County.

Sarah Mariah McMillin from Jackson County and Joseph Tiffin Brumfield from Greenup County, Kentucky, and then Jackson County.

Katherine Emma Brumfield from Jackson County and James Franklin Smith from Meigs County and then Jackson County.

My parents were Katheryn Frances Smith (from Jackson County and then Franklin County) and Londie Dennis Boggs (from Lawrence County, Kentucky, then Madison County, then Franklin County).

Note: Yes, that really is the ways their names are spelled.

I very much enjoyed the gathering, and was glad for the chance to thank Wally for the information he contributed to the *FamilySearch* web site. Finding his information helped save my sanity when I first started my genealogy hobby. It wasn't long before I discovered *James Ewing - Pioneer* on the EFA Web Site.⁶ We were caring for an elderly friend who was disappearing by inches due to a combination of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Researching my family history was my escape, and it wasn't long before I was hooked!

David Gordon Ewing (Member #1149) and his spouse **Lynda** live in Bognor, Ontario, Canada, and may be contacted at Lynda_Ewing@hotmail.com:

My grandfather is John Gordon Ewing and my father is John Gilbert Ewing (1902-1962). Both are from Toronto, Canada.

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

We are happy to have you as a new member of the Ewing Family Association and hope that together we can figure out your Ewing lineage to an early date.

I've done a quick look at a tree on *Ancestry.com* and find that someone has shared data about your father and grandfather and other linked folks. This tree begins with a John Ewing, born about 1831 in Ireland, and his wife, Elizabeth Marshall.

One significant conflict is the date of death of your father. You give 1960, but I wonder if it was September 3, 1962. One other possible conflict is the name of your grandmother, Charlotte. I found her maiden name listed as Rice and also Wright.

If you would like to work together, please share a bit more information including dates, locations and maiden names.

⁵ All counties are in Ohio unless otherwise noted.

⁶ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html

We invite you to join our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.⁷ In so doing, you may receive deeper insight into your lineage. If you have not already done so, please look at the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project⁸ on the Internet. Go to the *Results Directory* top-level menu item to see how this project might help you.

Response from **David Gordon Ewing**

Many thanks for connecting. Yes, the correct year of my father's death is 1962, not 1960. He was born December 13, 1902.

Also, I had my Y-DNA and Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) tested about five years ago. Looks like it's time to review that data again.

I'm not aware of the Wright name. My brother is John Charles Ewing, also born in Toronto on July 3, 1939.

Response from **Karen Avery**

I look forward to receiving more data from you. What great news that you already have results of your Y-DNA and mtDNA tests. With respect to your Y-DNA test, be sure to check marker DYS391. If it is either 10 or 11, that will quickly place you among the 'closely related' men of our Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

I am forwarding our correspondence to David Neal Ewing, the Project Administrator for the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. He will gladly work with you in transferring your results into our Y-DNA project.

From **David Neal Ewing**, Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project Administrator
(DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Welcome to the EFA! I am interested to hear that you have already had Y-DNA testing done. Did you have this done by Family Tree DNA (FTDNA)?⁹ If so, all you have to do to get me the data for inclusion in our project is to go to your FTDNA personal page and join the Ewing project. This costs nothing, but will allow me access to your results, which I can then compare with the other men in our project.

If you had your testing done elsewhere, we can still integrate your data, but it depends on where the testing was done. For example, if you used *Ancestry.com*, you can transfer the data to FTDNA for a nominal charge. Or you can give me an Excel or other spreadsheet file with the results and I can include them in our project by hand. I guess the first step is to learn where you had the testing done. Can you tell me that?

Response from **David Gordon Ewing**

I had my basic Y-DNA test done in 2007, but have not yet taken it further. I used *The DNA Ancestry Project* powered by *genebase*.¹⁰ This site reported that I was in Haplogroup R1b (moderate) with "20 certified markers" and DYS391 being 10. I will do the Backbone SNP test next, unless you suggest a better way to go. I am very pleased to start working on this again.

⁷ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Family Tree DNA (FTDNA, www.FamilyTreeDNA.com)

¹⁰ www.genebase.com

Sharon K. (Jones) Ewing (Member #1142) lives in Fairfield, Iowa, and may be contacted at SEwing1961@hotmail.com.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is David Ewing who was born 1831 in Harlensburg, Pennsylvania, and married Nancy Ann Kildoo.

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

As Genealogist for the Ewing Family Association (EFA), I will attempt to help you in discovering the Ewing heritage of David and Nancy Ann.

David and Nancy are not yet included in my Ewing-surname database. A search of the Internet brings up a few public genealogies which include David and Nancy. Most show David as a son to Thomas Ewing (1791-1852) and spouse, Catherine Rearick (1808-1901). The parents for Nancy are William Kildoo (1805-a1870) and Rebecca Rogers (c.1808-a1870). If this appears to be your family group, I will provide more data to you from these trees.

Please share a bit more about your known Ewing descent. Also keep in mind that if there is a related living male Ewing who could join the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project,¹¹ you would be provided with a probable link to other known cousins.

Further information from **Karen Avery**:

It was great speaking with you yesterday and today!

I'm glad I was able to point out where you could find more information about your family on the EFA Web Site. You will probably spend many hours there now that you are aware of all that is posted there.

Information about the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project may be found at:

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

If you go to the project's *Results Directory* you will find many links to information about the project. Also on the project's main page is a *To Join* link which your son should use when he joins the project.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm your Ewing heritage:

- great²-grandparents - David Ewing and Nancy Kildoo
- great-grandparents - William J. Ewing and Nancy Rupe
- grandparents - Clarence E. Ewing and Mildred Rolison
- parents - Hubert E. Jones and Hazel Irene Ewing
- self - Sharon K. Jones and Lee Ewing

Response from **Sharon K. (Jones) Ewing**

I enjoyed visiting with you on the 'phone. I confirm my heritage which you asked me about. I have also looked at the EFA Web Site about Margaret (Ewing) Fife)'s book.¹² Thanks again for suggesting it.

¹¹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project

¹² Fife, Margaret (Ewing) (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*. Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

Response from Karen Avery

It was good working with you again today over the 'phone. Your continued research will definitely pay off as you discover more information about your two Ewing lineages. It's interesting that you have connections to two lines. Other EFA members also have more than one connection in their Ewing heritage. I will be interested to know how and where your second line connects.

Attached is an outline descendant report¹³ from William Ewing who was born on Inch Island, Ireland about 1706. He married Jean/Jane Gordon about 1750 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. It is believed he died in November 1774 in Tyrone Township, Cumberland County, PA. This report is brought down to your mother, Hazel Irene Ewing (1925-2006). As I mentioned to you, my personal Ewing database is a collection of folks for whom I have found information from other people and sources.

You will note that I have added bits of information in 'places' as notes to self. Please simply ignore these. After you have had time to review the report, let me know of errors or additions.

Pamela Jean (Ewing) Ferst (Member #1148) lives in Columbia, South Carolina. She may be contacted at pje1st@yahoo.com.

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

I received your family history chart today and will work to include it in my database.

I must admit that I had forgotten that you had talked to David Neal Ewing earlier in the year about perhaps using medical samples of your deceased brother to identify his Y-DNA. As David mentioned then, your best lead might come from a distant male Ewing relative.

Did Raymond Beltz Ewing and his wife Dolly have any sons?

Also, I want to mention that I have not found the 1850, 1860 or 1870 census for your great²-grandfather, John R. Ewing. I only have Harrison Enoch Ewing and Sallie C. Ewing listed as his children. Is the correct name of your Dad William Junior Ewing or William Randolph Ewing Jr.?

Further, here is a link to see more about Charles William 'Chuck' Ewing who turns out to be your cousin: www.ewing-online.com. Here's hoping that he will do a Y-DNA test.

Response from Pamela Jean (Ewing) Ferst:

Raymond and Dolly (I remember them living in Dublin, Ohio, when I was young) had two sons, James and Donald. Neither of them had any children.

I have never heard of Sallie C. Ewing. Although I did see her listed a few times which peaked my interest.

When my dad was born, my grandparents were asked what his name was and they said William Junior, meaning William Randolph Ewing Jr. When they received his birth certificate, it was William 'Junior' Ewing. And so he became William Junior Ewing.

My sister-in-law has my brother's baby book. I am not sure but I think there may be a lock of his hair in there. Even though there wouldn't be any roots, would it still be useful?

¹³ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/members/WER/EwingWilliam_c1706-1774.pdf

Further information from **Karen Avery to Chuck Ewing** (ce@goodpieces.com):

Years ago I found and recorded Ewing genealogical data from you.

I don't remember whether we actually corresponded, but I have listed you as my source. Now, I believe I have data to give you in regards to John Randolph Ewing, born c1832 (believed to be between February 1826 and March 1, 1903).

This John married Frances 'Fannie' Aplin and among children had Harrison 'Harry' Enoch Ewing (September 19, 1866 to August, 1944) who married Luella Mae Beltz and had sons, William Randolph Ewing (1889-1950) and Raymond Beltz Ewing (1891-1951).

William Randolph Ewing had William Ewing Jr. (1923-2009) who had Richard Lee Ewing (1949-2011) and Pamela Jean (Ewing) Ferst.

I am the Genealogist for the Ewing Family Association. Pamela recently joined the Association and is looking for her Ewing ancestors. She is distressed that her brother died rather suddenly before she thought to get a Y-DNA sample from him. There are no other Ewing males in her line, so the question is whether you or another male of your line have done the Y-DNA test.

This 'find' is also very exciting to me. In searching for my earliest Ewing ancestors I've recorded all families as I found them, now a database of more than 11,000 Ewing-born individuals.

Further information from **Karen Avery to Chuck Ewing and Pamela Jean (Ewing) Ferst**:

Here is the promised Genealogy Report¹⁴ for each of you to review. Also attached is a one-page Outline Descendants Report.¹⁵ I am so excited that we have reached this point in the research of your line. Additions and corrections are quite welcome.

Chuck: obviously I have recorded much information from you, and I very much thank you for sharing it.

Further information from **Karen Avery**:

The common ancestors of Charles William 'Chuck' Ewing and Pamela Jean Ewing Ferst are John Ewing (1785/95-c1840) and Deborah Mathis (c1799-1865), both of whom died in Champaign County, Ohio. Chuck is their great²-grandson. Pamela Ewing Ferst is their great³-granddaughter. This makes Chuck and Pamela second cousins once removed.

Susan G. (Ewing) Holgate (Member #1146) and her spouse **Harry H.** live in Wilmington, North Carolina. They may be contacted at HHolgate@QNET.com.

Our Ewing connection is through Susan. We are both retired; she paints, and I do family history. We have recently started work on her father's family in Virginia and have tried to sort out the conflicting information involving Arbuckles, Ewings, Clendenins, Davis's, McSwains, and Grahams. I recently found the Ewing Family Association (EFA) Web Site and found a lot of valuable information and received immediate responses to my queries. All of this has been very helpful in sorting out Susan's Ewing heritage. We look forward to more involvement!

¹⁴ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/members/WER/Ferst1

¹⁵ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/members/WER/Ferst2

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

My main focus is on the surname Ewing so I can be of little help for the various other surnames you mention. I am a genealogy researcher who has managed to collect data on some 11,000 Ewing-born folks. This is a continuing quest of over sixteen years as I search for my own Ewing ancestors.

Much research has been done on Archibald Clendenin Jr. (?-1763) and his wife, Ann Jeanette Ewing (1742-1817). The parents of Ann Jeanette are James (1721-1801) – whom we call 'Pocahontas James' – and his wife, Sarah Mayes (c1725-c1758). The parents of Pocahontas James were John Ewing of Carnashannagh, Ireland (1648-1745) and Janet McElvaney (c1652-1735).

Several men who descend from Pocahontas James Ewing and Sarah Mayes are members of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.¹⁶ You can view their relationship diagrams, discussions, and personal lineage charts for Group 1a by going to the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's web site (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project) and following the *Results Directory* link. This leads you to copious links to books, articles and genealogical information which should help in your research.

Ann-Adèle Lloyd (Member #1144) lives in Asheville, North Carolina, and may be contacted at AALetc@aol.com.

I am the granddaughter of George E. Matthews whose parents were Elisha Matthews and Phoebe Ewing. Phoebe was born in Ewington, Ohio, and her father was James Ewing (a middle son of Swago Bill Ewing) and Mary 'Polly' McMullen. Phoebe and Elisha left Ohio in the late 1850s and resettled in Hancock County, Illinois, where my grandfather was born. As an adult, George returned to Ohio, married his cousin Adèle Matthews, and settled his family in Portsmouth, Ohio, where I and my brother were born.

I have a letter from Adèle's father (Tim) saying that while he was stationed in Summersville, West Virginia, during the Civil War he had an invitation to visit "a Ewing cousin of A. T. & John Ewing Holcomb" who lived six miles away. I have since discovered that this is James Ewing, son of John Smith Ewing, who is a son of Indian John Ewing.

My cousin Adèle Hagerman and I enjoyed ourselves at the 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio. It was rather unique to be in a room full of strangers and yet feel comfortable, knowing they were all cousins at some level or another. While I was in Gallipolis, I joined the Gallia County Genealogical Society's First Families and Civil War Families activity (different branch of the family from Ewings).

I have been to Vinton and the Ewington family cemetery in years past. I was in Vinton again just last June, when I went to my college reunion in



Phoebe Ewing



Ann-Adèle Lloyd



Adèle Hagerman

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

Ohio. I believe I have located the area where my grandmother was born on a farm called 'Beech Hill'. The house is no longer there, but I have other details which match what I saw.

Wally Ewing has been very helpful in giving me details about our inter-related ancestry. It turns out that his grandfather and my grandfather met at a Ewing family reunion in 1904, I think, and subsequently corresponded.

Sheryl Ann (Ewing) Murphy (Member #1141) and her spouse **Mark** live in Wilmington, North Carolina, and may be contacted at *Ewing.Sheryl@gmail.com*.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is Thomas Ewing; born 1806 in Northern Ireland; died 1890; buried in Granville, Ohio; and married to Elizabeth J. Yost. His mother was Bridget Ewing who was born 1790 in Ireland, who died in 1854 and is buried in Granville, Ohio. I cannot find Thomas's father's name; there are too many Thomas's in the Ewing family tree!

Helen 'Joyce' (Morrow) Pair (Member #1145) lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and may be contacted at *JoycePair@mindspring.com*.

My earliest known Ewing ancestor is William Ewing (born 1625 in Stirlingshire, Scotland; died February 1718 in Ulster, Ireland) who was my great⁷-grandfather. My great⁴-grandmother, Margaret Ewing, was born in 1736 in Cecil County, Maryland, died 1791 in Greene County, Georgia, and married John Morrow who was born in 1739 in Prince Edward, Virginia, and died in December 1790 in Greene County, Georgia.

An English professor, I became interested in genealogy after retiring, and I've since traced my Ewing connection as far back as I could.

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

It appears that you already know your lineage back to one of the earliest Ewing men of whom we are aware. As I compare dates for the William Ewing you list as your great⁷-grandfather, I notice that you give a date of death of February 1718 in Ulster, Ireland. I have never seen such an exact date for his death. From what source was this taken?

My records of folks in those earliest generations is definitely sketchy. It seems like everyone thinks they are a descendant of William and Eliza (Milford) Ewing. So far, we have not found a source for his wife being Eliza Milford; in fact, it appears that there were no Milford families in Scotland in the 1600s.

May I ask that you bring your direct line from John and Margaret (Ewing) Morrow down to yourself so I may enter this information into my Ewing genealogy database? My database is quite large, and I keep track of contact information for information about various lines. That allows my software to identify relationships among EFA members.

Response from **Joyce (Morrow) Pair**:

My data regarding William Ewing (1625-1718) comes from the *Alvin Willard Ewan Family Tree* Ancestry genealogy maintained by Sharon Johnson Ewan. In part, it says:

William Ewing was born 1625 in Stirlingshire, Scotland and died Feb 1718 in Ulster, Ireland. He married Elizabeth Milford on 1689 in Scotland.

Both *Ewing Genealogy with Cognate Branches*¹⁷ and *Out of Scotland and In Ireland*¹⁸ are mentioned as sources for this information.

Response from **Karen Avery**

Please confirm that the following information has been correctly taken from your *Ancestry* Family Tree:

great⁵-grandparents: William Ewing and Catherine 'Kitty' Ewing
 great⁴-grandparents: John Morrow Sr. and Margaret Ewing
 great³-grandparents: Joseph Morrow and Ruth Black
 great²-grandparents: Joseph E. Morrow and Eliza Jane Walker
 great-grandparents: Peter G. Morrow Sr. and Ann E. Crain
 grandparents: Peter G. Morrow Jr. and Viola Moore
 parents: Glenn M. Morrow and Catherine E. McGee
 self: Helen 'Joyce' (Morrow) Pair

My records do not agree with yours as to the William and Catherine 'Kitty' Ewing you cite as the parents of Margaret (Morrow)Ewing. Because families used the same names over and over in each generation, mistakes have been made and posts on the Internet only continue to repeat these mistakes. I'm not confident enough to say what is and is not correct.

Information in my Ewing database comes mainly from two well-researched books: *Ewing in Early America* by Margaret Ewing Fife¹⁹ and *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) and Descendants* by James R. McMichael.²⁰ Unfortunately both Margaret and Jim are deceased.

I was asked to take the EFA's Genealogist position after Jim's death. I am not a certified genealogist, just a gal who has managed to collect and record data of over 11,000 Ewing-born individuals. So, I am not even close to being an expert on Ewing genealogy

Response from **Joyce (Morrow) Pair**:

You have a correct lineage for me.

I have looked (and looked!) at Fife's Chapter V – a great source. You said that you do not show William and Catherine 'Kitty' Ewing as Margaret's parents as I do, so I'm assuming I have the dates wrong since Fife's Chapter V shows William and Catherine as her parents. I'll look more closely.

Carol H. Weller (Member #1140) lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.

¹⁷ Ewing, Prestly Kittredge and Mary Ellen (Williams) Ewing. *Ewing Genealogy with Cognate Branches*, Self Published, 1919. Available online at books.google.com/books?id=nRecQYzwHlkC.

¹⁸ McMichael, James R. *Out of Scotland and In Ireland – Some Early Ewing History*. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Document_OutOfScotland.html.

¹⁹ Fife, Margaret (Ewing) (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

²⁰ McMichael, James R. *Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) and Descendants*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 1999. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/EwingAlexander/index_Book_JimMcMic.html.

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.

From **Karen Avery** (BKAvery2@comcast.net) comes an update about her ancestors:

My mother, Dorothy Daisy Ewing, along with ten siblings, was born and raised in Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio. EFA Members Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Jane (Ewing) Weippert are my first cousins. Linda 'Lynn' (Ewing) Coughlin is my first cousin, once removed. Our earliest known ancestor, Alexander Ewing, was living in Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut, in 1732 where he and his wife, Jean, began their family. He was therefore probably born between 1700 and 1708. I continue to be highly interested in finding more information about him. A major question is whether he was part of the group who settled in Cecil County, Maryland.

From **Steven C. Ewing**, Edgartown, Massachusetts (aquamv@gmail.com):

I just signed up for National Geographics' new *Geno 2.0* test and was thinking of the gathering. I hope all goes well in Gallipolis and wish I could be there. Maybe one day I'll make it to a gathering.

I just found a good book on the Inishowen peninsular where many of us Ewings spent a few generations. Some were on Inch Island, as you know. Mine were a few miles away in Glentogher.

I'm wondering, these days, what role James IV had in kicking the MacEwens out of Otter Ferry. He was sailing through the Isles and paling up with the Campbells for sure in 1493-1495 or so. My wife and I finally made it to the 'castle' site on Loch Fyne last August.

I recently composed a poem that came to mind when I thought of the extended family. I recited it to my wife Claudia while driving around Scotland on our first trip in 2011. I have a few more poems from that trip as well as the trip we took this year when we made it to the cairn on Loch Fyne.

Response from **David Neal Ewing**:

We've just finished the Friday morning presentations at the 2012 Gathering's presentations in Gallipolis, Ohio. As it happens, this was at almost the exact moment you sent your message, I was talking about the new National Geographic chip and how interesting it would be to have a few Ewings get the test. I understand that it includes some SNPs downstream from M222 and it would be of considerable interest if the Ewings happened to have any of these.

I think your poem is terrific and am sure that William Ewing 'Bill' Riddle, the *Journal's* Editor, will want to publish it in the *Journal* if you will permit this.

I know nothing of James IV. If you are up for researching this, please consider writing it up for us.

Response from **Steven C. Ewing**:

Of course use the poem.

I am going to dig deeper into James IV. I'll let you know if I find anything interesting to you and the Ewing Family Association membership.

Have a great weekend; my wife Claudia and I will spend it at the Highland Games in New Hampshire.

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

I'm very pleased to include your poem:

Home

Steven C. Ewing, 2012

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

By the way, my earliest known Ewing ancestor – James Ewing of Inch – resided, I believe, on Inch Island. I would be very interested in reading the book you mention about the Inishowen Peninsula. Please send me author/title information.

Response from **Steven C. Ewing**:

My family spent a hundred years or more a few miles from Inch, at Glentogher, on the Inishowen Peninsula. They were all Ewings from Scotland. The oldest I know of was born in Muff, and died in Glentogher. The immigrant left Glentogher in 1848 for Massachusetts, where my relatives settled. The book of history with art work is *Inishowen, Paintings and Stories From the Land of Eoghan*.²¹ I cannot believe your bunch on Inch Ewings and mine weren't somehow related.

Passings

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

Frank Elzia Ewing (1923-2012)

A testimonial from Larry Ewing (rkt881@earthlink.net).

Long-time Ewing Family Association member Frank E. Ewing (Member #649) of Bremerton, Washington, passed away on October 28, 2012, of a massive heart attack. Frank was born August 17, 1923, in Salem, Oregon, he was eighty-nine years old.

I first connected with Frank about 2006 via a Journal item in which he asked for information on Isaiah Ewing, his grandfather and my great-grandfather. Frank is a descendant of pioneer Pocahontas James Ewing and his son Indian John Ewing, (1747-1824).

I contacted Frank immediately as I had recently obtained the information he needed from my cousin along with many photos of family members. I made a trip north, 1,000 miles, to visit



²¹ Beattie, Sean, Martin Lynch and Ros Harvey (Illustrator). *Inishowen: Paintings and Stories from the Land of Eoghan*, Cottage Publications & Ballyhay Books (County Down, Ireland), 2000. Available for purchase from various Internet sites; google 'Inishowen: Paintings and Stories from the Land of Eoghan' to find them.

Frank and his loving family and we shared our family stories. Frank told me his father, also named Frank, left his mother and seven young children when Frank was about eight years old never to return. His mother returned to her home town of Portland, Oregon, and raised her children and never contacted Ewings again. As an adult, Frank became interested in finding out about the Ewing side of his family and did extensive research including joining the Ewing Family Association on his quest. He was my father's first cousin but they never met, nor did I know anything about Frank before his Ewing Family Association membership.

An avid electronics fan Frank built his first computer in the late 1970s and was an early user of the Internet. He identified more than 3,000 people in his genealogy database fanning out from his mother's side, Asher, and his Ewing side. We exchanged information providing early photos of his family he never knew existed, and, in turn, he shared his 3,000-plus data bank with me.

Frank, a WWII veteran, served in the U.S. Navy on board the USS Nevada. He retired in 1974 from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as a nuclear scheduler.

He is survived by his wife, Delores, the love of his life, married for sixty-five years, and his three children: Michael D. Ewing of Bremerton, Washington, Myrna D. McDonald and husband Tim of Sequim, Washington, and Peggy D. Dean and husband Cliff of Everett, Washington. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Sara Olivia (Stickley) Hummel (1926-2012)²²

Sara Olivia Stickley Hummel, 86, of Blacksburg, passed away peacefully after a four year battle with cancer on October 19, 2012. She was the widow of Richard LaRue Hummel. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Aden and her husband, Jack, of Richmond; two grandchildren, Sara Aden Hawk and her husband, Jeff, of Chesnee, S.C., Jeffry Sharp Aden, of Charlotte, N.C.; three great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Katie, and Cody. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Stickley; several cousins, nieces, nephews, and many wonderful friends.



Sara loved teaching third grade, bridge, and being with family and friends. Her memory will be cherished and never forgotten.

Funeral services will be held Monday, October 22, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Blacksburg United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Chris McLain officiating. Interment will follow in Westview Cemetery, Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Blacksburg United Methodist Church-Mission Program, P.O. Box 931, Blacksburg, VA 24063.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the Wonderful Staff of Medi-Hospice and the Cove nursing staff at Kroontje Health Care Center. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Sally A. (Ewing) Schmitt (1935-2012)²³

Sally A. Schmitt, 77, passed away Saturday, October 20, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born in Ft. Wayne, IN, Sally worked at Smitty's Lanes in Fort Wayne and also worked

²² Sara Olivia Hummel, Member #553, is a descendant of Alexander Ewing (1677-1739). Her obituary appeared on www.legacy.com.

²³ Sally A. Schmitt is a first cousin of EFA members Karen Avery, Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Jane (Ewing) Weippert.

at Kohl's Department Store for 13 years, retiring in 1997. She was a member of St Therese Catholic Church. She loved her family and was involved with her kids and grandkid's lives and sporting events. Surviving are her Spouse of 51 years, Richard F. Schmitt, daughter, Linda M. (Ken) Isenbarger, daughter, Lori A. Schmitt, and son, Craig S. (Tammy) Schmitt, grandchildren; Grant, Drew, and Megan Isenbarger, all of Fort Wayne. Sally was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Phyllis Ewing, and brother, Bruce A. Ewing. Service is at 11:00 am, Wednesday October 24, 2012 at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Rd with calling 1 hour prior. Fr. Lawrence Tete officiating. Calling at - D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Tuesday, October 23, 2012 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or American Diabetes Association .



Archivists' Message

Mary (Ewing) Gosline, EFA Archivist (MEGosline@verizon.net)

The Archivists, Esther Johnson and Mary Gosline, brought twelve boxes of materials to the 2012 Gathering of the Ewing Family Association (EFA) in Gallipolis, Ohio. It was exciting to see all of our cousins digging into the files and making copies to aid in their own research. Copies of the index for the Archives, which had been updated to include new donations since the 2010 Gathering, were available for EFA members to peruse. The new donations included books, cassettes, family files, miscellaneous files and administrative files.²⁴ Sections of the index include: The Margaret Ewing Fife Collection, The Ellsworth Samuel Ewing Collection, The Myrtle Roe Armstrong Collection, DVDs and Cassettes, Books, Family Files, Miscellaneous Files, and Administration.

Interest in donating the Archives to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been discussed over the past several years. In 2010, David Neal Ewing, Chancellor, appointed a committee to explore the possibility. The collection emphasis of the Genealogy Center is both local history materials from across North America and the British Isles and family history materials from around the world. The Center is interested in preserving books, pamphlets, family histories, manuscripts, letters, research notes, scrapbooks, photos, administrative files, floppy disks, DVDs and cassettes as well as photocopies of books, pamphlets, family histories, wills, deeds, tax records, letters, DAR and SAR applications, family group sheets, descendant charts, and notebooks of handwritten and typed research. In addition to the Center's first priority to preserve documents, the Center's second priority is to make documents accessible to family researchers.

Advantages and disadvantages of donating the EFA's Archives to the ACPL Center have been detailed in the last few issues of the *Journal*. The ACPL library is in a central geographical location of the country. It has outstanding facilities to preserve materials in humidity and temperature controlled environments. Accessibility through digitization is a major advantage.

The Archivists also prepared the materials to enable communication between the Archives Committee and the ACPL Genealogy Center. A spreadsheet was created with detailed information including

²⁴ For a history of the Archives see the Archivists' Message, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No 1 (February 2012), p. 89. For a brief description of the major collections, see *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 18, No 3 (August 2012), p. 63.

measurements and types of materials (original, photocopied, typed, and handwritten.) Duplicate items and items with copyrights were identified.

Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Daniel C. Ewing, members of the committee and Fort Wayne residents, as well as Wallace K. Ewing, EFA Board Chair, and his wife Jane, met with Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center, in May 2011 to discuss donating the archival materials to the Center. Many questions concerning copyright, information on living people, digitization, and other topics were explored. Beth and Wally met with Curt in August 2012 to discuss additional details.

At the 2012 Gathering of the Ewing Family Association, Curt Witcher spoke to the membership and held discussions with EFA members. He described procedures for processing and digitizing the Archives. The Archives Committee recommended that the Archives be donated to the Center in order for them to be preserved in a state-of-the-art facility and in order for the Archives to be more accessible between gatherings. The EFA Board voted to donate the Ewing Family Association Archives to the Genealogy Center. Materials donated to the Genealogy Center become the exclusive property of the Allen County Public Library.

Priorities of the Center are to preserve the materials and to provide access to the collection. These priorities prohibit removal of the materials. Researchers will have access to everything donated. Some materials will 'reside' online; some will be cataloged and shelved in the main research collection; and some will be in an archival storage area at the Center. Online access will be through the Genealogy Center's web page, www.genealogycenter.org. It will be possible to download files as PDF files.

This will be a long-term project because of the time the Archives Committee needs to prepare materials and metadata (description details) as well as the time required for processing at the Center. Digitization of significant quantities of the materials will make them widely accessible on the Internet. The quantity of materials digitized will be dependent upon legal constraints, as well as time and the financial resources of the Genealogy Center. All digitizing will be done with cameras and saved as TIFF files, which are more stable, will last longer, and be better quality than other types of files. Digitization is made possible through a variety of options including staff, trained volunteers and outside companies. Criteria for digitization are based on the condition and viability of the item. Handwritten research letters and notes will be digitized. Small pieces of paper will be digitized and saved onto a regular size sheet of paper. Bible records will be transcribed as well as digitized.

It is hoped that some of the collection will be digitized and available online by the time of the next (2014) gathering. Books in the public domain can be digitized. The Genealogy Center does not provide online access to data about living individuals except for photographs of adults and family photographs. The Center appreciates duplicates of items in their collection, especially if the duplicate item is in better condition than the Center's copy or has research notes added. Corrections are accepted and added to the originals as a separate sheet. The originals are not changed.

Copyrighted materials will not be presented online without permission from the author, publisher or copyright holder. Research that was done for hire will not be posted online without the permission of the researcher. The Center will take responsibility for obtaining permissions from families and individuals when possible. If permission is not obtained, the materials will be kept in the physical collection.

The Genealogy Center and the EFA look forward to an active collaboration with regard to the collection. The EFA will support the collection and encourage its growth. Support will include continuing to provide materials such as photographs, letters, diaries and original Ewing family information. It may also include identifying and making the Center aware of Ewing family materials that would be important to those

doing Ewing research. Working with individuals who would be willing to loan their materials for digitization, but do not want to donate their materials to the Center, may also be a task for the future.

After the 2012 Gathering, Curt Witcher delivered part of the EFA collection to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. This included the Ellsworth Samuel Ewing Collection, Books, Family Files, and Miscellaneous Files. Preparation of the other sections will be continued.

During 2012, items from The James Roland McMichael Collection were donated to the EFA. An addition to the current index is being created by the Archive Committee for these materials. More materials may be added to this collection. Other donations were received at the 2012 Gathering and will be cataloged.

Mary Gosline

Merchandise Coordinator's Message

Virginia Ewing Okie, Merchandise Coordinator (VMiniOkie@gmail.com)

Still Looking for that Perfect Holiday Gift?

Limited supplies of the following Ewing-oriented Merchandise are available:



Golf Shirts



T-Shirts



Sweat Shirts



Tote Bags



Caps

Please contact me at VMiniOkie@gmail.com to find out about available sizes and their reduced Holiday pricing.

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Genealogy How To's

This section presents information about how best to carry out the 'work' of genealogy: search the Internet; explore libraries; capture found information; analyze conflicting information; make and test reasonable hypotheses; prepare 'bare bones' reports concerning one's ancestors and descendants; handle images; write narratives reporting the lives and times of one's ancestors; and write historical novels based on one's ancestors. It contains 'been there and done that' articles based on the authors' experiences. It also contains articles from technology 'experts' who can advise readers on the values of and differences among various software options and their usage options. The overall, long-range intent is to help readers more effectively and efficiently carry out their genealogy work and most helpfully disseminate their results to a broad audience.

Materials for Tombstone Rubbing

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As I've argued in a previous article, *Tombstone Genealogy*,¹ and in the *Tombstone Rubbing: A Genealogical Tool* presentation by Wally and me during the 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis, Ohio, tombstone rubbing is comparatively easy and inexpensive, and needs few materials. It is similar to rubbing an Indian head nickel with pencil and paper. You will need: a heelball, thin but strong paper, masking or electrical tape, and a soft brush or duster for cleaning the stone of grit and moss. A heelball is a hard stick of wax; I recommend a brand called Astral. To make the rubbing, you place paper over an engraved stone, tape it down securely, and rub over the lettering and embellishments with the heelball. The design appears on the paper – engraved lines remaining white. You should get permission to rub from a cemetery sexton, or the church minister, vicar or rector.



After Wally's and my presentation during the 2012 Gathering, I was asked for information about where to purchase materials for rubbing. I obtained supplies while in England, but there are sources here in the United States. For those who wish to pursue rubbing their ancestor's engraved headstones, the following is a list of suppliers for the materials:

- Harvard Square Art Center, 1099 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 01238
- New York Central Supply Company, 62 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10003
- Oakes on the Hill, 10 Thomas Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02920
- Stafford-Reeves, Inc., 626 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10014
- Phillips and Page Ltd, 50 Kensington Church Street, London, W8, England

I hope that this helps you in your quest to make rubbings. If you need further advice, please call me at +1 616.928.4016 or EMail me at JaneEwing@charter.net.

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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.

British Military Questions

Query from Louis Lehmann (+1 253.472.2556, LouLehmann@comcast.net)

I have confirmed that my ancestor, James Ewing, deserted from the 42nd Regiment (Black Watch) at New York in 1782. I have a copy of a 1790 letter he wrote to family in Scotland which discusses this desertion.

I'd like to know what the following extract of the letter suggests to anyone as to his position in the British Army, which he indicates is something different than "private soldier." Does his "station in the army" suggest that he might have been a contracted musician (as some on-line sources have indicated was the case with some in military "bands of music" at that time)? Or would his "station" suggest a rank different from "private soldier." The vocabulary suggests to me that he was fairly well educated and I know he eventually became a schoolmaster and then a Baptist minister in New Jersey after his desertion.

I would much appreciate any opinions, conjectures, guesses, thoughts, or suggestions of other resources that I could affordably explore to answer such questions. (By the way: The National Archives advises that they have no records of Revolutionary soldiers in North America and the Black Watch web site says they are no longer doing research.) Thanks much, in advance, for any suggestions.

What country my wife is of. She was born on Long Island near New York where I married her June 30, 1782. She has born me in this place four boys, the youngest about 8 months old. ... I deserted from the British Army on the 15th of September following. Let this suffice for the present that I never from the first approved of the conduct of the King and ministry respecting America. That was so long before I did it was because of my station in the army, which for three years before I did leave them excluded me from an opportunity to do it, in which time I was a fixed whig in sentiment. ... When I left them I was in great hazard of being taken by the refuge tories but that God in whose strength I undertook the difficult enterprise protected, yea: singularly protected me and brought me and soon after me my wife in safety to this place, where excepting about ten weeks I have lived ever since, the character of a deserter was as

odious to the people here as in Scotland, occasioned by the immoral conduct of those who has before me been among them, but by the kind care of an indulgent Providence I soon found friends who have shone [sic] themselves such in the time of my adversity. Your questions respecting the pension is I think now answered The place where I left them was about 17 miles from New York on a foraging party, the bands of music not being ordered to stay in camp (7 miles from New York as was common). As to fatigue I had not so large a share of it as private Soldiers, though I had a considerable one.

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

This from Wikipedia's Military Bands item (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_bands) might be of interest:

Historically each regiment in the British Army maintained its own military band. Until 1749 bandsmen were civilians hired at the expense of the colonel commanding a regiment. Subsequently they became regular enlisted men who accompanied the unit on active service to provide morale enhancing music on the battlefield or, from the late nineteenth century on, to act as stretcher bearers. Instruments during the 18th century included fifes, drums, the hautbois [oboe], French horn, clarinet and bassoon.

And from the International Military Music web site (www.imms-uk.org.uk/page3.html):

Scottish regiments had long enjoyed unofficial pipers going to battle with clan chiefs but six pipers were authorised by the War Office for Highland Regiments in 1854, for the Scots Guards in 1856 and for Lowland and Irish Regiments in the 1900s.

The DRÖTT web site about The Bands of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) (military-bands.co.uk/black_watch.html) has more specific information to do with this regiment:

Inspection reports from as early as 1768 refer to pipers in the 42nd, and in 1773 mention is made of '2 pipers and a very good Band of Music'. Two years later this band is shown as '10 Music', and by 1790 it had more than doubled to 21 musicians.

It might well be that the current musicians of the Royal Regiment of Scotland (which incorporates the Black Watch) would be interested in this letter. I don't know whether British Army service records go back to 1782, but if so there'll doubtless be mention of your ancestor there.

Are you familiar with Whigs and Tories - the great historical division in British politics, with repercussions even today? In general, Whig sentiment was sympathetic to the American.

Response from Harry Holgate (HHolgate@qnet.com)

You could contact the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution (www.dar.org). They maintain great records. There are at least four James Ewings posted on their site. He could be seen as having given 'patriotic service' to the Colonists. Find your nearest chapter and ask for help.

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.

www.americanancestors.org/home.html.

2014 Fall: Thirteenth Gathering of the Ewing Family Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

??? 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.



From 1955: I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

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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 February 1995 issue was designated as Vol. 1, No. 3 as it was the third issue of the *Journal*. The *Journal* is currently published quarterly in February, 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, 500 Rodeo Road #823, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. If you would like to discuss a potential submission, please call William E. Riddle at +1 505.988.1092.