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Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 10 **Her Famous Friends in Philadelphia from 1779 to 1844**

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Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson
 (20 Jan 1751 -24 May 1844)
 Charles Willson Peale 1797

Introduction

Part 10 continues the story of famous and interesting historic people in Amy's life (January 20, 1751-May 24 1844). Some of these people had EWING for a last name, some were Amy's immediate family, others married into Amy's family, and some worked in the US Mint in Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. As we learned in previous *Ewing Family Journal* (EFJ) articles, Amy knew famous doctors, scientists, artists, engineers, professors, congressmen, senators, senior military officers and US Presidents and First Ladies.

This chapter centers on the life of famous people and events that Amy and many of her fellow Philadelphians (especially members of the Ewing Clan) recorded in their personal diaries 200 years ago. We know some of the events were the subject of front page newspaper articles during 1822 to 1825.

A Second Theatre on Chestnut Street Opens in 1822

A Philadelphia City Directory in 1822 listed Robert Patterson, Director of the US Mint, as residing at 285 Chestnut Street. In that year, the Second Chestnut Street Theatre rose from the ashes of the first. The First Chestnut Street Theatre was established in 1805, but in 1820 a suspicious fire destroyed the theatre along with its library, music, scenery, and costumes.¹

Two years later, the Second Chestnut Street Theatre was remodeled, just down the street from Amy's home near the corner of Sixth Street across from Congress Hall.

It was designed in the custom of the day, which included triple tiers of boxes making a horseshoe around the orchestra and apron of the stage that accommodated 2,000 theater goers.



Interior of Second Theatre on Chestnut Street



Exterior of Second Theatre on Chestnut Street

¹ Chestnut Street Theatre, Wikipedia, references The Chestnut Theatre Project.

Amy Becomes a Widow on July 22, 1824

Robert Patterson passed at the age of 81. "In the last months of 1823, Patterson's health began to fail. He became nervous and quite sensitive to sudden noises. The simple mislaying of one of his papers agitated him. He seemed to feel the cold as never before. The doctor did not detect any signs of diagnostic illness and attributed his discomfort to old age. Sensing that his health would worsen, Patterson roughed out a letter to the President of the United States [Monroe], in which he submitted his resignation from the Mint."⁶ Hardly legible, this unsigned, undated, unaddressed note was never revised and never mailed to the President. The good news is that the doctor did not find any illness -- because in those days the medical profession was still "bleeding" patients to rid them of what ailed them. "Instead Patterson's health improved as did the weather, and he returned to his duties."⁷

In May when he had just turned 81, his health was good enough for him to serve as a lay delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. "However, his health again showed signs of deterioration, and the concentration and close confinement of the meetings visibly affected him. The decay of old age hastened as he lost appetite and strength and required careful nourishment.

A month later on June 27, 1824, Patterson wrote his last letter as Director of the Mint and offered his resignation as soon as a successor was chosen. He was unable to speak, communicating only by signs. Atropos hovered around his bed, waiting to cut the thread of life."⁸

"Mr. Patterson was a man of great learning, distinguished as a Philosopher. He was for many years President of the American Philosophical Society. He was a tender Father, a devoted friend, generous, hospitable, he was plain in his manners, venerable in his appearance. He lived like my aunt to an advanced age, above eighty years. He was a great many years elder of the Presbyterian Church in Spruce Street, Philadelphia. Of all the men I have known I think Uncle Patterson was the most attentive to his religious duties."⁹

The minutes of the America Philosophical Society meeting on August 20, 1824, recorded the following: "The Committee to wait on the family of the late President, to express the regret of the Society at his loss, reported Mrs. Patterson's [Amy's] grateful acknowledgements."¹⁰

Lafayette Returns to Philadelphia

In 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman, was the last surviving general of the American War of Independence. That year, the United States Congress issued a formal invitation for him to visit the United States. Penned by President James Monroe, it informed the Marquis that "the whole nation ardently desire to see you again among them."¹¹ So far, my research tells me Robert Patterson probably did not meet General Lafayette when he spent the first part of winter 1780 in Philadelphia. However, the American Philosophical Society elected him as its first foreign member in 1782.

**General Lafayette**

By: Matthew H. Joeutt, 1825

⁶ A Record of the families of Robert Patterson (The Elder) from Ireland to America; Thomas Ewing, from Ireland 1718; and Louis DuBois, from France 1660; connected by Marriage of Uriah DuBois with Martha Patterson, 1798, Part First, containing Patterson lineage by DuBois, William E. (William Ewing) 1810-1881...published 1847.

⁷ Ibid.

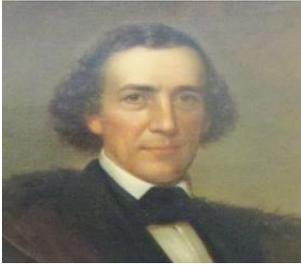
⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, minutes of the August 20, 1824 meeting.

¹¹ Lafayette Welcoming Parade of 1924 (Philadelphia), Wikipedia, with 11 references, December 4, 2017.

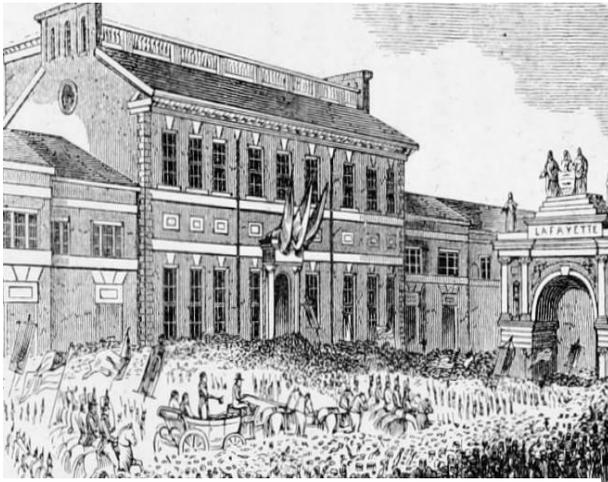
In previous articles, we covered the famous Americans that Amy and her family met or viewed in a parade. The most famous parade celebrity viewed by the Ewings and Pattersons was Benjamin Franklin after he returned to America in 1787. Of course, because of Robert's official positions in the US Mint, the University of Pennsylvania, and the American Philosophical Society over their years in Philadelphia, they met many of early America's high-profile personalities including Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe.



Robert Maskell Patterson
By Samuel F. DuBois, c. 1855

Now a famous foreigner called "the greatest man in the world" was coming to the streets and institution of Philadelphia. On his way from New York to Philadelphia, Lafayette stopped at the scenes of old battles at Trenton and Princeton. One of Amy's cousins probably met Lafayette in Trenton.

Maskell Ewing II, born on January 30, 1758, was elected clerk of the New Jersey Assembly before he was 21. He removed to Trenton and held the office for 21 years. He was admitted to the bar in 1788 and practiced there until 1803 when he moved to Pennsylvania. As we know of the standard protocol of the Lafayette tour, the members of the New Jersey Assembly met Lafayette as he toured the battlefield in Trenton.



Lafayette Parade, Philadelphia, 1824

Lafayette and his entourage arrived on the outskirts of Philadelphia on September 27, 1825. The next day an enormous 6,000-man military escort drawn from the Pennsylvania militia was assembled. At 8 a.m., a 100-gun salute to Lafayette was fired. He was, thereafter, driven at the head of the troops into the city in a carriage drawn by six white horses. He was accompanied by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams. Amy and Robert had been acquainted with his dad, President John Adams, in the 1790s, and now Amy and her family, siblings and cousins, living in and around Philadelphia, were able to observe John Quincy Adams in the parade. Robert Maskell Patterson met him at the APS reception. Lafayette's secretary, Auguste Levasseur, described the scene in a journal he kept of the tour:

"Never could it be more truly said that a whole population came out to see Lafayette; none remained at home but those who age and feebleness detained. Stages had been erected on each side of the street, as high as the eaves of houses, for accommodation of spectators."¹²

Since Amy and RMP's families lived just down the street from Independence Hall, we can be 100% sure that they viewed Lafayette's welcoming parade. Also that day, Amy's family and relatives heard the original "yet to be cracked" Liberty Bell ring again!

¹² Lafayette Welcoming Parade of 1824 (Philadelphia), Wikipedia, with 11 references, December 4, 2017.

In the August minutes of the American Philosophical Society: "Lafayette's reception: On the motion of Mr. Vaughn, it was Resolved, "That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the proper reception of our illustrious associate General Lafayette; to ascertain when it may be convenient to him to meet the Society; to prepare an address to be delivered on the occasion; and to call a special meeting at the time which the General shall appoint."¹³

"This motion being adopted, the Vice Presidents and Secretaries were chosen for the Committee."¹⁴ Amy's son, Robert Maskell Patterson (RMP) was a Secretary of the APS at the time and participated in inviting Lafayette to meet with the APS members. Ultimately, General Lafayette chose October 1, 1824, to meet with the Society. At that gathering, Lafayette was presented "a copy of the New Series of our Transactions, a copy of our Historical Transactions, and a copy of our Catalogue, all handsomely bound."¹⁵

Historical Society of Pennsylvania Founded After Lafayette Visit

"In the stories carried by Philadelphia's newspaper, it is possible to trace the public's growing awareness of the city's history, for in the early part of the 19th century, America began to identify its historical image."¹⁶ The impulse that set this trend in action in Philadelphia had been Lafayette's visit in August 1824. Civic-minded citizens were pleased to recall the founding of the city. On October 24th, they met in the Letitia House, a building then associated with William Penn, to commemorate the 142nd anniversary of his landing in 1682."¹⁷ From this occasion was born the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. A month later the Society was founded.

Amy's 1st Cousin and Future Wife of William Tecumseh Sherman is Born

Eleanor Boyle "Ellen" Ewing, the future wife of General William Tecumseh Sherman, was born on 4 October 1824. She is the granddaughter of George Ewing (1754-1824) from Greenwich, New Jersey, who was the paternal first cousin twice removed of Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson. Ellen's grandfather, George, served in the New Jersey Militia in the Revolutionary War. There is a diary kept by him from November 11, 1775 to May 21, 1778, covering his days serving the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War (available online).

George came home to Greenwich after his military service and married Rachel Harris on August 10, 1778. "Destitute, like many new American soldiers found fortune and a life in the West---the West at that time being western Virginia."¹⁸ "George Ewing moved his family to a dirt farm in West Liberty . . ." ¹⁹ In 1789, a "Thomas Ewing" (1789-1871) was born to Rachel in West Liberty, Virginia (now West Virginia). Three years later, this Ewing family moved to Lancaster in central Ohio. "This is where the family's meandering ended."²⁰



Eleanor B. "Ellen" Ewing

¹³ Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, minutes of the August 20, 1824 meeting.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ Philadelphia, A 300-Year History, W.W. Norton & Company, copyright 1982, The Barra Foundation.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁸ Thomas Ewing, Jr., *Frontier Lawyers and Civil War General*, Ronald D. Smith, University of Missouri Press, 2008.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*

²⁰ Thomas Ewing, Jr., *Frontier Lawyers and Civil War General*, Ronald D. Smith, University of Missouri Press, 2008.



**General William Tecumseh Sherman
1820-1891**

Lancaster at the time was not much more than a fortified stockade to deter marauding Indian bands. "By day Thomas Ewing labored on his father's farm and taught himself to read. Indeed, he read books so rapidly that the family suspected some sort of genius with him. He was among the first American college graduates west of the Alleghenies. In 1816, Thomas was admitted to the Bar after studying with Philemon Beecher."²¹

Three years later, he married Maria Wills Boyle after finding a way to bridge the chasm between his own Presbyterianism and the Roman Catholicism of the lady he wanted to marry. "He tolerated Catholicism because she demanded it of him. In return, she bore him seven children, over seventeen years, all in the big house at High and Main Streets in Lancaster."²²

Over the years Thomas and his wife, Maria, took in children from other family members, and in 1829, the Ewings took in nine-year-old Tecumseh Sherman, as a result of a heart attack suffered by their neighbor Charles Sherman, Tecumseh's father. Mary Sherman had to divide her eleven children among relatives and friends. "Thomas Ewing took over Sherman's debts and volunteered to take "Cump" Sherman into his home. This was fine with Maria Ewing, except she insisted that no boy would live in the Ewing house without a proper first name, so the Christian name William was given to the redheaded boy."²³

"William" was educated with the Ewing children. His foster father was elected to the US Senate in 1831. Senator Ewing saw William as a perfect selection for an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point. In the summer of 1836, the Senator made one of his last appointments and the future General Sherman was accepted to West Point.

In 1850, "Cump" married Ewing's daughter, Ellen, in a ceremony at Blair House in Washington, D.C., during which time her father was the Secretary of the Interior. The marriage was attended by President Zachary Taylor. The William T. Shermans had eight children.

"...men who have pride in their descent do for the most part back their genealogy along the male line, forgetting that their ancestors all had mothers who had their full share in forming the physical, moral and mental man."²⁴

Senator Thomas Ewing

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

²³ Portrait of General William Tecumseh Sherman, History.com Editors, Publisher A&E Television Networks, June 10, 2019.

²⁴ Ohio Archaeology and Historical Quarterly, Vol XXII, January, 1913, No.1, Columbus, Ohio, Press of the F.J. Heer Printing Co. 1913.



Thomas Ewing (2nd from left), First Secretary of the Interior, President Zachary Taylor's Cabinet



**Thomas Ewing (1789-1871) Home
Lancaster, Ohio**

Outline Descendant Report for Amy Hunter Ewing

- 1 Amy Hunter Ewing b: 20 Jan 1751 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 23 May 1844 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Buried at Laurel Hills May 25, 1844
- + Robert Patterson b: 30 May 1743 in Hillsborough, Down, Northern Ireland, m: 09 May 1774 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 22 Jul 1824 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Laurel Hill Cemetery
- ...2 Thomas Ewing Patterson b: 04 Mar 1775 in Greenwich, New Jersey, d: 19 Jan 1776 in Greenwich, New Jersey
- ...2 Mary Padgett Patterson b: 1777, d: 24 Feb 1861 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
- + Samuel Moore b: 08 Feb 1774 in Deerfield, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, m: 14 Mar 1798, d: 18 Feb 1861 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Elizabeth Moore b: 24 Feb 1812 in Pennsylvania, d: 11 Nov 1896 in Pennsylvania
- + Clement Finley b: 11 May 1797 in Newville, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 1832 in Philadelphia, d: 08 Sep 1879 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania; Woodlands Cemetery Philadelphia PA
- ...2 Martha Patterson b: 30 Jul 1779, d: 25 Oct 1856
- + Uriah DuBois b: 25 Feb 1768 in Pittsgrove, Salem, New Jersey, USA, m: 20 Jun 1798 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 10 Sep 1821 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Charles Ewing DuBois b: 16 Jul 1799 in Deep Run Paronage, Bucks, Pennsylvania USA
-3 Emilu Emilia DuBois b: 1803 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Robert Patterson DuBois b: 1805 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
- + Jane Haight Latta b: 1810, m: 06 Apr 1830 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1853
-3 Samuel DuBois b: 1809
-3 William Ewing DuBois b: 15 Dec 1810 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 14 Jul 1881
- + Susanna Eckfeldt b: 17 Feb 1810 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 14 Oct 1841 in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 26 May 1890 in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Matilda DuBois b: 1813 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Louis DuBois b: 1814 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Mary DuBois b: 1817 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
- ...2 William Ewing Patterson b: 29 Mar 1782 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 12 Apr 1829 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
- + Ellen Thornton b: 1778 in Apollo, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1860 in Dalton, Whitfield, Georgia, USA
-3 Mary Patterson b: 23 Nov 1801 in Pennsylvania, Somerset, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 21 Mar 1880 in Mill Hall, Clinton, Pennsylvania, USA
- + William Stover b: 1795 in Pennsylvania, Somerset, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 1818, d: 1857 in Clinton, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Margaret Patterson b: 1802
-3 Nancy Patterson b: 1804, d: 1878
-3 Ellen Patterson b: 28 Feb 1806 in Washington Count, Pennsylvania, d: 22 Nov 1886 in Dalton, Whitfield, Georgia, USA
- + Robert McKissen b: 1786, d: 1860
-3 David Patterson b: 1810
- ...2 Emma Patterson b: 04 Sep 1784 in Bucks County pa, d: Unknown in Probably Paris
- + Samuel J. Fisher b: 1782 in Cape May, Cape May, New Jersey, USA, m: 03 Jun 1807 in Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Joseph Coleman Fisher b: May 1809
- + Sarah Lindsay
-3 Mary Fisher b: 1811
-3 Emma Fisher b: 1813
-3 Helen Fisher
- ...2 Robert Maskell Patterson b: 23 Mar 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 05 Sep 1854 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Buried at Laurel Hills

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Outline Descendant Report for Amy Hunter Ewing (con'd.)

- + Helen Hamilton Leiper b: 20 Apr 1792 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 20 Apr 1814 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 17 Dec 1874 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Buried at Laurel Hills
-3 Elizabeth Leiper Patterson b: 17 Apr 1815 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 28 Sep 1844
+ John Taylor b: 1810 in Caroline County, VA, m: 14 Feb 1832
-3 Thomas Leiper Patterson b: 1816 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1905
+ Louisa Ann Sprigg b: 18 Feb 1825 in Cumberland, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 20 Jun 1847 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: Nov 1899
-3 Robert Maskell Patterson Jr. b: 04 Feb 1819 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1909 in Blacksburg, Montgomery, Virginia
+ Rebecca West Nevins b: 08 Dec 1820, m: 07 Oct 1845 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 11 Jul 1861 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA
+ Maria Hawn m: 1868, d: 1874 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA
+ Mary (Hawn) Pollard b: 04 Apr 1842 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA, m: 1880, d: 1912 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Emma Patterson b: 1821 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1843
+ John G. Campbell m: 1841
-3 Mary Gray Patterson b: 10 Apr 1822 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 10 Feb 1905 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Buried at Woodland Cemetery
+ Samuel Field b: 12 Aug 1823 in Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 07 Oct 1847 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 09 Jan 1891 in Philadelphia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, USA; Buried at Woodland Cemetery
-3 Helen Hamilton Patterson b: 1825 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 1919
+ James Wiltbank Robins b: 30 Sep 1831 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, m: 17 Jun 1856 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, d: 1919 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- ...2 Susanna A. Patterson b: 25 Aug 1790 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, d: 1795 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- ...2 Elizabeth Matilda Patterson b: 13 Feb 1794 in Doylestown, Bucks, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 18 Jul 1880 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; laurel hill cemetary 21 jul 1880
+ William Harris MD b: 18 Aug 1792 in East Whiteland, Chester, Pennsylvania, USA, m: 20 Apr 1820, d: 03 Mar 1861 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
-3 Emma Ewing Harris b: 27 Jan 1821 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 30 Jan 1903 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; New Brunswick, middlesex county, new jersery
+ Nathan Dow Benedict b: 1815, m: 25 Apr 1844 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, d: 30 Apr 1871 in St. Augustine, Florida
-3 Robert P Harris b: 1822, d: 1899
-3 John C Harris b: 1824, d: 1841
-3 Mary Fisher Harris b: 1826, d: 1853
-3 Matilda M Harris b: 1829, d: 1903
-3 William Harris b: 1831, d: 1885
+ Christina Van Alen Butler

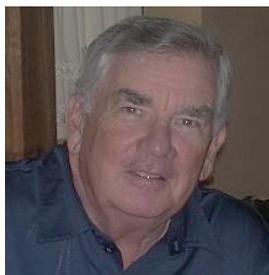
Outline Descendant Report for George Ewing

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- 1 George Ewing b: 18 Mar 1754 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 15 Jan 1824 in Perry, Indiana, USA
 + Rachel Harris b: 1754, m: 10 Aug 1778 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 1825
- ...2 George Ewing b: 11 Mar 1779 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 28 Nov 1849 in Perry, Indiana, USA
 + Hannah Boyles b: 07 Nov 1789 in Ames, Athens, Ohio, USA, m: 19 Aug 1809 in Ames, Athens, Ohio, USA, d: 12 Mar 1848 in Perry, Indiana, USA
-3 Nathaniel Harris Ewing b: 13 Dec 1811 in Athens, Ohio, USA, d: 09 Dec 1892 in Gillespie, Macoupin, Illinois, USA
 + Margaret Curtis Dunn b: 21 Feb 1814 in Kentucky, USA, m: 26 Aug 1832 in Perry, Indiana, USA, d: 30 Apr 1894 in Gillespie, Macoupin, Illinois, USA
-4 Maskell J Ewing b: 02 May 1836 in Perry, Indiana, USA, d: 06 Nov 1869 in Gillespie, Macoupin, Illinois, USA
-4 Lydianne Ewing b: 1837 in Indiana USA
-4 William H Ewing b: 25 Apr 1840 in Indiana USA, d: 25 Mar 1913 in Henderson, Kentucky, USA
 + Mary Ellen Myers b: 14 Jul 1840 in Perry, Indiana, USA, m: 25 Nov 1860 in Perry, Indiana, USA, d: 1918 in 18 Jun 1918; Henderson, Kentucky, USA
-4 Robert Thomas Ewing b: Nov 1844 in Indiana USA, d: 01 May 1922 in Litchfield, Montgomery, Illinois, USA
 + Didama Lavana Manley b: Mar 1850 in Illinois, USA, m: 08 Aug 1867 in Macoupin, Illinois, USA, d: 16 May 1917 in Litchfield, Montgomery, Illinois, USA
-4 George Ewing b: 1848
 + Salenia Manley b: 1848 in Illinois, USA, m: 01 Oct 1873 in Macoupin, Illinois, USA
-5 Ada Ewing b: 1875
-4 Hannah Matilda Ewing b: 10 Nov 1850 in Indiana, USA
-4 Margaret Ewing b: 1852 in Kentucky, USA
-3 James Vickery Ewing b: 01 Nov 1813 in Athens, Ohio, USA, d: 21 Jan 1884 in Allamakee, Iowa, USA
 + Elizabeth French b: 1819, m: 12 Apr 1835 in Perry County, Indiana, d: 1905
-4 Alexander Ewing b: 10 Mar 1843 in Perry County, Indiana, d: 1902 in Wellston, Oklahoma
 + Mary Frances Harrison b: 1849, d: 1887
-5 Melinda Lenora Ewing b: 18 Jan 1866 in Waukon, Allamakee, Iowa, USA, d: 25 Feb 1955 in Kalispell Northwest, Flathead, Montana, USA
 + Oliver Cromwell White b: 28 Mar 1857 in Allamakee, Iowa, USA, d: 29 May 1939 in Mission Valley, Treasure, Montana
-6 Obert White b: 1907 in Iowa City, Wright, Iowa, USA
 + [unknown spouse]
-7 Timothy White
 + [unknown spouse]
-8 Aaron White
- ...2 Abigail Padgett Ewing b: 01 Feb 1781, d: 15 Dec 1865 in Handsboro, Harrison, Mississippi, USA
- ...2 Sarah Ewing b: 1783, d: 1833
- ...2 Rachel Ewing b: 26 Dec 1785 in Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey, USA, d: 1835 in Fairfield, Ohio, USA
- ...2 Hannah Harris Ewing b: 26 Jul 1787 in Short Creek, Brooke, West Virginia, USA, d: 19 Dec 1860 in Urbana, Champaign, Illinois, USA
- ...2 Thomas Ewing b: 28 Dec 1789 in West Liberty, Ohio, Virginia; Now West Virginia, d: 26 Oct 1871 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA
 + Maria Wills Boyle b: 1801, m: 17 Jan 1819 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, d: 1864
-3 Philemon Beecher Ewing b: 1820, d: 1896
-3 George Ewing b: 1822, d: 1823
-3 Eleanor Boyle "Ellen" Ewing b: 1824 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, d: 1888 in New York City, New York, USA

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- + William Tecumseh Sherman b: 08 Feb 1820 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, m: 01 May 1850 in Blair House, Washington, DC, d: 14 Feb 1891 in New York, New York, New York, USA
-4 Maria Ewing Sherman b: 28 Jan 1851 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, d: 22 Nov 1913 in Gulfport, Harrison, Mississippi, USA
 - + Thomas William Fitch b: 01 Oct 1843 in New York City, New York, USA, d: 08 Apr 1915 in Brooklyn, Kings, New York, USA
-4 William Tecumseh Sherman b: 1854, d: 1863
-4 Thomas Ewing Sherman b: 12 Oct 1856 in San Francisco, San Francisco, California, USA, d: 29 Apr 1933 ; Catholic Priest
-4 Eleanor Mary Sherman b: 05 Sep 1859 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, d: 18 Jul 1915 in Neuilly, France
-3 Hugh Boyle Ewing b: 31 Oct 1826 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, d: 30 Jun 1905 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA
 - + Henrietta Young b: 1835, m: 1857, d: 1880
-3 Thomas Ewing b: 1829, d: 1896
-3 Charles Ewing b: 06 Mar 1835 in Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio, USA, d: 20 Jun 1883 in Washington City, District Of Columbia, District of Columbia, USA
 - + Virginia Larwell Miller
-4 Kathleen Ewing
-4 Blaine Ewing
-4 Elizabeth Ewing
-4 Elinor Ewing
-4 Charles Ewing
-4 John K. Ewing
-4 Maria Ewing
-3 Maria Theresa "Sis" Ewing b: 1837, d: 1910
- ...2 Jane Hunter Ewing b: 26 Apr 1792 in Wheeling, West Virginia, d: 05 Apr 1877 in Handsboro, Harrison, Mississippi, USA
 - + Elijah Latimer



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William Belford Ewing Manuscript – Part 3

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With our vessel now painted and all in order, we sailed for Martinico and had a fair run from abreast the sugar loafs of St. Lucia at sunrise to anchor at St. Pierre before sundown. After remaining a short time in port, we sailed for Demarara to touch at Tobago and Barbados. We remained at Tobago several days, but in consequence of our Boatswain requiring my constant attention, having had the yellow fever and recovering very slowly, I saw but little of the Island except as we were sailing past. The harbor in which we lay was much frequented by flocks of Pelicans and I observed some negroes whilst on shore dressing a small alligator which I was told they were going to eat.



William Belford Ewing

Our visit to Bridgetown, Barbados, was very pleasant. I admired the appearance of the Island from the sea, the Town is quite extensive and well-built and one of the most ancient in the West Indies.

[WBE Note: I did not mention that upon our return from Grenada to Martinico, our Lieutenants Hutchinson and Predon left us, and were succeeded by Banks, a young Englishman, and Sharpe, a young Scotchman.]

We were about eight days from Barbados to Demerara. Two nights before we arrived, we were struck by a squall with a heavy fall of rain which came on so suddenly that before the officer of the watch, Lieut. Banks, could take in sail, the vessel was so hove down that water was washing over the lee bulwark which was five feet high. At the same time, our main hatches were open. Nothing but a protecting Providence and the strength of a full watch upon deck saved us from instant foundering. I

heard the rush of the water but was not aware of our imminent danger until next morning. It was upon this coast, some years after, the United States' ship *Insurgent* and the *Pickering* Brig were lost and never again heard of.

We went up the Demerara River to the Town, and afterwards up the Berbica, about sixty miles to the southward of the Demerara. The whole coast is alluvial, extremely fertile, but for excessive heat, mosquitoes, and yellow fever cannot, I presume, be exceeded in the whole world. We remained here about six weeks and lost an old and very intemperate Man of War's man by the name of Gibson who died in a fit.

[WBE Note: At the time of Gibson's death, I was lying upon a table standing just back of the companionway upon the quarter deck, under the awning with a green baize spread over it, with my pillow from the berth under my head, taking a nap, and Gibson who had been for some days laboring under mania a potu, with a constant hiccough, which I in vain attempted to relieve, was lying upon the deck just in front of the table when I was suddenly startled by someone pulling violently at the tablecloth. Upon looking up, I found it was the old man endeavoring thus to attract my attention. He was sitting up attempting to speak and apparently in great distress when taking his clasp knife out of his trousers picket, he took hold of the lashing of the binnacle which was within his reach and having cut it loose, immediately fell back in a fit and died.]

I was on shore a great deal, went up the Berbide River in a boat about forty miles, visited many estates, and became very well acquainted with several Dutch planters, noticed with attention the coffee tree, its produce and the mode of preparing it for use and exportation. The abundance of fruit, oranges, shaddocks, etc., was far beyond anything I had seen before. The woods abound with deer, monkeys,

and baboons of great size, one of which very much alarmed a party of our sailors shooting at Toucans and Parrots, which are to be found in great numbers, with various other birds of the most brilliant plumage.

Upon our return, we again touched at Barbados. At Martinico, we remained some time and our crew were paid off. Most of the men again entered, and we again sailed for St. Thomas, touching as usual at St. Kitts. At St. Thomas's I found my good friend Mr. Pollard, and being now satisfied with the contract service, I received my pay, having been on board about six months and again took up my quarters at Mrs. Wilson's.

Being now resolved to return home, I paid a short visit, but very agreeable one, to St. Croix, and in a few days sailed in the Danish Brig, *Cap. Peterson*, for Norfolk in Virginia, where we arrived in twenty-eight days after a very boisterous passage upon the 13th of January, 1799.

[WBE Note: Just before I left St. Croix for America, I met upon the wharf a sailor late of the Concord, who told me a few days after she left St. Thomas's, she was captured by a large French ship of war. I since learned that such was the fact. Before I left the Concord, there came on board of her a Lieutenant of a British Man of War, who by some means had been left on shore by his ship, which he was extremely anxious to join. It was said that the Concord was captured by running under the guns of the frigate supposing her to be a British Ship of War. This, I think was likely the fact, to put this Lieutenant on board. It was further said that Cap. Basdon behaved like a coward. This was always what I thought him.]

June 7, 1859: Although it will be sixty years on the 5th of December next since I resigned my situation as Surgeon of the British contract schooner, Concord, of sixteen guns, of Martinique, I have never been able to obtain official confirmation of her capture until this day. I was in the office of my friend, Dr. Holmes, of this place who was looking over a volume of the European Magazine.

August 21, 1861: When WBE's attention was directed to a letter dated December 13, Tortola, under the signature of W. Chas. Fahie, Capt. of the Perdrix, British sloop of war, giving an account of the capture on the 10th instant, 7 leagues to the eastward of the Virgin Gorda, of the French ship of war L'Armee d'Italia, of 14-9 pounders, and 4 twelve pounders, and 117 men, 11 days from Gaudaloupe, who on her passage had captured the Bittern brig and the Concord schooner of Martinique.

This letter of Capt. Fahie conclusively verifies the information I received from my old ship mate in St. Croix. The dates are identical. I left the Concord in the port of St. Thomas's on the 5th of December, the same Day she sailed for Martinique. The Armee d'Italie left Guadaloupe on the 1st of December, the one coming down, the other going up to windward. They probably met about the 8th and the Concord was captured. Upon the 11th, the Frenchman was taken by the Perdrix. At the time of the capture, some of the crew of the Concord were stated to have been on board of her. As we hear no more of the Concord, she no doubt was sent in to Guadaloupe.]

From Norfolk I crossed the Chesapeake and took the stage up the eastern shore to Philada and Trenton. I had brought with me safe from Demarara, a fine chocolate colored young African Parrot with a red tail, purchased from an English slave ship, for eight dollars, which I presented to my cousin Miss Eleanor Ewing, the present Mrs. George Curwen.

I soon made a general visit to my relations and friends, whom I found in good health with the exception of my Grandfather and Grandmother, who had been sometime deceased.

Upon the 25th of March at the desire of my friends, I commenced the practice of Medicine in my native town in the year 1799. The first year I boarded in the family of Abijah Maskell, who resided where Dr.

Fithian now lives. Upon the 25th of March 1800, I took possession of my own farm. The buildings were decayed, the fields worn out, the fences down, and what is now meadow was then very poor salt marsh.

I was appointed by the United States Marshall to take the census in this County for 1800, which service I performed. In 1806, I lost my mother after a short illness. In 1806 June 14th, I married Miss Harriet Seeley, daughter of Josiah Seeley, Esq of Deerfield, one of the most ancient respectable and wealthy families in this County. Her mother was a Gibbon. Mrs. Ewing at the time of her marriage was in her eighteenth year. The first year after our marriage, we resided in the house opposite the market ground. The next spring, we removed to the house where Squire Sheppard now lives. Here upon the fourth of June, my son, James Josiah Ewing, was born, and upon the 14th of January 1812, a few days after the birth of a daughter, it was my unspeakable misfortune to lose my beloved wife. About six months after, my little precious Harriet followed her mother to the grave.



James Josiah Ewing

In 1819, I was elected to the Legislature from this County. With the exception of two years, I was re-selected annually till 1832. I have served the Township of Greenwich, independent of other office twenty-one years as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, was some years Col. of the 2nd Regiment, and have received my third Commission as Judge of the Court and Justice of the Peace, having, with the exception of the first year, been chosen by my associates President of the Court during the whole time.

I have now commenced my sixty-eighth year and am in the enjoyment of good health for that age, have retired from active business, and live in the family of my son. I have lately taken great pleasure in renewing my acquaintance with the Latin language, have read the whole of Caesar's Commentaries, the greater part of Horace, and part of Virgil.

In April 1844, I was unanimously selected by the Democratic [Editor's Note: A small portion of text was cut here] as a delegate to the State Convention for forming a new Constitution for the State of New Jersey.

December 17th, 1852: Upon Sunday last the 12th instant, I was 76 years old. I am in excellent health, perhaps never better than the present. I can walk to Bridgeton, a distance of seven miles, with very little fatigue. I uniformly walk to and from Church, a distance of near two miles. I travel considerably. The last summer, I visited Boston, New York, New Brunswick, and Trenton, besides Philada many times, and was yesterday about starting for Washington, but an easterly storm prevented me. I have annually made a voyage to Boston for four years past, with evident advantage to my health. I await the pleasure of the Almighty. I hope with resignation to his Holy Will.

February 23, 1854: I am still in good health. The last summer I made my annual visit to Boston, with my friend Capt. D. Mason, likewise a trip up the North River to Albany, with my Granddaughter, Harriet Seeley Ewing.

December 12, 1855: This day I am 79 years of age and have enjoyed for the last year a very comfortable state of health. On the 4th of April last, I walked home from Bridgeton in two hours and twenty minutes, and in the evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. Kollocks.

January 11th, 1858: I am now in my 82nd year in pretty good health and excellent spirits, can read the ledger, and comfortably walk to church, a distance of two miles.

January 1st, 1859: I am now in my 83rd year. In July last, I made a very delightful voyage to Boston with my neighbor, Capt. Charles Miller. I attended the celebration of the 4th upon the Boston Common, the most spirited and best arranged I ever witnessed. We had the company of two young ladies on board, Miss Cornelia Fithian, and Miss Phebe Wharton, which greatly added to the pleasure of the voyage. My health was greatly improved by the voyage as was apparent to the family and all our neighbors and still continues so.

December 12th, 1859: This day I am eighty-three years of age, and I never remember to have been in better health and spirits than at the present moment. I spent most of the day at the Bridgeton Academy. The school is a most admirable one, and my grandson, Robert P. Ewing, is one of the finest boys there. Our family are all in health and prosperity, for which I sincerely thank God.

December 12th, 1860: This day, I am eighty-four years of age, in good health and spirits, for which I most sincerely thank God. My son's family are likewise all well and prosperous, but alas my country is in most imminent danger of dismemberment in consequence of the success of the Abolitionists in electing their President and the insane madness of the cotton states in resenting it, but I most confidently trust that the mercy of God will avert from this glorious republic such an awful calamity. The awful war I expected is now in progress and two of my brave grandsons William Belford Ewing and Thomas Ewing have left home to fight for their country.

William Belford Ewing died in his 89th year on April 23rd, 1866, following his grandson, William Belford Ewing, who died in 1862 of an illness contracted during the Civil War. Both are buried in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Greenwich, New Jersey.



**The William Belford Ewing House, built in 1834 by James Josiah Ewing
 Current homeowners – Grace Ewing Thompson's family
 Back: Michael Thompson (son)
 Front, left to right: Michael (grandson), Anna (granddaughter),
 Alexandra (daughter-in-law), and Samuel (grandson)**

The Long Walk of 1914 – Burke & Walkley Ewing

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In the summer of 1914, Burke Ewing and his young brother Walkley decided to walk the Lake Michigan shoreline from Grand Haven to Mackinaw City. Burke was nearly 20, and Walkley had turned 13 in June. In her diary for July 28, the boys' mother, Carlotta Ewing, wrote, "Burke and Walkley start on walk north on shore. Riford [their cousin] and Doris [sister] went w/ them as far as Muskegon." The boys departed from the Ewing's summer home at the Wilderness, about two miles south of Grand Haven.

"Hiking" was a family tradition. A 1913 article in the *Grand Rapids Press*, with a Benton Harbor dateline, read,

"EWINGS AND WORTHS GO ON LONG WALKING TOUR

Five well known Grand Rapids persons arrived here, dust-covered and tired, after a walk from Grand Haven, where they have a summer cottage. They had been on the road since last Saturday. The party consisted of Mrs. A.E. Ewing, daughter Doris, and son, Walkley, and Mrs. Sara Worth and her son, Riford."

A letter from their father to other family members, dated August 8, 1914, provides an overview of the hike:

On Tuesday, July 28, the boys started out with packs on their backs for the north, hiking on the shore, bound for Mackinaw City. They reached Mr. Jewell's cottage north of Manistee Saturday night and have been there all week. Jewell gave them some work to do and they pitched in to earn a little extra money. They are expected to resume their march today or within the next day or two, and will go on to reach Frankfort for the next stop. We have friends at Benzonia, and at a resort just north of Frankfort, the Stonemans have a cottage and quite likely they will spend a few days in that vicinity. Then they expect to push on to Mackinaw City, and from there they will either take the train home, or cross the straits and visit the 'Soo' and inspect the government canal and locks. We had a letter from Burke yesterday, and he said they would be home in a couple of weeks.



**Ready to begin their walk:
Burke and Walkley Ewing**

Although not all of the correspondence written during the hike have survived the years, enough are available to draw a picture of their trek. The letters and cards are presented as written, with clarifying items included in brackets []. In 1914, Lake Michigan's water level was quite low, a little under 579 feet, making the beach wide and flat. Since the lake front was relatively undeveloped, they were able to walk the beach with few obstacles. Walkley's youth didn't seem to have a serious effect on his ability to keep up with Burke's pace. Years later, Burke commented that his younger brother would lag about a city block behind him, and then maintain that gap for the remainder of the day.

Their first communication is a picture post card labeled, "'The Arcade' Wabaningo, P.O. White Lake Mich." Addressed to their sister, Doris, at the Wilderness, it is postmarked July 29, one day after the brothers set off on their journey:

Dear All,

Made about 8 miles from Musk[egon] before we camped. Breakfast at the Inn after 6 mile walk

*BE
Wed. morn*

The next communication is on a picture post card of Point Sable Lighthouse in Ludington. It is addressed to sister Doris at the Wilderness, and postmarked July 31:

Dear Sis.

We didn't get to Pentwater till 2:00 in the afternoon. Will make past this Light House tonight. Frankfort Sunday. Only a few blisters

Burke

On the same day, Walkley also sent a post card, with the same picture, to Doris:

Fri. Jul. 31, 1913 [postmarked 1914]

Dear Doris,

The day we left we went about 8 mi. beyond Musk[egon] and the 2nd. day we made about 22 mi. Yesterday we went about 33 miles and camped at Ludington pier. We're having a fine time.

Lovingly

Walkley Ewing

Two more picture post cards are dated July 31. One is addressed to their father at his office in Grand Rapids. The picture is labeled "P.M. [Pere Marquette] Carferry Fleet, Ludington, Mich." Walkley wrote:

Friday. Jul. 31, 191[4]

Dear Daddy--,

We are having all sorts of fun. The first day we went about 26 miles. The second about 22, and yesterday we went about 32 MILES with our heavy packs and reached Ludington. Burke's foot looked bad so he consulted a doctor. The doctor fixed it up so its alright to go on. Lovingly

Walkley Ewing

The third card with a postmark of July 31 is addressed to their mother, who was with Doris at the Wilderness. The card's caption reads "James Street, looking South" in downtown Ludington. Burke has circled a window in one of the buildings and added, "Doctor's Office."

Dear Mother,

We left Benona Beach at 8:00 and made 35 miles to the Ludington Pier. We are going slower after this. Averaging better than 25. Foot got sore so I saw a doctor (50 cents) but he said it was all right and to go on

Friday Morning

B.E.

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The boys' first letter, postmarked Northport and dated Sunday, August 2, 1914, is written on stationery from "Portage Point Inn, C.F. Long Manager, Onekema, Mich." Paragraphs are added for reading convenience.

Dear Mother;

I hope you are all O.K. at the wilderness. Burke and I are having a fine time. After we left the kids [Riford and Doris] tues. we went on down to the pier and lifesavers ferried us across. We took a little nap and then went on about seven or eight miles and made camp.

The next morning we got up about seven o'clock and broke camp with the intention of reaching whitehall [Whitehall] for breakfast. We did so, but it was an eleven o'clock brea[k]fast. The place at which we got our meal was Murray's Inn, and when we arrived the regular breakfast time was over but the waitress was very nice to us and got us up a special breakfast which she served on the lawn. It was mighty good and only costed us 17 1/2 [cents] a piece. That night we reached Benona beach with a good 24 mi. behind us. We stopped occasionally and ate some dates or took a short nap. At Benona B[each] we had to go back about a quarter of a mile for a bridge.

The next morning we used a rather unsteady plank for a breakfast table and once when I reached over to get some butter I tilted the plank sending my cup of postum (it was quite near the edge) on to my leg and spilling the rest of our condensed milk. It was about 18 mi. from this place to Pentwater and we wanted to get there for our dinner if we could. In order to do this we had to walk right straight through with less than half an hour's rest and then we didn't get there until two o'clock. We wouldn't have been tired had we rested on the way, but as it was the calf of my leg and front of my thigh ached like the old Harry and I hardly thought I could walk another mile. I wasn't so tired while I was walking but as soon as I had rested for five minutes I was pretty stiff.

We followed the pier into Pentwater and bought a lunch after which we went up to Zeran's house and had a little talk with Helen. [Helen was the 15-year old daughter of Claude and Helen Zefran of Grand Rapids.] Then we bought some provisions and stockings and went back to the beach and started on our way to Bass Lake Hotel [a few miles north of Pentwater] where we had a dandy supper at moderate prices. The people asked us millions of questions and they were all talking about us. Several men tried to tell us the best way from there to Ludington. Two of them disagreed and pretty nearly had a quarrel over it. However, we did not follow the advice of either. We had already gone about 22 mi. that day but some of the people asked us if we intended to make Ludington that night which was about 11 or 12 mi. from here. We told them no.

We left there about 6:30 and only intended to go as far as a point about two mi. away. When we go[t] to it we could see the Ludington pier light and we thought we would go a little further until we reached 28 mi. and then we thought we might as well go two mi. farther and call it a thirty mile day. Then we reached a life-saver on patrol duty who said it was about 2 mi. to the pier. He also said that we might put our tent right by the surf boat house and if it rained during the night we could move into it. So it happened that we made about 33 mi. that day with our packs not counting the extra walking in Pentwater. It seems funny to think how tired I was in Pent. and then to go to Ludington the same day. From Bass lake on we dared not stop for fear of our joints stiffening.

The surf boat house was only a rod [16½ feet] or so from the pier. Many boats came in that night and all of them whistled about opposite us. Between the boats and rats Burke didn't sleep very well although I slept through pretty well. The next morning our stiffness was'n't entirely gone but felt as well as could be expected. Burke's absess looked quite bad and we decided that we

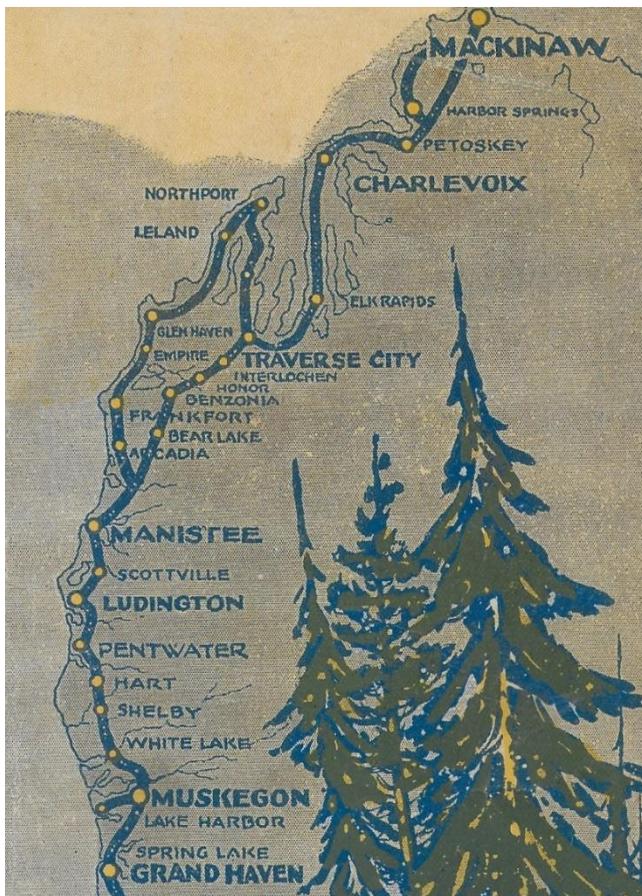
must see a doctor. We each had a couple blisters which we punctured and banded up. they didn't bother us after that.

Before we left camp the lifesaver's Captain came across the river to see if the newly painted boathouse was dry. Burke asked him about a doctor and he recommended Dr. Gray, who is the marine surgeon here. We then went into the city and found the doctor's office. We were afraid that he wouldn't let us go on but he said that it wouldn't do it any harm. He fiddled around with needles and things and got a lot of pus out of it and gave Burke advice as to its treatment. (I hope you aren't eating). He said it would get better soon and soaked us 50 cents. We then purchased some grub and started on.

We didn't intend to go very far today after the work of the preceding day. We camped about 10 mi. South of Manistee. It's about 30 mi. from Lud. to Man. We intended to get up early the next morning but we didn't get started until about 10 o'clock. We went into Manistee and got stocked up with provisions. Just as we were about to leave a reporter came running up. He took our names, where we were from, where we were headed and all the other things we would tell him. We told him to send a copy to Northport General Delivery. We went on then and reached Portage [Lake] about 5:30 P.M. Several family's wanted to keep us over night but Jewels were first.

At first we thought we'd go on to Frankfort Sun. but Mr. Jewel just offered a job. He's going to pay us \$2.00 a day and our board as long as the job lasts. He's got one new cottage still unfurnished and another one being built. Our job consists of clearing sights [sites], trimming trees, unpacking and moving furniture, acting as drag-men, helping build, planting posts, and various other odd jobs. Now what do you think of your noble sons. We begin work tomorrow morning (maybe it ought to be mourning).

Last night I went to bed about 10 o'clock and it felt mighty good to sleep on good bed. Burke went down on the beach with the rest of the young people and had a chicken roast. He got to bed about 2: o'clock A.M. Douglas and Mrs. Clapperton are here at one of the cottages. Douglas



A 1922 map of West Michigan. Burke and Walkley started south of Grand Haven and continued along the Lake Michigan beach to Mackinaw.

and I have just been in bathing. We found no mail at Pentwater but got some at Jewels. The first day of our trip I was hardly tired at all, just quite footsore. Since then most footsoreness has dissappeared, I just get a funny achy feeling on the calf of my leg and front of the thigh. I never knew that was where you get tired on a long walk. I don't feel really tired or exhausted at all, just lame and stiff and even thats worn off now. When we get home we'll walk up to Holland and back just to get up an appetite for breakfast. At first my shoulders ached like everything from my load but now either the straps have severed the telegraph wires over which my nerves send messages to my brain or my shoulders are broken in to the work and it does'nt bother me much more. Today Perkinses, Clappertons, Jewels and ourselves took the launch over to Onekema and had a picnic. We had a dandy time. I'll have to go to supper now so I'll close. Give my love to father and the bunch. Lovingly yours.

Walkley W. Ewing

At the bottom of the letter Walkley drew a picture of the sun setting over Lake Michigan, with two stick-figure hikers headed north. Underneath the picture Walkley wrote, "OUR MOTTO," referring to a banner planted in the sand that said, "On to Mackinaw."

The next letter appears to have been written two days later. It starts out on a penny post card and it is addressed to the boys' mother at the Wilderness:

Tues night—

Dear Mother--

I am working for a carpenter here and will work through Thursday and maybe Fri. That means 4 or 5 days pay. I am keeping my eyes open on cottage construction and am getting many hints. It will take us one day to get to Stonemans if they ask us so that means 5 days from here to Northport and if we leave Friday we will reach Northport Tuesday so mail your letter accordingly. (This is a complex sentence) This letter will get to you in Thursdays mail so you wont get to mail me here.

I am awfully in need of a shave,--a week ago Sunday was the last time [I] downed the down so send my safety and the shaving cream in the green tube and the brush. You might enclose my tooth brush and some paste.

I will be sadly in need of some clean duds when I get to N.P. [Northport]. If you are in G.R. [Grand Rapids] with an extra \$1.50 you can go in to Herpolshimer's new addition, main floor, left aisle and get me a "Columbia Sporting Shirt" Size 15 or 15 1/2. If you dont feel that I need it badly enough, send me any clean soft shirt. If you sent a shirt with detachable collar, send the collars too and buttons. There is a stiff collar or two in my suit case and the soft collars are in there too in the cover. Maybe there is a clean shirt there too if you are looking for the supply. Dont send the "Shirt of a Thousand Pleets [Pleats]" because I haven't got a coat to wear--still I guess it will do if you cant find another or dont get the Sporting Shirt. If you get me stiff collars in G.R. get clean "Profile" one of which there are several in my dresser drawers or in the dresser cupboard. For trousers, send me the older pair of the ones to my grey suit. You can tell the pair which has been worn mostly by turning the side pockets wrong side out and comparing them. If we should take the boat trip I should want the grey coat but dont send it unless I write you to unless you think I will need a coat badly at N.P. or Harbor Springs or Mackinaw. If you send the trousers from the Wilderness, pick out good ones with the seat whole--not hole. See that necessary buttons are on and working. If in G.R., send the letter bottle of tennis shoe "whiting" which is in a yellow box in my glass showcase or on the dish rail in my room.

In brief I need

Razor-- Cream--Brush	}	Frankfort
Tooth brush--paste	}	
Shoe whitening--not necessary	}	
Trousers--(grey if poss)	}	
Shirt--(sporting if poss)	}	North Port
(Coat--?)	}	General Delivery
Collars--buttons	}	

Maybe father can get the things from G.R. if you write him. You will have to mail them by Monday.

The sore on my foot is getting along in good shape. It doesn't bother me at all and doesn't look bad. I suffered a blister on my little left toe because of the slant of the beach as Doris did on her part of the hike. Our shoulders were broken-in by Fri from the heavy packs and they didnt bother us after that

I carried furniture and bricks all day long Mon and was pretty tired this morning. I actually believe I walked nearly as far as if I had walked to Frankfort. Today I have been hauling and uncrating and carrying upstairs and carpentering other wise made myself busy. Next two days will be all carpenters work which listens [?] easier. We had spent about 5.75 getting this far and Walkley has had to have new tennis shoes--So we will leave here with as much, I hope, in our pockets as when we left G.H. Walk[ley] is the helping hand and he is kept busy too. Tomorrow he splits up old boards into Stove wood. It's now 10:30 and I am tired and must get up a[t] six so I-magine I should close. Will be home in two weeks, I hope. So long Mother dear--and thanks

Burke

On August 4, Burke mailed a picture post card to his cousin Riford Worth, who was also at the Wilderness. The card, showing a picture of a ship pulling in to port, is titled, "SS Pere Marquette #5 Arriving at Dock of Onekema Mich." On it Burke wrote:

Dear Bunch

We are working at Portage for 4 days. Wont be home for nearly two week[s]. Will reach Stoneman's next Fri, I think Write us there *B.E.*

On August 8 Carlotta noted in her diary, "Boys arr at F[rankfort] 25 mi"

Carlotta's diary entry for August 11 noted, "Boys left F[rankfort] arr. at Sleeping Bear Point for camp," and the next day, "Boys walked 45 mi and made Northport[.]"

A penny post card dated August 12, addressed to their mother at the Wilderness, contained this message:

*Dear Mother**Wed morn*

We left Stoneman's Tues morn and slept on Sleeping Bare point last night after making 30 miles. Feeling fine. Packs dont bother any more, walked nearly 3 hours straight with them on all the time. Mine weighs 40 lbs, Walkley's 25. Hope to make Northport tonight--30 miles

Burke

Two days later, Burke sent the following card to his father in Grand Rapids:

Dear Father,

We made from Stoneman's to Northport in two stretches, 30 miles and 45. We cleared an easy 45 miles and didnt feel any the worse for it at all. I can work here with Mr Ward for a week so I think we will stay. Send mail to Northport Point Gen[eral] Del[ivery]. I dont believe we can get a boat across Grand Traverse so it means walk around. Cant tell when we will leave here. Got your bundle O.K.

*Burke**Friday Morning--Northport Pt*

Another card of the same date, this one addressed to his mother at the Wilderness, said much the same thing:

Dear Mother and all.

We walked 30 miles from Stonemans and slept on Sleeping Bare Point. The next day we walked 45 miles. We walked over 12 hours steadily Taking out an hour for dinner and an hour for supper pitching camp at Midnight 2 miles from the [Northport] Point. Send our mail to Northport Point Gen Del. I am going to work here a week with Mr Ward. Cant tell when we will leave

Burke

On August 19 Walkley sent a penny post card to his mother, still at the Wilderness:

*August 19, 1914**Dear Mother--,*

Hope you are all well at the Wilderness. We're spending more than we're earning here at Northport Point so we're going on. We've got to go around the bay so we'll reach Charlevoix about Fri. or Sat. We've had hard luck here. We've been here about 7 nights, its rained six. There is no sand beach eather and there's all sorts of bugs and worms

*Lovingly**Walkley Ewing*

The last card, mailed August 22 from Harbor Springs, shows a "Bull Moose Steam Log Hauler, Harbor Springs Mich." It is short and to the point, revealing, perhaps, a bit of growing impatience with the whole idea:

8/21/14

Dear Father,

We left Northport earlier than expected. Lost four dollars on our working deal there. Low on cash. Letter latter

B[urke]

On August 24 the boys received the following letter from their father:

Dear Burke and Walkley:

Your letter of yesterday was delivered this morning. Glad to hear from you as I had lost track of you. I got home Friday morning and brought with me a bad cold in my head and I felt so mean that I did not go to the wilderness and therefore have not seen any of the folks for two weeks. . . . It is a kind of puzzler for me to decide your various plans. In one of my letters to you . . . I suggested that you take in Soo Ste Marie. But you have been gone so long and I would almost think it a good scheme to come home the shortest and quickest way. . . . It would be cheaper to come home by rail . . . than take boat for the reason that on the boat you are so long on the trip that your board bill runs up pretty fast. However, you can figure it out for yourself. I am inclined to favor plan one. Mackinaw Island is historic and interesting and it will not cost you much nor take your very long to go over there and you will never forget it. However, it would look good to me to have you back home for awhile. . . . I am putting in \$5.00 more here with. . . . Mackinaw Island is an aristocratic place. The Blodgetts [of Grand Rapids] have a summer home there and prominent and rich men from all over the U.S. live there. . . .

In haste

A.E. Ewing

Although it isn't clear exactly how or when they arrived at Mackinaw City, the saga drew to a close. On Wednesday, August 26, Carlotta wrote in her diary, "Walkley came home fr[om] trip via G.R." The next day "Burke ret[urned] fr[om] trip."

And that brought the journey to an end, well over two hundred miles and nearly thirty days after its start.

There is a sequel Fifty-three years later Walkley recalled a particular highlight of the long walk: "

. . . [M]y older brother and I put our packs on our backs and started . . . from Grand Haven, destination Mackinac. In those days it was quite a distance between shore towns and summer resorts and we carried on our backs enough food for two or three days as well as a pup tent which we only used if sleeping on the open beach promised to be wet without it. At the creeks and smaller rivers we swam ourselves and rafted our duffle across, while at the larger rivers the men from the Life Saving Stations (later to become the Coast Guard) ferried us over. We had only to mention that we were grandsons of Dr. Walkley of Grand Haven to get the full hospitality of these stations, because every able bodied seaman in them had received physical examinations from Dr. Walkley, whose practice included serving for many years as the District Marine Surgeon for the Life Saving Service.

"After crossing the Betsie at Frankfort and hiking on to the cottage of a family friend in the Congregational Assembly we stayed on for two or three days and saw quite a bit of Crystal Lake which we recognized immediately as a very superior inland lake. However, the biggest thrill that our whole trip had in store for us was after leaving the Lake Michigan shore of the Assembly

early in the morning of a beautiful August day. As we rounded Point Betsie we came into sight of South Manitou Island. Islands appeal to all boys, I guess, and they were the one thing we had heretofore found missing in 'our' Lake Michigan. In the marvelous beauty that is theirs on a sparkling blue morning there were South Manitou and Sleeping Bear Point. It was love at first sight for me, and those moments and that stretch of beach stayed with me more than anything we saw or felt later in our long hike."

An article in *Links* magazine titled "Crystal Downs" [November/December 1994], written by Pamela Emory, picks up the story from there:

"Twelve years later [after the 1914 hike], in February 1926, Walkley Ewing returned to the Point Betsie area as a real estate developer. Even with a deep cover of snow blanketing the area south of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Ewing knew when he had reached the land he remembered with such affection. 'I had never in my life been so overwhelmed with the beauty of land-and-seascape,' Ewing wrote for the club's history.'

Walkley went on to develop that the now well-known Crystal Downs Golf Club, between the Lake Michigan shoreline and Crystal Lake, a few miles north of Frankfort. Not bad for a boyhood dream. And Burke's and Walkley's hike is a family legend.

The Brothers' Itinerary	
July 28 (Tuesday)	Leave Grand Haven
July 29 (Wednesday)	North of Muskegon
July 30 (Thursday)	Ludington
August 1 (Saturday)	Manistee
August 2 (Sunday)	Portage Lake
August 8 (Saturday)	Frankfort
August 11 (Tuesday)	Sleeping Bear Point
August 12 (Wednesday)	Northport
August 22 (Saturday)	Harbor Springs
August 24-25 (Monday/Tuesday)	Mackinaw City
August 26-27 (Wednesday/Thursday)	Return to Grand Rapids by train, then on to the Wilderness on the Interurban

Author's Note: Burke Ewing, my father, was born in Grand Rapids in 1894 and died in Grand Haven 80 years later. He was a descendant of Pocahontas James Ewing.



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

A retired teacher, Wally has delved deeply into the history of his hometown as well as his family genealogy. He can be reached WKEwing1@gmail.com.

Commander's Comments

John Thor Ewing (thor@thorewing.net)



As I write this, it's just two weeks since my return from the First International Clan Ewing Gathering in Dunoon. I'll keep my comments brief, because I understand the same subject will be written up in more detail in this issue. But, it was wonderful to see a great gathering of Ewings in Scotland this August, all braving the Scottish weather and roads (I won't say highways) to trek to the site of the castles which were once the strongholds of our ancestral clan on the shores of Loch Fyne.

I hope everyone else enjoyed their trip as much as I did. From what I've seen on Facebook, that certainly seems to be the case. I'd like to say a massive thank you to Beth, who bore the brunt of the organisational work for this event. Congratulations on a job well done!

Also, I hope to be able to use some of the pictures which people have posted online to adorn the report for the Scottish Clan Event Fund from VisitScotland which supported our gathering, and for a new page on our clan website.

AUDACITER!

Chancellor's Letter

Beth Ewing Toscos, EFA Chancellor (mbtoscos@comcast.net)



August 2019 will be remembered as the time the 1st International Clan Ewing Gathering was held in Scotland. Forty-six intrepid travelers from the United States and seven U.K. Ewings gathered to learn, explore, and engage in fellowship that has not occurred in the homeland for hundreds of years. This event reclaims a piece of our forgotten history. An article on the Gathering activities and travels can be found on page 32.

The 2020 Ewing Family Association Gathering is scheduled for Philadelphia, PA and Greenwich, NJ, on September 18-20. Look for more Information in the February 2020 *Newsletter*. This Gathering will follow the paths of the Maskell Ewing, William Belford Ewing, and Amy Ewing Patterson families, whose stories have recently appeared in the *Ewing Family Journal* including the current issue.

The Ewing Family Association thanks EventScotland for their assistance with the recent gathering in Scotland. We also thank Walter 'Major' Ewing for a clan tent set-up in Saline, MI, and to Jeff and Aaron Ewing and Carolyn McCulla for their time and attention to the Clan Ewing tent in Pleasanton, CA.

The Ewing yDNA Project benefits from ongoing research by new project administrator, DG Ewing. Please see David Neal Ewing's article about our excursion into SNP studies on page 60. The world of genealogical research has grown exponentially since the EFA began its initial work with STR DNA fifteen years ago.

Last, but not least, we were delighted to have a number of younger Ewings join us in Scotland. Their enthusiasm and assistance were much appreciated! Our greatest wish is to provide them with accurate family history and encourage them to take the reins of the organization as they mature.

Audaciter!

Passings

With sincere condolences to their family and friends, we note the passing of:

Kenneth D Ewing (1940–2019)

Courtesy of McIntire Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home, Wooster, OH

Note: Kenneth is brother of EFA members Jill Ewing Spittler, Judy Ewing Austin, and William Charles Ewing.



Kenneth D. Ewing, 79, of Wooster passed away on September 22, 2019 at his home. He was born July 17, 1940 in Wooster, the son of Ernest and Esther Starr Ewing. He married Jane M. Kamp on December 2, 1967. She survives.

Ken was a self-employed truck driver for 53 years, and a member of the New Pittsburg United Methodist Church. He loved watching the Cleveland Indians and enjoyed his morning coffee at the Parlor.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Jane, are his children, Kevin Ewing of Mooresville, North Carolina and Jennifer (Jeff) Harley of Burbank; grandchildren, Kendra Harley, Zoey Dudte, Chandler Dudte and Cody Dudte; his siblings, Jill Spittler of Wooster, Judy Austin of Shreve, Joe Ewing of Landrum, South Carolina and a nephew, Cary Dudte. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bill Ewing, a sister Sally Carathers, and a niece, Michelle Dudte.

James Walton 'Dub' Ewing (1926–2019)

Courtesy of Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Sheridan, AR

Editor's Note: EFA's genealogist, Karen Avery, notes that James traces back to Joshua Ewing (1704-1753) - one of the half-brothers who settled in Cecil County, Maryland, circa 1726.



James Walton "Dub" Ewing of Sheridan, Arkansas, was born January 4, 1926 at Haskell, Arkansas, the son of the late Thomas Arlis and Sarah Jane 'Sallie' Langley Ewing. He was a member, and Deacon, at Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church, and was a proud United States Navy Veteran, having served during World War II. Mr. Ewing was a retired ironworker, belonging to Ironworkers Local #321. Dub was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 60. His greatest joy in life, was being a Christian, and along with his beloved wife, leaves a rich legacy of raising a family who love and serve Jesus.

Mr. Ewing died August 10, 2019 at the V.A. Medical Center in Little Rock, at the age of 93. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Pat Ewing; brother, Truman Ewing; and most recently his wife of 71 years, Dorothy Welch Ewing, who died March 1, 2019.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol Ewing; daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Clinton Sipes; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Ewing; all of Sheridan; grandchildren, Jamie Ewing, Talmadge (Mary) Ewing, Beth (Brent) Carr, Lindsey (Reece) Grooms, Salley Sipes, Richard (Carson) Ewing; 12 Great Grandchildren.

Lois C. Ewing (1930–2019)

Courtesy of Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, IN

Editor's Note: Lois's husband, Daniel C. Ewing, is the Ewing Family Association's Archivist.



Lois C. Ewing, 88, of Fort Wayne passed away on Thursday October 3, 2019. Lois was born November 3, 1930 in North Manchester, a daughter of the late Harry and Escel (Ulrich) Mishler.

Lois graduated from International Business College and worked as a legal secretary. She would later work from home raising her children and caring for her family. She was a member at Trinity Episcopal Church. At church, she was a 50-year member of the Altar Guild and managed the gift shop for many years. In her free time, she became an accomplished seamstress, enjoyed music, reading, and family gatherings.

Surviving family include her husband, Daniel C. Ewing; children, Robert D. (Carla) Ewing, Carol A. Ewing, Dale M. (Bambi) Ewing, and Laurel E. (Jerome) Alden; grandchildren, Rebecca Fulcher, Neil Ewing, Eric, Ryan, and Katie Alden, Austin and Andrew Guentner; great grandchildren, Brooke, Edward, Jillian, Allen, and Zoey; brother, Maurice Mishler; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides her parents, she was preceded in passing by her brother, Charles Mishler; and half-brother, Marvin Mishler.

New EFA Members – Welcome to the Family!

Mary Jane Ewing Farmer became Member #1272 in April 2019. She makes her home in Van Alstyne, Texas, and she can be reached via email at mjfarmer.music@gmail.com.

Terri Sanne is EFA's Member #1273, joining the association in May. Terri, and her husband, Rick, were part of the group that traveled to Scotland for the First International Ewing Family Gathering. They reside in El Dorado Hills, California. Terri's email address is: terri_sanne@yahoo.com.

William McGuire, Member #1274, lives in Napa, California. He joined the EFA this past spring, and can be contacted via email at: wingmate@sbcglobal.net.

John M. Naughton, who resides in Davenport Iowa, with his wife, Jayne, joined the Association as Member #1275. You may reach them at: jnot2000@gmail.com.

Susan Krone Cabral, EFA member #1276, joined the Association in June. Susan makes her home in Volcano, Hawaii, and can be contacted via email at: s.kronecabral@gmail.com.

Bobby Ewin Prescott recently joined the EFA as member #1277. She and her husband, Jason, live in Middletown, Maryland and may be reached at bobbiprescott@gmail.com.

C. Scott Nichols is EFA's newest member -- #1278. He lives in Fresno, California, with his wife, Janet. You may contact them via email at travelinswimmer@gmail.com.

2019 Saline Celtic Festival, Saline, MI

Walter 'Major' Ewing (wallygator57@hotmail.com)

The Ewing Family Association and Clan Ewing were again represented at the 2019 Saline Celtic Festival,, in Saline, Michigan on July 12-13, 2019. This festival provided visitors with a myriad of Scottish heritage-based activities, such as the traditional Highland Games, Highland Dance competitions, live music and dances, historical demonstrations, and more. Ewing Clan members visiting this event experienced a bit of Scottish 'spirit,' as may have been found in the lands of our ancestors.

'Major' Ewing, and his wife, Rachel, hosted the clan tent this year, although not your typical tent arrangement. Instead, a canvas lean-to with a simulated campfire, tripod, and cooking pot were used. This more primitive setup had historical significance and was intended to replicate the early days of Ewings in America. One can only imagine how our early relatives established simple camps as they began to explore and settle the 'wilderness.'

'Major' explained to visitors that the camp replicated events in his own Ewing line. His 3rd great-grandfather moved his family to a land parcel in the "Firelands" in what is now Ohio after the Revolutionary War. Major's 2nd great-grandfather made camps as his family traveled and re-settled with the Mormon movement,. Then his great-grandfather tried to make a go of it in South Dakota during the 1890's, and later, in the early 1900's, established a long term camp to harvest clams along the Grand River in Michigan. Finally, Major's grandfather set up a family camp in Traverse City to pick cherries and bring in money for his family during the Great Depression. So, all this history and heritage represented in an ole lean-to.



Ewing brothers and their wives, left to right: Walter 'Major,' Rachel', Tammi, and Todd



Niko Hand (Ewing) and Lilly Hand (Ewing) practice cooking over a 'fire.'



Major and Rachel Ewing at the "Lean-To" Ewing Clan Tent



Rachel Ewing preparing for the opening ceremony

154th Scottish Highland Gathering/Games, Pleasanton, CA

Jeffery Ewing – Eldest Son of Tent Captain, Larry Ewing (ewingtile@sbcglobal.net)

Editor's Note: This annual event was held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California, from August 31 – September 1, 2019. While many of us were in Scotland on those days, Larry's two sons – Jeffery and Aaron – and Carolyn McCulla represented us very well at the California event.



My brother, Aaron, and I arrived in Pleasanton, California, and the weather was nice. We set up the tent in the same place as last year in the Glen of Clans. I 'held down the fort' while my brother, Aaron, went to check out the rest of the place.

Carolyn McCulla came over from her 'Mother Lode Scots' tent and kept me company while Aaron was gone. When he returned, I set out to get some Scottish eggs with only about an hour before the parade of clans was set to begin. The lines were long, but I made it back in time with about 15 minutes to spare.

The parade route was expanded from last year and a little more organized, so people were able to line up along the route in order to watch the parade and take pictures, etc. Aaron, Carolyn, and I represented Clan Ewing.

A few visitors signed the book. (see photo below). Many people stopped to ask for information as we were in a spot near the entrance where we were

mistaken for the information booth – same as last year. But! We were prepared this year! Carolyn had a list of the clans and their location, so we could be helpful to the guests in finding what they were looking for and pointing them in the right direction.

DATE	VISITOR'S NAME	ADDRESS	TIME	REMARKS
	Janes Ewing	36478 Rhubarb Ct Cushingchester, CA 92089		
	Rick McBride	5821 ELMO DRIVE N. Highlands CA 95120		
	Rebecca McBride	5821 ELMO DRIVE N. Highlands CA 95120		
	Tina Bowers	810 Setbury Dr. San Jose, CA. 95136		related to Ohio Ewing Possible Indian John descendant
	MARY MCGREGOR	68 Timber Cove Dr Campbell, CA 95008		

There seemed to be more kids this year that came by to get 'passports' stamped, with most of them wanting to do the stamping themselves; so we would position the stamper, and let them do that. They seemed to get a kick out of that! Sunday was pretty much the same:

We had some fun conversations with our Clan neighbors and heard some good stories. It was great to meet the Saint Andrews Society of Oakland folks; and the Elliots in the tent next to us were a lot of fun.



Larry Ewing's Sons, Jeffery and Aaron Ewing



Carolyn McCulla

If you would like to make plans to join us next year, save the date!

**September 5-6, 2020
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Pleasanton, CA**

1st International Clan Ewing Gathering, Dunoon, Scotland **August 27 – Sept. 2, 2019**

John Alan Ewing (johnewing2003@msn.com)

At last, here we were; the time had finally come. For Denise and I, it would be the trip of a lifetime and a slightly early 40th wedding anniversary trip. After a cold and wet spring in Indiana, followed by a sudden summer with mid-90s heat for a time, we were finally on a Boeing 767 jetliner streaking across the Atlantic at a speed of 548 miles per hour. The in-flight navigational screen also showed that we had a tailwind of 151 miles per hour and an altitude of nearly 35,000 feet. The Fahrenheit temperature outside registered minus 70 degrees and we traveled over 3,800 miles to our destination in just over 10 hours.

We spent a few days first in Ireland, exploring around the home of my wife's maternal grandfather's (Sullivan) family in the village of Glengarriff in Cork County, including Garnish Island, then on to Edinburgh, Scotland, and finally to Dunoon, on the Cowal peninsula, which is in the Scottish Highlands.

The Cowal Highland Games on August 30th and 31st, would be the site of the First International Clan Ewing Gathering in almost 500 years on Scottish soil.



**Resting place of many Sullivans and O'Sullivans,
Cemetery in Glengarriff, Cork County, Ireland**



**John Ewing at Bantry Bay boat
launch – traveling to Garnish Island**



**View of Bantry Bay from high point in the Bantry House Gardens
on Garnish Island (off the coast of Glengarriff)**

In Edinburgh, the streets were flooded with world-wide travelers at, what locals told us, is one of the world's largest festivals. It was a sight to behold! No matter what your taste, there was something in Edinburgh for everyone – whether it was delicious food of all kinds, street music of every genre, people dressed in period clothing of past centuries, etc. On random corners, one might find a solitary kilted bagpiper playing his best Scottish anthems. One could take in either New Town, or the centuries-old and medieval Old Town. Although our stay was short, we got a taste of both, including the Royal Mile. Of course, two of the highlights certainly had to be the Palace of Holyrood House, visited annually by Queen Elizabeth II, and the iconic Edinburgh Castle towering over the city. Views from atop the castle were a photographer's delight.



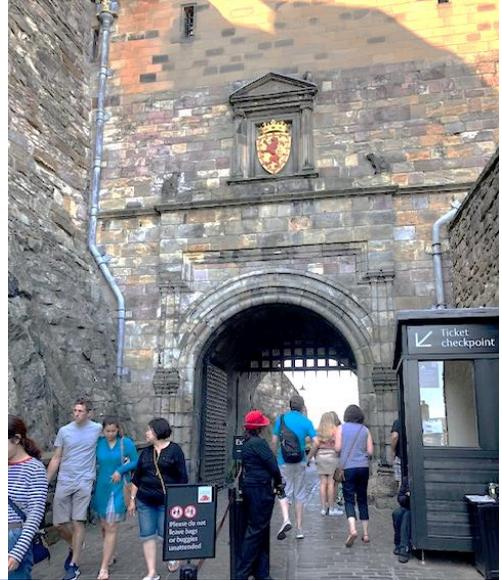
Holyrood House, Edinburgh, Scotland, August 2019



Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, Aug. '19

The next day, Denise and I hopped on a ScotRail train to the town of Stirling. We found the train to be efficiently on time and immaculately clean. The trip took approximately 45 minutes. Upon arrival, we walked past the many inviting village shops, weaving our way several blocks uphill toward Stirling Castle. It is a place of famous kings and queens, including in her younger years and at various other stages of her life, Queen Mary Stuart (Mary, Queen of Scots), her mother, Queen Mary of Guise, and Kings James IV, James V, and James VI. Other important visitors and inhabitants included William Wallace, whose imposing tower monument can be seen in the distance from atop the castle, and the venerable King Robert the Bruce.

Once inside the castle gate, Denise and I took a guided walking tour. These photos show some of the highlights of that tour. Several other American Ewings who traveled to the International Gathering, also visited Stirling Castle independently on other days and experienced an equally great time.

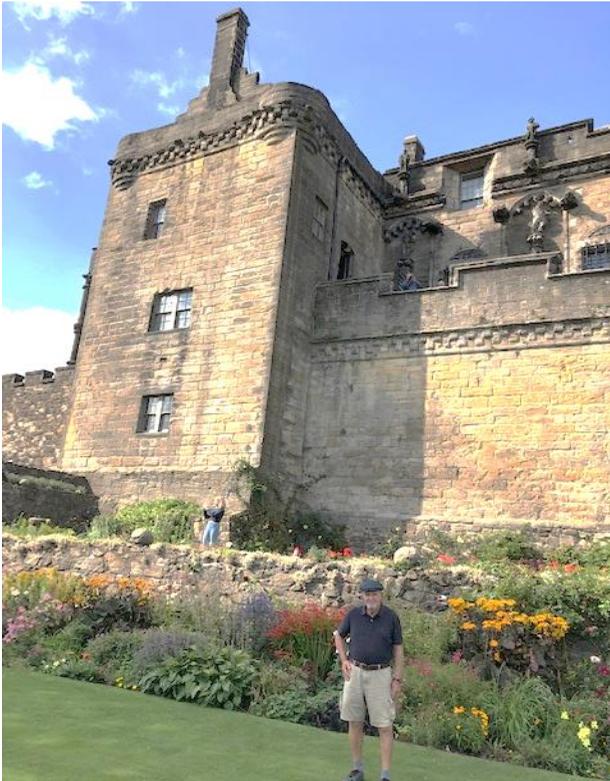


Entrance gate to Edinburgh Castle, Aug '19

Of importance to all Ewings concerning a thread of our history relating to Stirling Castle is the following:

At some time between the years of 1565 and 1567, Queen Mary Stuart (Mary, Queen of Scots), appointed one William Ewing as her Ensign. It is important to point out that Mary, of Stirling Castle fame, was no longer living at Stirling Castle at the time of this appointment, as she was forced to relocate to different castles to avoid various factions that were trying to overthrow her.

Back to William Ewing . . . during a battle at Langside..."it seems safe to conclude that William Ewing was carrying the Red Ensign of Scotland (Its first known use) and that the right to bear his Ensign had been bestowed, along with a grant of land and arms, by Queen Mary Stuart who also acknowledged his position of clan chief. So it is William



Stirling Castle and gardens with John Ewing in foreground, Aug. '19



Gardens near a building on the Stirling Castle grounds, Aug. '19

Ewing, and not Swene MacEwen, who is the last recorded Chief of Clan Ewen, which began in Otter, though the line of chiefs which link the two names remains a mystery.”²⁵

A bit later, in the early 1600s, another William Ewing became the Head Gardener at Stirling Castle. His home was located a short distance outside the castle walls. With my own father owning a nursery and landscape business when I was born, and my many years carrying on that business with my two sisters, one wonders if our family has landscaping in its DNA.

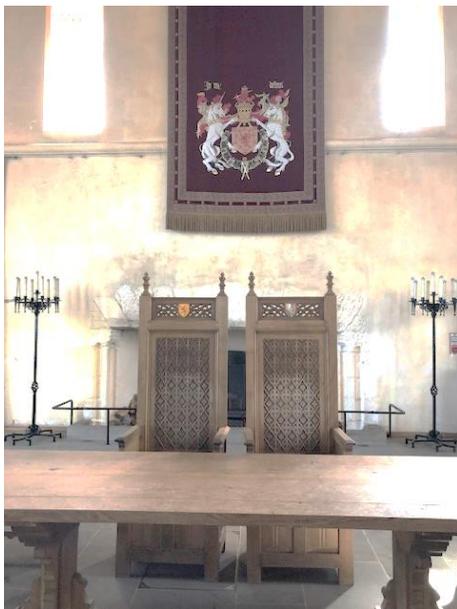


City of Stirling from atop the Castle, Aug. '19

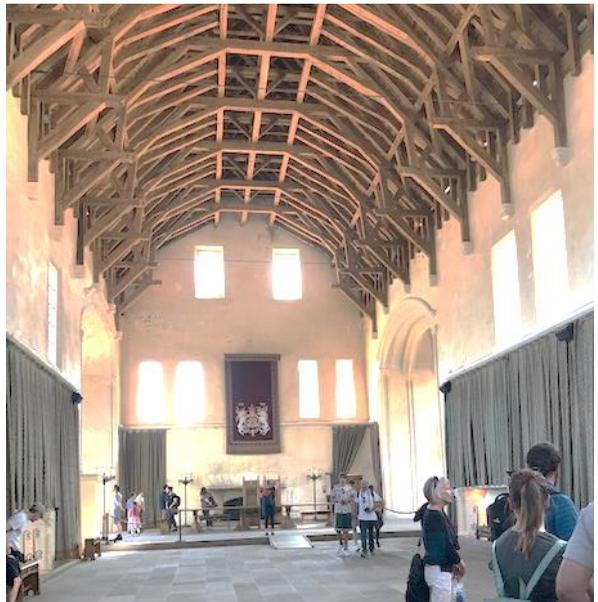
²⁵ Ewing, Thor, “New Notes on Clan Ewen,” Historical Arts 2009



Beautiful landscape view from atop Stirling Castle, Aug. '19



Seats for King & Queen in the Great Hall, Stirling Castle, Aug. '19



Partial view of the Great Hall and its stunning ceiling Stirling Castle, Aug. '19



Outside view of the Great Hall painted with 'King's Gold,'
Stirling Castle, Aug. '19



Depiction of Scotland's National
Animal, a mythical symbol of purity and
innocence, as well as masculinity and
power. Stirling Castle, Aug. '19



Handmade tapestry at Stirling Castle, Aug. '19

The next day, Denise and I departed Edinburgh and took a bus to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, where we would meet other Ewings from across the US. We gathered at the Holiday Inn at the Glasgow Airport., and reconnected with Ewings we knew from previous events in the US, and introduced ourselves to cousins that we had never met. Personally, I was happy to get reacquainted with Sam Ewing, and his wife, Dianne, from Michigan, whom I had met once in 1993. Terri Schulz, the Vice-Chancellor of the Ewing Family Association, was also there as well as my two sisters, Beth Ewing Toscos, Chancellor of the EFA and Jane Ewing Weippert, the Treasurer of the EFA. In addition, we were re-united with Larry Ewing from the San Francisco Bay area. Here was where we met Nick Ewing, also known as 'Big Nick' (and indeed he was a big fellow), who hailed from Tampa, Florida. His genealogy of Ewings comes from a Viking line, and he looked the part. Nick works as a property manager, but in his spare time he plays the violin, joining a band when he can. Soon after, we were joined by John Thor Ewing, our Clan Ewing Commander, and his son, Caradoc.

After initial greetings, we secured two rental SUVs and two nine-passenger vans. As a bit of a surprise, Denise and I were recruited to drive the two vans! Oh boy--vehicles go on the left side of the road and the driver is on the right side! In all, there were about 50 Ewings we would meet the next day at the Hunter's Quay Holiday Lodge in Dunoon, where many of us were staying for the Cowal Highland Games and traveling to other historical Ewing sights in the area.

Before our little caravan departed for the hinterlands of the Scottish Highlands, we met more Ewings in the hotel parking lot. Among them were, Jean Carter Wilson from Nashville, Tennessee. We also met Tanya Kober, her mother, Faye Ewing Garza, and Tanya's aunt, Linda Ewing Strapp. Also from Chicago was Mike Collins and his wife, Margaret, his daughter, Maureen, and her husband, Todd. Another new acquaintance was Mari Fix and her friend, Esteban, from Los Angeles.

During the week, I learned that we had Ewings in attendance from the US hailing from both coasts, from Florida to Minnesota, and everywhere in between. William Skidmore Ewing, and his wife, Margaret, joined us the next day from their home in Scotland, and again later in the week. Thor's wife, Annie – who, by the way, is an accomplished musician, joined us at the start of the Games.

So off we went. The fun would now begin, or so we thought. When we got near Dunoon, we took a ferry boat across the Holy Loch (Loch means 'lake' in Scotland). I estimate that the ferry accommodated approximately 60-70 vehicles. Driving our vans and SUVs onto the ferry boat was a first for me.



Lodges and view of Holy Loch at the Hunter's Quay Holiday Village

We drove to Hunter's Quay after dark and secured our key cards at the clubhouse and proceeded to navigate the lodge map to our respective cabins. Unfortunately, the map was not to scale and the signage was not very clear in the dark so it took many of us approximately 45 minutes and many wrong turns before we found our cabins. By 11 PM many of us were beginning to unpack.

We all found our way to the Hunter's Quay Bar and Grill in the vast clubhouse on Wednesday morning. The restaurant featured a great menu with reasonably-priced food and excellent service. There, we met several more Ewings that were not staying at the Lodge, but who would be traveling with us to the site of the MacEwen Castle ruins on Loch Fyne, near a little dot on the map known as Kilfinan. There, we met at the Kilfinan Hotel, where we enjoyed soup and sandwiches prior to our trek into the wilderness. And yes, I do mean the wilderness. First, the drive itself had been a white-knuckle ride through high hills and valleys on a one lane road that would not win any highway-of-the-month award.

I estimate we traveled nearly 50 miles from Dunoon, but top speed was mostly about 40 miles per hour. Because of the narrow passages, a person just prayed that you would not encounter another vehicle approaching you from the opposite direction. In reality, we probably only passed about two cars, which meant we slowed way down and slightly scraped roadside foliage. With all the twists and turns, I pitied anyone who had a soft stomach.



Kilfinan Hotel, Argyle Coast, Scotland, Aug. '19



Fellowship w/ Ewing cousins accompanied a lunch of soup and sandwiches at the Kilfinan Hotel, Aug. '19

A little behind schedule, our convoy finally arrived at the Kilfinan Hotel. Though as remote as could be, the hotel featured a friendly staff ready to serve. I spoke with a bartender before lunch, who was well-versed about knowledge of the Ewing Clan. To my surprise, he pulled a large leather-bound book out of a glass-enclosed book case. While enjoying the soup and sandwiches, the book was passed around for everybody to sign. I have no idea of the number of signees, but the book seemed to list hundreds of Ewing visitors over many years.

The time had finally come! I had dreamed for years about hiking back to the Ewing Castle ruins of our ancestors. I was warned by my sisters that it was not an easy trek.

So after great fellowship and delicious food at the hotel, 31 Ewings set off on foot down the road, through pouring rain, about a quarter mile before we made a sharp left turn into a marshy cow pasture, the first of several. We were wary of the ever present, large brown "landmines" left by Scottish bovine as we attempted to keep good footing. Most of us had rain jackets, windbreakers, or umbrellas, but only a few of us had boots.



Trekking through one of many pastures/fields toward the Ewing Castle ruins



Fording a stream on pilgrimage to the castle ruins

While the rain intensified, we forded a stream, climbed over a waist-high stone wall, wire fencing, logs, and a ditch with steep banks – some of us clinging to tree branches to steady ourselves. The rain persisted as we neared another stream crossing. Just as with the first crossing, various Clan members found large, flat stones to place in the stream bed for us to cross more easily. Those that had boots, made a human chain to assist people as they trudged through the water. What a sight!

But we were not there yet . . . After traversing more spongy pasture fields, we could at last see the shores of Loch Fyne in the distance

As we neared the end of the field, the rain stopped, and the sun appeared as we approached, a signal from our ancestors, I believed. Someone found a fallen wooden sign on which was engraved "MacEwen Castle." The direction of the wooden sign pointed to the right (north). A couple of men righted the sign, and with a rock, pounded it into the soil. Our group continued along the beach (to the right, of course) for several hundred yards.



Walking along a stream on the way to our destination

Our pilgrimage continued over uphill cow tracks with water running down over rounded stones. Still uphill, we proceeded through another slightly submerged cow track.

"We are getting close now," I heard someone say. We were up and down grassy knolls littered with small trees and native shrubs. In some ways, I thought the footing was even more challenging. It was almost as if I could hear our ancestors calling across the water and whispering through the trees in the wind, "if you are going to come to the castle ruins, you'll have to earn it."



Climbing a stone wall on the trail

At last, at the top of the knoll, we magically, mystically reached our destination -- the cairn monument with a plaque which read:



Continuing our journey along the shore of Loch Fyne

Site of MacEwen Castle
 An Enduring Memorial to Clan Ewan of Otter
 Reviresco
 Erected by the Clan Ewen Society
 June 1990

I believe my heart skipped a few beats as I pondered the ancients who had called this home in the 1200s and 1300s up until 1432 when Sween MacEwen married a woman in Clan Campbell. When an heir was not produced as a result of this union, the MacEwen land was ceded to the Campbells who were deemed representatives of the King.

The site was a medieval dun, which was superseded by a promontory fort, and later by a medieval homestead.

The castle was held by Clan Ewen of Otter. In the year 1432 the chief Swene MacEwen of Otter surrendered his barony to King James I who regranted it with a destination to Celestine Campbell in the event that Swene should die without an heir. Thus when Swene died in 1493, the lands passed to a branch of Clan Campbell along with the castle.

An excavation project led by the Cowal Archaeological Society in 1968-69 found that the earliest structure that stood on the site was a palisaded enclosure of medieval date. Results from the excavations also showed that a fort was built over this initial structure. Eventually, the fort was turned into a medieval homestead. The builders of the homestead used the ancient walls for bolstering defense, adding large rectangular stones to it. Passages leading to the sea, on the north and the south, were also discovered. Postholes provided material that was dated to the 15th and 16th centuries, and vitrified material was also discovered.

Another discovery was made in 1969, when a round house built against the rampart at the gateway was discovered. The house had a cobbled floor, and it was conjectured that the building was possibly a store house. The other discovery was of a building resembling a boat. It was found just outside the main rampart. These new discoveries were, however, not accompanied by findings of any objects, which meant that the age of the buildings could not be ascertained. Other finds included a 12th-century crucifix, a 15th-century groat, and 13th and 18th century pottery shards. All finds were sent to the Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum.



Commander John Thor Ewing

For many of us, we stood almost paralyzed, realizing that our bloodlines had proceeded from this place.

Two more historical signs were displayed on the site which told about the history of the clan. One of the signs showed graphics of the actual clan fortress and walls (see left and top right on next page).

After a time, our assembly formed a large circle at which time, Commander Thor spoke about the site and the Clan customs of the time. He also told us that the MacEwens were strongly aligned with three other clans on Loch Fyne: Clan McLaughlin, Clan MacSween, and Clan Lamont. Thor explained that these alliances were often for protection, as there were frequent clashes between various clans all over Scotland. Most notable in terms of power was the Campbell Clan. He also explained that the MacEwen people ultimately moved into other parts of Scotland, like the Loch Lomand area, sometimes marrying into other clans as time went on.



Commander Thor sharing history



Moment of reflection at the cairn site

After Thor's comments, Nick Ewing produced a bottle of Scotch Whiskey and proposed a toast to our ancestors. Big Nick took a sip and passed the bottle around the circle. Everyone took a sip and passed it on. When the bottle completed the circle and got back to Nick, he said a few more words. There was a pause. Then, you guessed it, the bottle went around the circle again for the second sip!



Several Ewings enjoying the toast to the ancestors.

L to R: Pari Sexauer, Gwen Sexauer, & Kathy Ewing Sexauer; Claudia & Steven C. Ewing; Rachel & Charles Ewing; Caradoc Ewing; David Neal Ewing



Claudia Ewing and Mari Fix at the cairn

What followed next was such a poignant moment. Thor took an oat cake from his pocket and poured some of the Scotch whiskey on it. Then he placed it on the ground behind a large tuft of grass as he spoke a tribute to the Ewens who had dwelled here. He ended by explaining that the sharing of an oat cake would have been a fitting tribute of the time.

Naturally, all of us were taking numerous pictures but an unexpected surprise occurred when Rick Sanne, whose wife, Terri, is a Ewing from California, unpacked his drone and launched it above to get an even more breathtaking aerial view of our group and the surrounding terrain (see photo on next page).

The experience continued to be surreal to the end.

**Ewing's at the Ewen of Otter
Castle Monument on Loch
Fyne near Kilfinan, Scotland,
August 28, 2019**

- 1) Charles Ewing
- 2) Jean Carter Wilson
- 3) Pen, 4) Katry, 5) Guen Sexauer
- 6) David, 7) Frankie Ewing
- 8) Commander Thor John Ewing
- 9) Mike, 10) Brenda, 11) Kyle Ewing
- 12) Lewis Ewing
- 16) Rick, 16) Terri Samne
- 14) Nick Ewing
- 15) Esteban Estrada
- 17) Claudia, 18) Steven Ewing
- 19) Faye Garza
- 20) Caradoc Ewing
- 21) Amy Ewing
- 22) John, 23) Denise Ewing
- 24) Larry Ewing
- 25) Rachal Ewing

- 26) Mari Fix
- 27) Tanya Tober
- 28) Todd McGarty
- 29) Maureen C. Ewing, 30) Mike, 31) Margaret G. Ewing



Last view of Loch Fyne (below), as we marched back to the Kilfinan Hotel, content that we had 'spiritually' met our Ewing ancestors. It had been a pilgrimage of epic proportions.



Loch Fyne, near Kilfinan, Scotland

We then departed by car to another Ewing Castle a short drive north on Loch Fyne. Some of us made the hike approximately three miles through the woods and up to a knoll to the site called Ballimore. Atop the knoll, set a stone building where Thor explained that area clan chiefs from Loch Fyne used to meet and he described this site as a primary castle, perhaps even more important than the MacEwen family site in some ways.

The drive back to the lodge proved to be a continuation of the heart-stopping sort. This road winding through the hills was a different route than the one we had traveled to get to Kilfinan, and although it was a smoother surface, it was also narrow. The occasional approaching car created unwelcome excitement and once, a car came so close, that my two left wheels dropped down about eight inches off the paved road. It took careful maneuvering, but I successfully popped the van back on to the roadway. But that was not all the fun. We dodged numerous sheep that pin-balled across the road as we made our way back to Dunoon in time for dinner.



The next day, our clan gathered at Burgh Hall in Dunoon. Waiting for us in a meeting room upon our arrival were delicious hors d'oeuvres, confectionaries, and even some Scotch whiskey. This gathering represented an historic moment for me, as this was the first time I ever wore my new Ewing tartan kilt in public. Following brief socializing, Thor gave a presentation on the history of Clan Ewing referencing a 1467 manuscript that includes considerable genealogy of the Scottish Highlands. He explained that best translations of the manuscript were published in a book by Ronald (Ronnie) Black about five years ago.

Next was a presentation by David Neal Ewing about the Y-DNA project of the Ewing Family Association and its participating members. Many more Ewings are having their DNA analyzed, leading us to learn of matches with ancestors and living cousins. For a full explanation of this research, see David Neal Ewing's and DG Ewing's articles starting on page 60.



Burgh Hall, Dunoon, Scotland

Chancellor Beth Ewing Toscos then took the microphone and read a proclamation from the Lord Lyon Court proclaiming the extension of the Commandership of Clan Ewing by John Thor Ewing for the next five years. What a proud moment. See proclamation on the next page.

After adjournment from the meeting, I walked out of the main doors of Burgh Hall and encountered a Scottish man and woman. The woman looked me up and down in my kilt attire and promptly ordered me to kiss her as she pointed to her cheek. Thinking she was speaking to someone near, I looked around to see to whom she was speaking. Again, she blurted "kiss me" and pointed to her cheek. I hesitated again and with more bravado, she insisted "Kiss me!" I obliged, and she grinned a wide smile. I recounted the incident later in the day to my cousin, Sam Ewing, who had witnessed the incident. "What was that all about," I queried. Without hesitation, Sam responded "She was drunk!"



**Ewings at Burgh Hall Presentation (Aug. 28) and Cowal Highland Gathering (Aug. 30-31)
Dunoon, Scotland**

COMMISSION by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in favour of
John Thor Ewing

as Commander of the Clan Ewing

UNTO ALL AND SUNDRY whom These Presents Do or May Concern, **WE**, Joseph John Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms send Greeting; **WHEREAS** it has been represented to us that the Hereditary Chiefship of the Clan Ewing is dormant; **THAT** the dormancy of the Chiefship of the said Clan has created difficulties in maintaining the well-being of the said Clan and of its Branches and Houses at home and overseas; **THAT** in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan, a Commander ad interim should be recognised to rally the members of the said Clan, to convene meetings thereof and to preside thereat during the dormancy of the Chiefship; **THAT** the Principal Men and Women that are of the Clan Ewing, after due consideration by way of Clan or Family Conclave, otherwise known as derbhfhine selection, selected and recommended to us John Thor Ewing, residing at Langdale House, Bucknell, in the County of Herefordshire as a fit and proper person to be recognised as Commander ad interim of the said Clan; **THAT** by Commission of date 13 October 2014 we Recognised and confirmed the said John Thor Ewing as Commander ad interim for a period of Five years; **NOW** Therefore We, after due consideration and investigation, being well satisfied as to the good qualities, abilities and loyalty of John Thor Ewing, and of his continued fitness for the said Office, do by These Presents Recognise and Confirm the said John Thor Ewing as Commander ad interim for a further period of five years from the thirteenth day of October 2019 of the Clan both at home and abroad with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if he had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief; **AND** We direct These Presents to be recorded in the Books of the Lyon Court (Probative Writs Section); **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** We have Subscribed These Presents and the Seal of Our Office is affixed hereto at Edinburgh this 19 day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and nineteen before this witness Russell Gilchrist Hunter, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records.


Lyon Clerk



Joseph John Morrow
Lyon


The first day of the Cowal Highland Games in Dunoon, Friday, August 30th, greeted us with steady rain that would not end. Denise started shuttling some of our group to the Dunoon Sports Stadium, the site of the games. I stayed at the lodge clubhouse to shuttle the second wave, but the rain just kept coming. Eventually, the first day of the two-day event was officially called off, a rare occurrence, even in Scotland. To all of us, these games represented the first time that Clan Ewing appeared at games like this, because such events doubtless never took place in this format 500 years ago. Saturday, day two of the games, let us realize the dream of many generations. Despite some occasional light rain, the pipe bands, highland dancers, and athletes were able to participate in all events.



From left, Colorado Mike Ewing, Larry Ewing, John Ewing, Jane Ewing Weippert, Beth Ewing Toscos, Terry Ewing Schultz, Janet Ewing, Down in front is Rachel Ewing, Linda Ewing Strapp, Tanya Kober, Faye Ewing Garza, Terri Ewing Samne.

Scottish food abounded at the many vendor trailers, and the several clans welcomed visitors at their respective tents. NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS THE TENT OF CLAN EWING!



**Colorado Ewings, L to R:
Charles, Janet, Rachel, and Mike**

Thor displayed many of the books he had authored about our history inside of the tent. The tables also contained sashes and neckties made out of our tartan.

Everyone enjoyed the day which was topped off by some improvisational music played by Thor's wife, Annie, his son, Caradoc, and Nick Ewing. Even though the three never played together, their music sounded top notch and many people gathered around to enjoy it.



Ewings enjoying the festive food and atmosphere

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**Playing music at the Cowal Highland Games, August 31, 2019
Left to Right: Nick Ewing, Annie Ewing, and Caradoc Ewing**



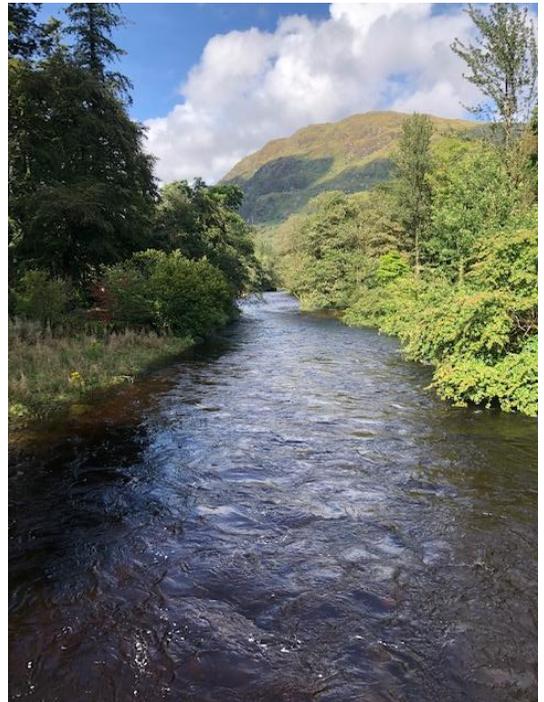
Folks enjoying the music



Once again breakfast at the Hunter's Quay restaurant was hot and delicious on Sunday, September 1st, before many of our clan shuttled several miles to Benmore Botanic Gardens in the Argyll National Park. Greeting visitors immediately upon entering the gardens was the Avenue of Giant Sequoias planted by James Piers Patrick in 1863. Paved pathways allowed us to wander the gardens at our own pace.

Many species of rare Rhododendrons and Magnolias were planted abundantly throughout the landscape. Other specimen plants from all over the world, most notably from China and Bhutan, were also present. Today the gardens are under the management of Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Garden.

The following gallery of photos gives you a glimpse.





Before departing, we stopped at the café and gift shop where I enjoyed one of my favorite treats-scones with jam and clotted cream. Yum!



**Fyne Ales Farm Brewery; From left to right:
John A. Ewing, Kathy Ewing Sexauer, Gwen Sexauer, and Pari Sexauer
Photo by Larry Ewing**

Most of our group then headed back to Hunters Quay Lodge, but several of us chose to drive a few more miles through the mountains to the north end of Loch Fyne to a family owned brewery called Fyne Ales Farm Brewery. It was too late in the day to take the brewery tour, so we sampled various Fyne Ale Beers in their pub. My favorite was Highlander-go figure!

We packed our suitcases late Sunday evening, sadly realizing, that our “magical mystery tour” as the song goes, was about to come to an end. Our plan was to get on the road early, so we could tour the Loch Lomond area on our way back to our departure points, mainly Glasgow International Airport, and for Denise and I, Edinburgh International Airport. And so we began our bittersweet last trip through the Highlands before our departure.

Once described as a “scattered clan,” we knew that many of the Ewings had eventually settled around Loch Lomond. Our entourage arrived in the Alexandria-Balloch area with much anticipation only to be disappointed by poor visibility owing to fog and light rain. Making the best of it, we decided to have lunch in a shore side café. For some of us, this would be the last meal we would share together in Scotland.



A man with his dogs ordered a beverage, too

We returned to our vehicles and got back on the road for the drive to Glasgow. Part of our group would be staying on for more independent travel, but most of us would be departing that night or the next day from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Once the SUV's and vans were returned in Glasgow and heartfelt goodbyes extended, Denise and I took ScotRail back to Edinburgh for our flight the next morning. Now reality began to set in. Tomorrow we would fly back to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in two days, both of us would be back at our jobs.

Monday, night September 2nd, was spent at the Hampton Inn at the Edinburgh airport. Surprising to us, the hotel was the most modern we had ever seen, with one of the most complete breakfasts, including haggis. I recollect that I probably ate haggis three or four times while in Scotland and enjoyed it each time.

At the airport, we had ample time to purchase a variety of Walker's Shortbread for our granddaughters, and I had enough time to ogle at a variety of handsome Harris Tweed sport coats. After trying on a few, Denise surprised me by saying, "Get the one you like—early Merry Christmas." Wow!

As our United flight labored against strong head winds on its way back to Chicago, we sat there alone, paralyzed with the fresh memories of our last two weeks. Scenes of Scotland and Ireland flashed through our minds as the clouds flew by. As for me, I am a simple man, meaning memories of several great meals enjoyed during the trip also popped into my thoughts -- not the least of which was scones with jam and clotted cream! It doesn't get any better than this.



John Alan Ewing lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with his wife, Denise. Currently, they serve as co-editors of this Journal. John was born in Fort Wayne, but attended school in Ohio, graduating from Ohio State University. Wide interests have driven John to careers in various fields, such as education, hotel management, sales, and the family business, Ewing Nursery, Inc., in Ohio. Like his father, Raymond, before him, John has always enjoyed horticulture, and currently works in sales at Arbor Farms Nursery in Fort Wayne.

John is an avid member of Clan Ewing and the Ewing Family Association.

Editor's Note: *If you would like to enjoy these photos in color, contact Beth Ewing Toscos at beth.toscos@gmail.com, and request a digital copy.*

Celebratory Poem

Steven C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

The Knowing

Way above the rough
 and ragged
 steep blue sea
 Through the deepest
 sun lit
 arc of sky
 We fly
 headlong into our past
 Back in time we dive
 The clouds reach up
 tickling us
 billowing bright
 they belie the
 dizzy height
 And how so many years
 gone by
 our family sailed
 below those clouds
 on these same bumpy
 windy seas to seek
 new life new land abounds

To all our gain they
 blew ashore
 full of grit
 fresh hope and drive
 Now we retrace
 those early strides
 and reconvene
 through misty ages
 steeped in time
 From cozy Inns
 to rocky points
 town halls
 and festive fields
 Where jousters tilted
 just for pride
 bright dancers flash fine steps
 and young pipes squeal
 in steely prime

While stubborn rain drives
 wet and hard
 we huddle warm
 close in as one
 as canvas flaps
 and colors blend
 to swap our tales
 of not that long ago
 And now the past
 reborn into the stiffening breeze
 has reared itself alive
 It ripples strong inside this tent
 while we all smile
 and softly share
 that silent knowing
 that grows in us
 Together through
 all time

Written on the occasion of the
 1st International Clan Ewing Gathering
 August 27th-September 2nd, 2019
 Dunoon, Cowal, Scotland
 Steven C. Ewing, October 2019

Upcoming Heritage Events

49th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade

Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Alexandria, VA



Image / information courtesy of Campagna Center, Alexandria, VA.
Website: <https://www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend>

The Campagna Center presents the 49th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk & Parade. Thousands will join us for a full lineup of festivities that will celebrate the rich Scottish heritage of Old Town Alexandria.

Asheville Celtic Fest

Saturday, February 15, 2020 – Fletcher, NC

The Asheville Celtic Festival, a Winter Indoor Celtic Festival bringing the Celtic Spirit of the Seven Nations to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.



Details/image: Asheville Celtic Group website:
<https://ashevillecelticfest.com/>

2020 Ewing Family Association Gathering



Sept. 18-20, 2020, in Philadelphia, PA and Greenwich, NJ

Hotel: Holiday Inn, Swedesboro, NJ
(halfway between Philadelphia and Greenwich)

A planning committee is being formed by Grace Ewing Thompson. Please contact her at iamusuallyhappy713@gmail.com if you're interested in assisting with organization of the event.

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 *Ewing Family Journal's* Editor, the following websites, 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.

Montague George Ewing

Message from Dr. David Clutton, UK (drdavidclutton@gmail.com)

Do you have any info regarding the descendents of Montague Ewing (a.k.a Sherman Myers) who was a British composer? I am trying to build a collection of his sheet music, and would like to contact some of his current family. Thanks.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

More vital data is needed in order to possibly find this man. Needed are locations and dates, plus names of his parents, etc. At the moment, my database does not contain a man by either name.

Response from Dr. David Clutton, UK (drdavidclutton@gmail.com)

Montague George Ewing was born on 21 or 31 May 1890 in London, England. Self-taught in music, he served in two World Wars: with The London Scottish Regiment (1915-19) and The Home Guard (1940-44). As composer, he wrote under his own name as well as the pseudonyms Sherman Myers (in the USA), Rex Avon, Herbert Carrington, Brian Hope, and Paul Hoffman.

Born: 1890 in Eastham, London, England, UK; died March 4, 1957 (age 67) in Friern Barnet, London, England, UK. Does that help?

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Unfortunately, I do not have any information for Montague George Ewing. You might contact Clan Ewing Commander, John Thor Ewing, at thor@thorewing.net. You could also place your query here <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ewingfamilyassociation>. Most of our Ewing Family Association members will receive a copy via email. Sorry that I cannot be of help to you.

James Ewing of Inch Island

Message from Pat Ewing Hammond (repehammond@charter.net)

I am not sure whether you are the person to contact or not, but some information about my paternal grandparents is incorrect and incomplete. My sister and I would like to fix the mistakes and add info if it is possible to do so. Who should we contact? Is there a fee or donation required to get this information submitted?

I note that there is no information about their descendants. George and Jennie had 3 sons, none of which is listed as part of their family, despite the fact that Ellsworth, Walter, and Harold Ewing (family historians) visited George and Jennie in their home on several different occasions during my lifetime. What do you need to bring that info up to date?

It is also interesting that we have come across at least two different spellings of Samuel Galbreadth Ewing's middle name. My sister and I are in touch with the grandchildren of Dwight M. Ewing, son of Samuel Galbreadth Ewing, and granddaughter of Mabel Ewing Sirpless, youngest daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth. What is the best way to get the correction or modification to you? We would like to do that while we are all around to do so, as some of us are into the 80s age-bracket now.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

You may not recall, but you shared these corrections with me in 2016. My personal Ewing file contains about 14,000 Ewing-born individuals. At some point in the near future, I need to discover a way to share this data with others so that it is not lost. If and when this is shared on the web, it should be there forever and your corrections will be included.

You may want to do a similar thing by posting your lineage on the web. Unfortunately, we are unable to change or update the work of William Ewing Riddle in his work about James Ewing of Inch Island.

If you want to prepare an article to include the errors and additional information about your family, we will gladly include it in a future Ewing Family Association (EFA) *Journal*.

Response from Pat Ewing Hammond (repehammond@charter.net)

Thank you for your response. Things are a little clearer now. I did not realize that the James of Inch Island family tree could not be added to and updated. I thought the information I sent in in 2016 had been lost along the way. If there is any way I can help you with your project, I'd be happy to do so. Twelve years or so ago, I did a few typing projects working with Bill Riddle and David (I think) Ewing. I look forward to seeing your shared file when you have discovered how to share it with us.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

The James Ewing of Inch Island tree was the work of Bill Riddle. Unfortunately, we lost him almost five years ago. Even though you worked with him, he somehow failed to record your corrections in his work before it was placed online.

Finis Ewing

Message from Patrick Tagert (ttag@mac.com)

Patrick Tagert here, administrator of the Taggart/MacTaggart DNA project. Could you tell me which group are descendants of the Ewing/Porter clan of Octorora Hundred in Cecil County, Maryland?

This is the group that are ancestors of the Cumberland Presbyterian minister, Finis Ewing, husband of Margaret Brevard Davidson (daughter of Brig. General William Lee Davidson). Thank you!

Response from David Neal Ewing (davidewing93@gmail.com)

I think you are talking about the family Margaret Ewing Fife addresses in her chapter 24 and elsewhere: https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/books/EwingInEarlyAmerica/Fife_Ch24.pdf. If so, the members of this family that have been tested in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project constitute Group 2a. Here are links to a Relationship Diagram and the Group 2 Results Table:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ybsmssbl7sw21ec/Group2aRelationshipDiagram.pdf?dl=0>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/lopg7tbju4aj7e/Group2_ResultsTable.pdf?dl=0

I have copied Karen Avery, the EFA genealogist with this email, so that she can check my work.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Yes, I agree with David about this particular group of Ewing families. I do have the paper trail for each of them. If you have any questions, I would be happy to help.

Ewing Y-DNA Project

David Neal Ewing (davidewing93@gmail.com)

It has been almost 15 years since we started the Ewing Y-DNA Surname Project. Our initial goal was to recruit 100 men with the surname Ewing for testing. We now have a total of 301 participants, of whom 200 are men with the surname Ewing that have done Y-DNA STR testing. We have learned some fascinating things, we are beginning to understand the limitations of the kind of testing we have been doing, and we have discovered new possibilities for moving the project into the future.

The project was originally based on comparing the results of Y-DNA STR testing with the conventional genealogies of project participants. "STR" stands for "short tandem repeat," but as far as I know, no one knows how to pronounce the acronym. We just say the letters, "S-T-R."²⁶ The general idea is that sons will usually have exactly the same list of STRs as their fathers, except that every once in a while a mutation occurs, which is then passed down to subsequent generations. This allows us to estimate how closely men are related to one another based on how closely their STRs match.

We discovered that about 2/3 of the American Ewings that we tested have STRs that match very closely, and we have estimated that their common paternal line ancestor lived only about 400 years ago (these men constitute Ewing surname project Groups 1 & 2). We began calling them "the large closely related group of Ewings" (hereafter LCRGE). Most of the rest of the Ewings tested share a common ancestor with one another (and with the LCRGE) who lived about 6000 years ago. We also discovered that among the Ewings not in the LCRGE, there are other, smaller, closely-related groups, some of which appear to consist of specific Ewing families.

One such group consists of the descendants of William Ewing of Rockingham County, Virginia. He is thought to have immigrated there from the southern end of Loch Lomond, right in the heart of the Ewing country of our ancestors in 16th- and 17th-century Scotland. This family's most recent paternal line

²⁶ If you want a detailed explanation of what STRs are, go to https://isogg.org/wiki/Y_chromosome_DNA_tests, and follow some of the links there.

ancestor in common with the rest of us lived tens of thousands of years ago. We think their haplogroup is characteristic of people who lived in Britain before the Celts or Romans (or Scandinavians or Germans or Normans) arrived there and were descendants of Paleolithic Europeans before the last ice age. But we also think (or at least I think) that their ancestors probably were already members of clan Ewing before we began using the surname.

Another of the initial goals in the project was to determine whether Ewings are related to men with surnames derived from the same onomastic root, such as Ewen, Ewan, McEwen, MacEwan and further afield, Owen.²⁷ We have only had about 20 men with these names participate in the project, which is not enough to permit any definitive statement, but so far we have seen no evidence that they are closely related to Ewings, or for that matter, to one another. Another goal was to find whether there is Y-DNA evidence that Ewings are the “heirs” of Clan Ewan of Otter and if this ancient clan was related to clans Lamont, Lachlan and Sweeney, which are all supposed to have descended from Anrothan O’Neill. The short story is that there is basically no Y-DNA evidence available that bears on these questions at all.

We have tested only a few Ewings still living in Scotland and as far as I know, only one still living in Ireland. A few of them, but by no means 2/3 of them, are members of the LCRGE. That is to say, the results of our testing in “the old country” yield much more diverse results than we have found in American Ewings. This is probably due to two factors. One is that relatively few Ewings immigrated to America before the Revolutionary War and many of them were members of the same family. They were quite successful in reproducing, and there are now many more Ewings in America than there are in Scotland and Ireland combined. This has resulted in what is known as a “founder effect” and their STR pattern is over-represented in America. The other factor is that we have mainly recruited participants through the Ewing Family Association, which means that we have not tested a random sample of American Ewings. Ellsworth Ewing initially conceived of *Clan Ewing in America* (our predecessor organization) as consisting only of Ewings descended from William Ewing of Stirling. Even though there is no clear documentary proof that any of us are descended from him, and even though Ellsworth made a number of mistakes about which Ewings are, and are not, biologically related, this probably resulted in the LCRGE being over-represented in the organization.

When we started the Y-DNA project, we hoped that we would be able to identify STR patterns characteristic of specific Ewing families. As it turns out, this has not been possible, except in the case of a very few families that are not in the LCRGE. The descendants of William Ewing of Rockingham are one example. Another consists of the descendants of James Ewing of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. But, the families within the LCRGE are so closely related, and their STR patterns are so similar that for the most part, we cannot distinguish one from another with any degree of confidence by using STRs alone.

If the inheritance of STR patterns were as I described it in the second paragraph of this article, we should have been able to distinguish even families as closely related as those in the LCRGE, or at least many more of them than we have succeeded in doing. A pair of devilish problems has foiled us: parallel mutations and back mutations. When we analyze Y-DNA STR patterns, we start by assuming that if two men have the same value at a given STR, it is because they have inherited it from a common ancestor. But the fact is that STR mutations can arise independently, coincidentally, and sometimes the same values are found in different lines because of coincidence, rather than because of inheritance. We call such coincidental mutations “parallel” mutations.

“Back” mutations complicate things even more. STRs can mutate in either direction; that is, a mutation can result in the number of repeats either increasing or decreasing. This means that in a branch of a family characterized by a certain number of repeats at one STR, one of the descendants may turn up with

²⁷ If you want to read about the origin of these names, have a look at https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/documents/BritishIsleSurnames_Ewing.pdf.

the same number of repeats that were present *before* the characteristic mutation occurred in the ancestor that founded the branch. The Y-DNA of the man in whom this happened ends up looking more like his great-great grandfather's than like his father's, and more like his distant cousins' than his brothers'. These phenomena are not so common that they make analyzing STR data completely fruitless, but they are common enough to cause us a world of confusion. And they limit the usefulness and reliability of STR analysis.

In the past few years, a different kind of Y-DNA testing has become available that shows promise of solving the problems with STR testing described above. This is SNP testing. "SNP" stands for "single nucleotide polymorphism." Many people pronounce the acronym as "snip."²⁸ The general idea is the same as with STR testing, except that with STR testing, we examine a few dozen STR markers (most of our participants have had 37 STR markers tested). With the BigY-700 SNP test, Family Tree DNA tests over a half-million SNP markers. Individual SNP markers are about ten million times less likely to mutate than individual STR markers, which means that, as a practical matter, we do not have to worry about back and parallel mutations with SNPs. And that means that if two men have the same SNP, we can be very sure that they inherited it from a common ancestor.

So what's not to love about testing SNPs instead of STRs? Most importantly, the BigY-700 SNP test is almost four times as expensive as the Y-DNA37 STR test that we have been using, and this limits the number of men that will be able to afford it. This is important because our ability to identify specific family branches depends not only on the clarity of the Y-DNA data, but also on how many men with well worked-out conventional genealogies we can correlate with this. So far, we have SNP results on only seven men in the LCRGE with results pending on two more. We are excited by the results we have so far, because we have identified one SNP that all of them has and no man of any other surname has. If this holds up, we will be able to identify members of the LCRGE by testing just this single SNP for a fraction of what it costs to test 37 STR markers! Even more exciting is that we have identified three distinct branch markers below that. This means that already we can reliably distinguish three distinct families within the LCRGE, and we are hopeful that we will be able to find others as we accumulate more results.

Now, at last, it is time for me to introduce D.G. Ewing of Mobile, Alabama. He has actual given names, but has always gone by just his initials. I have heard rumors that "D.G." actually stands for "Data Guy." In any case, his day job before retiring was as the Vice President of Industrial Engineering for a large corporation, who was at one point responsible for designing and managing databases. Wow! Just who we needed to figure out how to deal with our growing mountain of Y-DNA data. He has become a very active co-administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA project, and has completely assumed responsibility for SNP testing and analysis. He has written an article (see next page) to accompany this one in which he will encourage you to order the BigY test and explain how to do it.



David Neal Ewing has been a member of Clan Ewing in America since 1996 and served as its Chancellor from 2006-2012. He previously served as Chair of its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006. He is also Administrator of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, which he founded in 2004. Dr. Ewing has a private practice in clinical geriatric neuropsychiatry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his M.D. degree from the University of New Mexico and did his residency training at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

²⁸ If you want more technical information about exactly what this is and how it works, a good introduction with links to additional information can be found at https://isogg.org/wiki/Y-SNP_testingpe.

Ewing DNA – SNPs**D.G. Ewing** (*dg@dgewing.com*)

“Damn the torpedoes – full speed ahead!” was shouted here in Mobile on a very hot and humid August day 155 years ago....and I have modified it to “damn the STRs ---full SNP testing now!!”

I wish that I had Dr. David’s ability to take a complex subject and make it seem simple, but I don’t. So I hope you will cut me some slack as I try to persuade you that it is very important/essential for the understanding of our shared Ewing heritage to spend \$230 to \$650 depending on your previous testing level. David has introduced you to SNPs, and you can google for additional technical understanding.

The following is my attempt to dumb it down [I must, so that I can grasp it.]: Let’s think about the Y chromosome that only we males get from our fathers, who received from their father, on and on, generation after generation, as a very tall ladder.

In fact, it is a ladder with about 59 million rungs (base pairs of nucleotides—4 different acids), and that each rung (locus/position/location) has been numbered (1 thru 59M). Each rung has two expected colors (two different acids) –left side color (acid) and a matching color (acid) on the right side (the expected is called the “reference” value of un-mutated matching acid types-A,C,G,T).

This “standard” (reference) data consisting of location and acid type for all the chromosomes is the human **reference** genome and is captured in a massive file called GRCh38/hg38 (the 38th version of the human **reference** genome--hg).

Now, think of the Y chromosome piece of the hg38 as defining a “standard” (the referenced) male human. As a pilot, I had to learn to use a “standard” day (59 degrees at sea level) so that I could take off and land anywhere by converting the local temp and elevation to a standard day. “Standard” days rarely exist and “standard” male humans do not exist either (or at least I don’t know any and have never met one).

To keep this simple for me, I think of the “standard” male human as Adam. He is not, but it makes it easy for me (Adam = Haplogroup A with SNP V148— “and is the foundation of all known patrilineal lineages carried by modern male humans.”²⁹)

So when we take the Big Y, our results are compared to the current reference Y genome. If one of our rung’s color does not match the reference, then we are flagged as having a SNP at that location....easy peasy!! Oh, and by the way, the DNA sequencing process that is used to “read” the results is by color coding our samples and recording the color, so my rung color analogy is not so weird.

Ok, now for the really cool stuff. All seven of LCRGE [the blue boxes at the bottom of the chart/cladogram shown on page 65 and identified with their initials/kit number] **did not match** the reference value (the ancestral value) on the left side of rung 14,302,757 which has been given the SNP name FGC19865. There is no meaning/logic to the name other than the letters at the beginning designate what lab discovered the SNP. Note: there are also an additional 4 locations/positions/loci where we do not match the reference. Or better said, we have a mutation (SNP). See the “Ewing Unique” green box labeled Branch 46 in the chart on page 65.

The ancestral color (reference acid) for the left side of rung 14,302,757 is blue (Guanine), and we are the only known humans to have the left side of the rung colored red (Adenine). We have a Clade!! Note: The

²⁹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_A_\(Y-DNA\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_A_(Y-DNA))

blue and red colors have no meaning, and in the analogy, I could have used any color for this illustration. The acids stated are accurate and real.)

Two of us (see the two blue boxes on the left side of the cladogram), members DG3 (me) and MS have 3 SNPs (i.e., BY203817) that don't match the other 5 Ewing testers or any other human on earth and that creates our subclade A as shown in the chart below. The other 5 blue boxes/members have a single SNP that defines subclade B (FGC19863) that I and MS do not have.

The pink boxes in the chart below list the "private" or unmatched SNPs, and it is in these boxes that the exciting and "very important/essential" results will be found.

So hopefully by now you have more than a notion that the 700,000 or so 'Y' SNPs are what defines Haplogroups, Clades, subclades, family branching. It is possible even to identify a specific person. More importantly, I hope you have grasped the importance of "matching" DNA results (all types atDNA, mtDNA and yDNA) to the reference and most importantly to each other!!!

The only way to maximize the discovery of additional Clades (for Group 3-5 members), subclades, or families is to have **many tests within a Clade!!** However, in all reality, since there are so few members in groups 3-5, and my guess is maybe there are as many as 10 clades, the potential of "matching" is very limited. But, for the Clade FGC19865/LCRGE, which is large -- about 120, **we can and will discover new subclade(s) and family branches with additional testing!!**

At the EFA Gathering last August 2018, we did not know that Clade R-FGC19865 or any of the subclade branches existed. But because we added 5 additional testers since the gathering to the two pioneers (SC2 and WA2) who tested several years ago, the new results allowed us to identify 4 and possibly 5 (the red box) Ewing markers/branches.

We need a minimum of 10-15 additional members (ideally everyone) to order the Big Y, in order to have 20-30 Big Y test results (about a third). This will provide a very solid understanding of the LCRGE/Clade R-FGC19865 Ewing genetic genealogy. I think that looking at the table (excel spreadsheet on page 66) you will deduce which STR subgroups or ancestors need testing—all but nine!!! However, more in the nine would also help.

Since the Y chromosome is slow mutating (relative to the other 45/22.5 pairs of chromosomes), I think of my Big Y test as testing my 5th Great Grandfather. Are you picking up what I am laying down??

Synopsis of the Cladogram below:

Each box represents an ancestor, but do not confuse the hierarchy as generations, as there may be several generations between markers/branches/SNPs/Clades/subclade (boxes).

Blue boxes on the bottom are the 8 with Big Y/SNP testing showing STR subgroup, kit number, member ID (mine is DG3).

Since Adam, there have been about 46 'branchings' (specific SNPs) of the male human leading to our LCRGE/ Ewing Clade FGC19865, as defined by the official keeper of the Y DNA tree.³⁰ I am estimating (maybe guessing is more accurate) that we will discover 10-15 more levels (branches) of our Ewing FGC19865 Clade and that is what is being represented as branch values on the right side of the chart. Maybe we end up with 57-ish branches from Adam??

³⁰ The International society of Genetic Genealogy—website: issog.org/tree.

The top SNP is a Haplogroup R defining marker—R-BY3347 – which is a subclade (6 branches downstream) of M222 SNP. The M222 is generally known as the NW Irish marker that the Ewing Clade FGC19865/LCRGE and Group 3 Ewings share with many other Irish/Scottish surnames.

The red box is 3 SNPs that are being analyzed that **need additional testing data** to make a conclusion of where they belong. Do they stay where shown now or move upstream (at branch 45 or between 46 and 56? My guess is that most, if not all, will indeed move up. Only JA2 and DN were tested (Big Y 700) and the rest of us do not have any results. I am upgrading to the 700 so hopefully my results will provide clarity.

Requests:

1. Please consider ordering the Big Y.
2. If you can afford to make donations to sponsor others, please do.
3. If you have any questions or plan to order; please email either David or me
 - a. dg@dgewing.com – D.G. Ewing
 - b. davidewing93@gmail.com – David Neal Ewing
4. Please join our private Facebook group,³¹ where you can post comments, questions, or anything dealing with Ewing DNA (all types, autosomal -atDNA, mitochondrial—mtDNA and/or yDNA.)
5. If you are interested in helping with our DNA program, please email us.



DG Ewing Sr. is a retired executive of a Fortune 100 aerospace company with 40 years of extensive experience in Industrial Engineering, Planning, and Program Management. In his last position as Vice President LPD Program, he was responsible for the profit and loss of the \$10B+ LPD Program. The sales of this program exceeded the sales of nearly 75% of all the companies in the S&P 600.

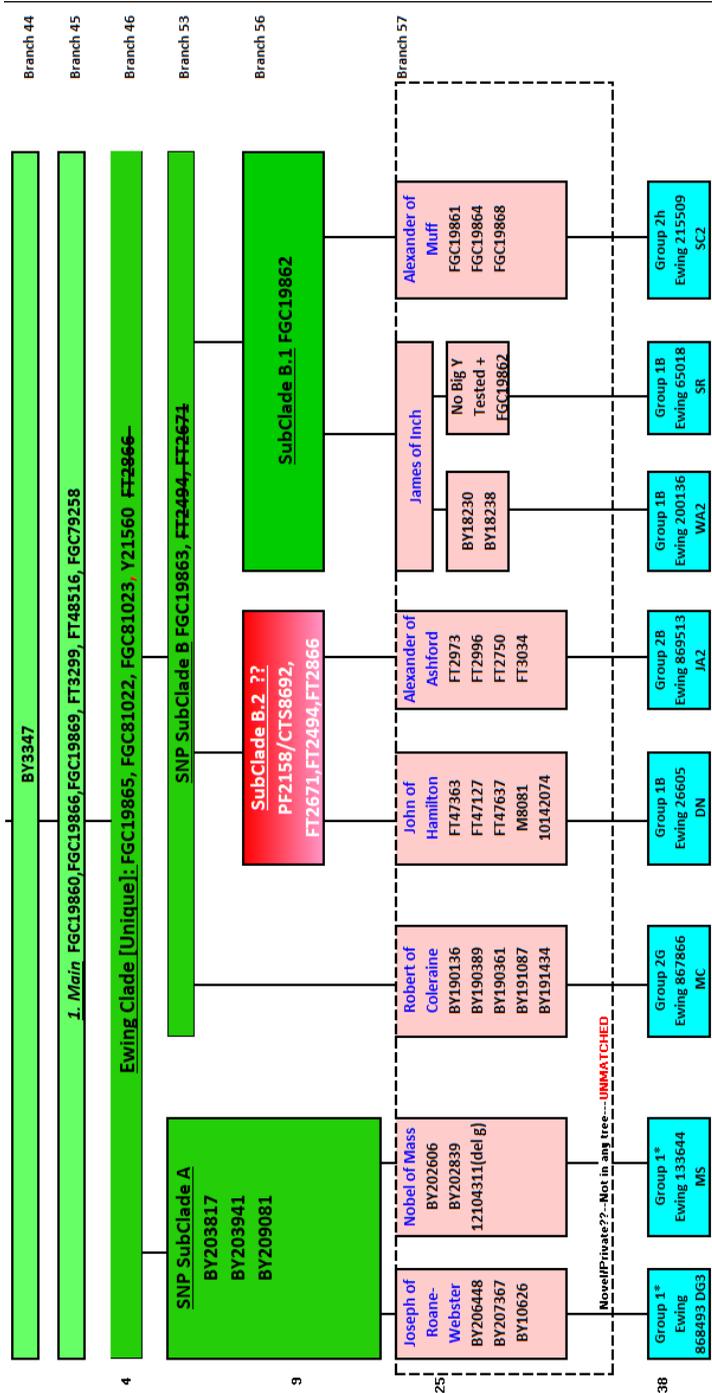
DG has attended eight colleges and universities in six different states and completed Harvard's EMBA Exec Dev Program in 1988. He is currently enrolled in Boston University's Financial Planning Program and recently completed Auburn/ACES's Master Gardeners Program.

DG is a husband of 47 years, father of 3 and grandfather of four granddaughters. He was born and raised on a SW Missouri farm and entered the US Army during the Viet Nam conflict.

During his 12-year military service, he was stationed as a member of the Military Attaché Group at several European Embassies including what was then Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

DG enjoys golf, gardening, bread making, BBQ, book collecting, and boating. He is an accomplished artist/teacher (oil painter), a former pilot, an avid cyclist, and terrible golfer. He recently rode his recumbent tricycle from Mobile, AL to Springfield, MO (31-day trip), to bring awareness of the stigma associated with mental illness. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and volunteers and supports several community and national non-profit organization

³¹ Ewing DNA Group; facebook.com/groups/514391262366667/ (copy and paste)



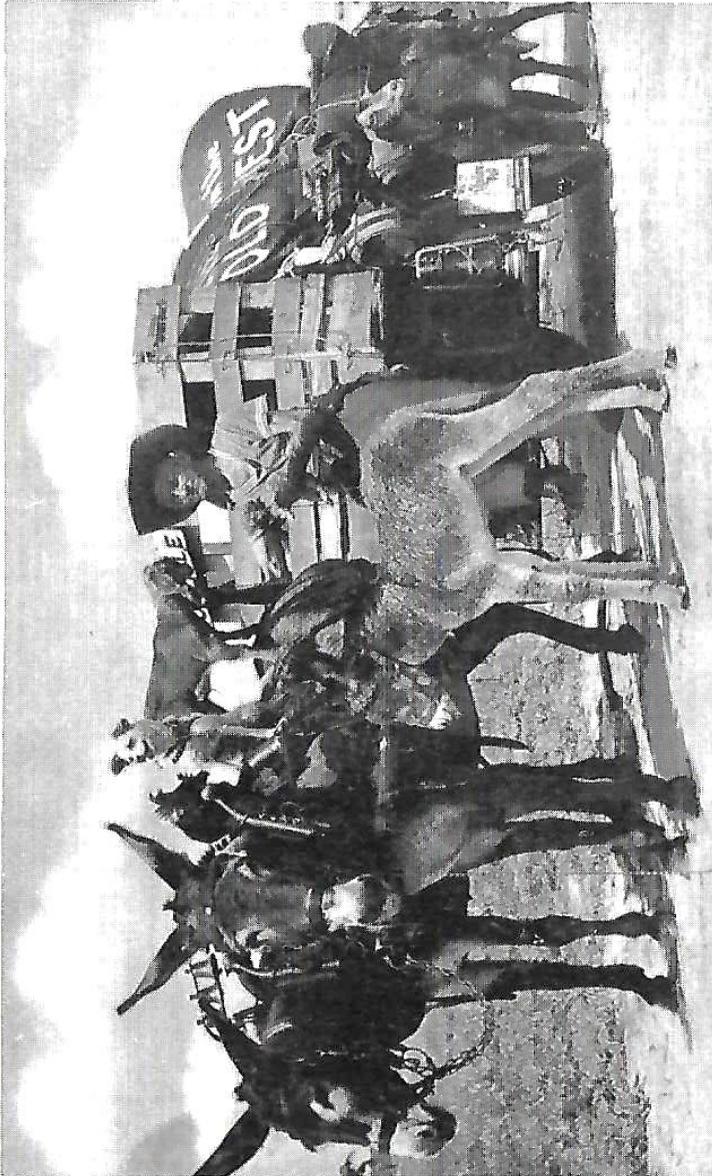
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SRID 2	Nobel of Massachusetts	1786 Ch NA --Unk	R	BY203817	BY202606	65A.2	1i	1	1	
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SRID 4	Alexander of Muflf *	1744 Ch ?? --McCorkle	R	FGC19862	FGC19861	65B.1b	2h	1	1	
SRID 5	Alexander of Ashford *	1710 Ch 42 for GS --Allan	R	FGC19863	FT2973	65B.2a ?	2b	6	1	
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SRID 7	John of Hamilton	1760 Ch ?? --Townslay	R	FGC19863	FT47363	65B.2b ?	1b**	1	1	
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SRID 9	Samuel of Clermont	1805 Ch NA -- Paris	R	awaiting results	awaiting results	TBD	2*	1	1 ordered	
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TBD	James of Lancaster Co PA	1723 Ch 37--Shelleberger	R			TBD	1c	6		
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TBD	James of Ayrshire	1689 Ch 9 --Gebbie	R			TBD	1h	2		
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TBD	William of GA.Fife	1768 Ch 34.38 &43 --Whaley	R			TBD	2c	5		
TBD	Henry of Straban	1740 Ch for son 21--Unk	R			TBD	2d	4		
TBD	William of Dunstaffnage *	1570 Ch NA --Unk	R			TBD	2e	2		
TBD	Robert of Stirling	1654 Ch 23 for son --Unk	R			TBD	2f	2		
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* AD & CJ has Wm of Dunstaffnage (2e) as 9th GGF and Alexander of Ashford (2b as 5th GGF)

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