

2014 Gathering

Preliminary Information

The Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) 13th biennial gathering will be held 19-21 September 2014 in Fort Wayne, Indiana (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Wayne). Our primary venue will be the Allen County Public Library (ACPL), giving attendees the opportunity to: explore the ACPL's vast Genealogy Center¹ and use its extensive computerized resources including its PERSI periodicals index;² access the EFA Collection which has recently been established at the Genealogy Center and comprises some of the EFA Archives previously held at the Historical Society of Cecil County in Elkton, Maryland, as well as family pictures and memorabilia donated by Wallace K. Ewing; learn about how the EFA Collection is being handled by the Genealogy Center; and possibly visit the Center's prestigious Lincoln Collection housing memorabilia and a number of original documents signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

Overlapping the gathering will be Fort Wayne's annual Johnny Appleseed Festival.³ The Fort Wayne area also offers several other opportunities for excursions or journeys back in time, for example to the Old Fort⁴ with its Military Encampment and Trappers and Traders Living History areas.

Arrangements for hotel accommodation have been made with the Best Western Luxbury Inn in Fort Wayne.⁵ The Luxbury Inn offers a complimentary hot breakfast, free WiFi, business and fitness centers, an elevator and meeting rooms. Although the majority of day-time meetings will occur in the ACPL's meeting facilities, informal meetings will be held at the Luxbury Inn. Room prices will be \$75 plus tax per night.

A final schedule for the Gathering appears on the following page. Please note the times and topics we will cover. If you have any questions, contact Beth Toscos (MBToscos@comcast.net) or Daniel Ewing (DC.Ewing@frontier.com).

¹ genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx

² For more information about PERSI, see the *Journal Gazette* article recently reprinted in a previous issue of the *Ewing Family Journal* (Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 35-36).

³ www.johnnyappleseedfest.com

⁴ oldfortwayne.org

⁵ www.roomstays.com/hotel/641885



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