

Our Ninth Gathering

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The dust has settled on the Ninth Biennial Gathering of *Clan Ewing in America*. It is appropriate to provide a few end notes to our Fort Wayne experience. There were many positive comments on the form and content of our Gathering. I would like to thank everyone for so enthusiastically embracing the activities and seminar sessions. I believe a few new things were learned by everyone, but better still, many new connections were made with Ewing cousins and old connections strengthened by this Gathering.

Fort Wayne had a lot to offer us in the way of genealogical and historical venues, and we took full advantage of them. From the Commemorative Ceremony at the Ewing Memorial in historic Lindenwood Cemetery to our tours of Chief Richardville's home, the Swinney Homestead and the fabulous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, everyone had an opportunity to see some well preserved relics of former times. Many took the opportunity to research at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL), which in recent weeks had moved into its "new" old home at the original site of the ACPL in downtown Fort Wayne.



Edward G. Ewing, Direct Descendent of Alexander Ewing of Fort Wayne, and His Wife Angie Were Interviewed for the Local News at the Lindenwood Ceremony

Our seminar sessions proved very educational. David Neal Ewing gave two excellent presentations on the importance and applicability of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, and

although this topic can be difficult to understand, Dr. David's explanations helped all of us to get a better look at how this new technology can supplement our traditional genealogical research. Jim McMichael had an opportunity to pitch the new Ewing Genealogy Documentation (EGD) Project which is a great effort to provide the proof of our research and will prove useful over time for all Ewing genealogists. An excellent session on Scottish genealogy and resources by Jeanne Stump and a cultural presentation by the Fort Wayne Scottish Cultural Society rounded out Saturday afternoon.

The Gathering marked a change in leadership and recognized service way beyond the "call of duty." George Ewing turned over the Chancellorship to David Ewing, and George's service was recognized by the presentation of a plaque noting his many valued contributions. In addition, a plaque and a lifetime membership were presented to James McMichael for exceptional service in many capacities and Robert Johnson was recognized for outstanding service to *Clan Ewing*. Mary Gosline was elected Chair (to replace David) and a new Board of Directors was established. (For a list of the Board Members, see the inside of the *Journals* cover.)

The highlight of the Gathering for me was, without a doubt, the wonderful Fort Wayne Pipes & Drums who opened our Saturday night gala with their presentation of bagpipe music. Saturday night also gave me and my immediate family a reason to have a family reunion, with cousins coming from as far away as California and Florida.

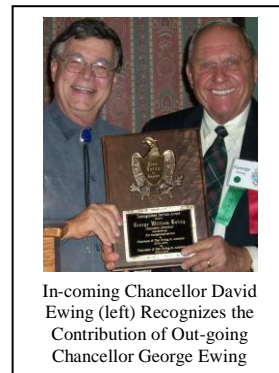


Fort Wayne Pipes & Drums

We gained several new members from the area in and around Fort Wayne. They must have been surprised at the dedication of *Clan Ewing in America* to the ideals that inspired our founder, Rev. Ellsworth Ewing. *Clan Ewing in America* will always open arms and hearts to welcome new members. I hope that all members, new and old, enjoyed this Gathering as much as I did.

And now, on to the Tenth!!

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In-coming Chancellor David Ewing (left) Recognizes the Contribution of Out-going Chancellor George Ewing