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From the Editor

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In recent recreational, put-me-to-sleep reading I encountered the following:

Logic is never linear. It dashes to and fro and bounces off walls and makes hairpin turns and gets lost during detours. Anything can be a catalyst, usually something unrelated to the task at hand, ricocheting your thoughts into an unexpected direction – a direction that inevitably leads to a solution linear thinking could never have approached.¹

I sat back and mused – so much for being lulled to sleep! I mused about my long-held belief that problems are best solved by gestalt rather than linear thinking. After a couple of right-turns and twists in my thinking, I recalled that as a sophomore in high school, I had to take a career test, intended to help me focus in on career alternatives for which I had a high aptitude. I scored very high – way, way off the scale – on becoming a detective. I went off, however, in quite opposite directions – first ornithology and then engineering – but my genealogy work reflects my aptitude for being a detective.

I then took a right-turn in my musing and realized that the essence of being a detective is *discovery* – seeking information, analyzing its validity, and organizing some accumulated body of information into some coherent understanding of some conundrum. This led to thinking about explorers – Lewis and Clark, Magellan, Columbus, etc. – as being 'detectives' in their time. Scientists are also detectives in a very strong sense. And, most certainly, genealogists are detectives, amassing evidence concerning their ancestors, making and testing hypotheses about the gaps in their understanding, and providing detailed arguments to support their conclusions.

Long story short: I ended up feeling that the key to becoming a successful *genealogical detective* was being a careful and astute 'discoverer', constantly interested in finding new pieces of information and continuously molding a play-dough mass of knowledge into a coherent 'picture' with a minimal number of loose ends.

Then, as I frequently do, I turned to the Internet to find witticisms and deep-thoughts offered up by various philosophers, from various generations, about 'discovery'. Here's a selection of what I found:

When you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.

Arthur Conan Doyle, Sr. (Scottish writer, creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes, 1859-1930)

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Andre Gide (French writer, humanist and moralist, 1947 Nobel Prize for Literature, 1869-1951)

The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand.

Frank Herbert (American science-fiction author 1920-1986)

One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries.²

A. A. Milne (English humorist, creator of Winnie-the-Pooh, 1882-1956)

¹ Coben, Harlan. *Long Lost*, Dutton, 2009; Chapter 32.

² Think of Peter Faulk's *Columbo* character!

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds the most discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' (I found it!) but 'That's funny'.

Isaac Asimov (Russian-born American science-fiction writer and biochemist. 1920-1992)

There is nothing as deceptive as an obvious fact.

Arthur Conan Doyle, Sr. (Scottish writer, creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes, 1859-1930)

The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust (French novelist and author, 1871-1922)

Sometimes it is more important to discover what one cannot do, than what one can do.

Lyn Yutang (prolific Chinese writer and editor, 1895-1976)

It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data.

Arthur Conan Doyle, Sr. (Scottish writer, creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes, 1859-1930)

We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.

Samuel Smiles (Scottish author, 1812-1904)

By mutual confidence and mutual aid - great deeds are done, and great discoveries made.

Homer (Greek poet, presumed author of the Iliad and the Odyssey, 9th-8th century BC)

Net sum: Keep an open mind as you look for information that doesn't 'fit' as much as information that does. Treat 'facts' as merely 'probabilistically true'. Be willing to make seemingly ridiculous hypotheses, and continuously and frequently test your emerging understanding. And, perhaps above all, treat discovery as a collaborative process.

Clan Chiefship

The contributions in this issue include two – one by Chancellor David Neal Ewing (page 15) and the other by Thor Ewing (page 20) – concerning the issue of a chief for Clan Ewen. The Board of Directors (BoD) will soon be asked to decide what, if any, position the *Ewing Family Association* should take with respect to this issue. David Neal Ewing's article lists several of the possible positions. You are strongly urged to read these articles and provide your comments to the Board of Directors.³

Wm E. Riddle

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My Elusive Ancestor, David Ewing – Part 2

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As mentioned in my previous article,¹ not much is really known about my ancestor David Ewing. According to material in *Clan Ewing of Scotland*,² we know he was probably from Ireland:

This David Ewing was a younger son of Alex. Ewing, the youngest of the Balloch Ewings, and was born about 1722. He married, first, Janet, a daughter of John Ewing of Noblistown, Scotland; and, second, Rachel Marshall and had David and three other boys. This Alex. was a younger son of Alexander of Balloch, born about 1692, the younger son of Alex. of Balloch, born about 1660.

David Ewing came to Pennsylvania around 1792, obtained his naturalization papers in 1798 in Pennsylvania and remained there at least until 1832-1834. I have some reason to believe that he might have left earlier than 1833, but not enough conclusive evidence to prove it beyond a doubt. We have not been able to document a conventional genealogical relationship between my line and others in the large closely related group of Ewings in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project,³ but the Y-DNA results clearly show that we are closely related to them. My cousin – William Phillip Ewing, participant WP in the Y-DNA Project – is only genetic distance 1 from the Ewing 37-marker modal so there can be little doubt of that. We believe that David Ewing is a direct descendant, as stated in *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, of one Alexander Ewing of Balloch Scotland dating back to 1660. Alexander Ewing of Balloch is also mentioned in Burke's Peerage,^{4,5} as well as being cited by Brian Orr,⁶ noted genealogist/historian of Scotland, and Thor Ewing,⁷ a current Ewing genealogist from England.

What I Know

I know that David was an adventurous soul. Traveling from Europe to America in the late 1700s was an adventure in itself and was not without great risk. But the urge to travel must have always been in his blood as he took out to the west in America and landed in the beautiful area of Knoxville, Illinois.

¹ Wolfe, Susan (Ewing). *My Elusive Ancestor, David Ewing*, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 3/4 (August/November 2010), pp. 6-8.

² Ewing, Elbert William R. *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Corben Publishing Co. (Ballston, Virginia), 1922. Available for purchase from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.ClanEwing.org/books/EwingEWR/index_ewr.htm.

³ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

⁴ Burke, Sir Bernard, C.B., LL.D., Ulster King of Arms, *The Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire*, Vol. II, Fifth Edition, Harrison, Pall Mall (London), Bookseller to The Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 1871. From Wikipedia: *Burke's Landed Gentry* (original title *Burke's Commoners*) is the result of nearly two centuries of intense work by the Burke family, and others since, in building a collection of books of genealogical and heraldic interest, which has evolved with Burke's *Peerage*, *Baronetage* & *Knightage*. The *Burke's Landed Gentry*, as a detailed listing of key families or other influential figures in the United Kingdom, was first published in 1826, as developed by Sir John Bernard Burke. *Burke's Landed Gentry* is widely used by historians and genealogical researchers.

⁵ A transcription of a part of Burke's Peerage, mentioning Alexander Ewing of Balloch, appears in Ewing, David Neal Ewing. Orr-Ewing Information in Burke's Landed Gentry, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 2011), pp. 3-5.

⁶ Orr, Brian. *Orr – Some: Research into the Orr Family*, Heritage Books (Westminster, Maryland), 2006. www.amazon.com/Orr-Some-Research-into-Family/dp/078844266X

⁷ Ewing, Thor. *New Notes on Clan Ewen*. Private Printing, 2009. www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes

One must wonder about how wild and untamed those parts were in those days. Knoxville, Illinois, itself did not become a township until 1847 and had a scant 1,700 people living in the area at that time. This is readily found on the Internet when one searches for the history of Knoxville, Illinois. David must have been filled with a lot of sense of adventure and a curiosity about what is out there that had yet to be discovered.

David and Ruth (Brown) Ewing had at least three children born in Pennsylvania. They were Alexander (from whom I descend), George Marshall, and Margaret. They were born between 1806 and 1818.

Alexander – the oldest of these three children – married one Jane Campbell. When looking for the parents of a Susannah Campbell, I came across an 1810 Census record for Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that shows a record for John Campbell living in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.⁸ To this family were born:⁹

- Margaret C. Campbell. Born July 12, 1794, and died January 28, 1878, in Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois. She was an aunt of Mary Louise (Ewing) Keightley, wife of H. N. Keightley. She came to Knoxville with her sister Ms. Alexander Ewing in November 1836 and belonged to the Presbyterian Church.
- Jane Campbell. Born November 27, 1808, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and died September 26, 1866, in Knoxville, Illinois. She married, circa 1828, Alexander Ewing who was born March 6, 1806, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.
- John Campbell. Born November 27, 1808, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and died after 1880, in Montgomery County, Kansas. He married Harriett Walker who was born in 1824 in Pennsylvania and died after 1880.

Other Campbells found in the 1830 Census for Addison, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, are:

- James Campbell: born Ireland, circa 1760, married to Mary, born circa 1778.
- John Campbell: age 50-60.

Alexander and Jane (Campbell) Ewing had three children, one of them named John Henry who was born September 23, 1832. He was my great-great-grandfather.

The Ewing family remained in Pennsylvania at least through 1832-34. It could be that David and Ruth (Brown) Ewing traveled on to Illinois first and the children and grandchildren followed later in 1836 or after.

Facts differ on the birth place of John Henry. One source is an obituary¹⁰ which states that John Henry was born in Ohio and died May 20, 1898 in El Dorado, Butler County, Kansas. However, in *History Of the State of Kansas*¹¹ it specifically states that John Henry was a native of Pennsylvania and was born

⁸ 1830 Census record for Addison Twp. Somerset Co., Pa., John Campbell, Male: one 50-60; Females: two 20-30, one 50-60.

⁹ According to the 1880 Census for West Cherry, Montgomery County, Kansas, the father was born in Scotland and the mother was born in Pennsylvania.

¹⁰ The Republican, *Butler County Newspaper*, Kansas, n.d.

¹¹ Andreas, A. T. *History of the State of Kansas*, Chicago, 1883. A transcription by William G. Cutler is available online at www.kancoll.org/books/cutler.

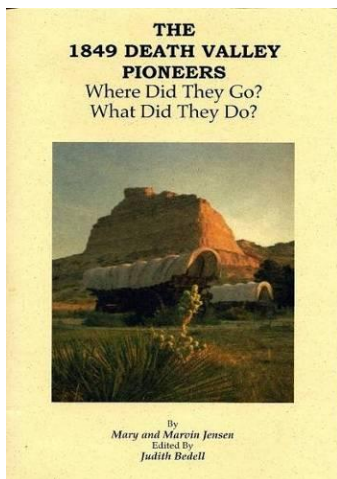
in Somerset County on September 23, 1832. John Henry himself swore under oath in the state of New York for the purpose of obtaining a passport that he was born on September 23, 1832 in Smithfield, Pennsylvania, and that he was a citizen of the United States. This document is dated April 21, 1857. John Henry is listed as:

age 24, five feet 11 inches tall with a high forehead, brown eyes a prominent nose, medium mouth, a round chin and having brown hair and a sallow complexion¹²

If John Henry went abroad, I have yet to find anything about it.

As we venture on into Illinois, Knoxville in particular, there is very little to find about David and Ruth (Brown) Ewing. Their tombstone markers lie in the beautiful Knoxville Cemetery and someone has upgraded those tombstones to that of rose pink granite. Fortunately for my family and my research, someone cared enough about the family to replace the old concrete stone with a beautiful stone that is readily legible today. While venturing through the cemetery, I also found the tombstones of all three of David and Ruth's children and their spouses. Alexander and Jane, George Marshall and Elizabeth, and Margaret and William H. Whitton plus many of their children are all buried along-side each other. David Ewing died in November of 1847 and Ruth died in May of 1863.

Alexander and George were merchants. That leaves one's imagination wide open, but I lucked out and found copies (with extensive information) of the dry-goods store that Alexander owned in Galesburg, Illinois, a mere six miles from Knoxville. He must have been a very successful businessman from the size of the old ledger and its contents.



Alexander inherited his wanderlust ways from his father. He took off in 1849 with his seventeen-year old son, John Henry, for California to join the rush for gold. Luckily for me, they took the more northern route after leaving the later stranded and starved Donner Party that they met up with in Missouri. Alexander must have known that the northern route through Oregon and down into California would be less intimidating and dangerous.

Alexander was the head of Wagon Train #10 and is listed in the booklet *The Death Valley Pioneers*.¹³ This interesting documentation was researched and printed in November 2005 by a direct descendant of a member of the Donner Party, Mary Wade Jensen. Her husband Marvin contacted me in regards to listing my Alexander and John Henry in the booklet and also including a picture of John Henry to go along with it.¹⁴ Alexander and John Henry started with the *Jay Hawk*ers from Galesburg to California but decided to continue on west by following Captain Hunt and his party through the northern route instead of the shortcut through Death Valley. I am eternally grateful that he made this wise

¹² Taken from Passport Applications 1795-1905, NARA Microfilm Publication M1372, 694 rolls.

¹³ Jensen, Mary and Marvin. (ed. Judith Bedell) *The 1849 Death Valley Pioneers. Where Did They Go? What Did They Do?*, Death Valley '49ers, Inc. (Death Valley, California), 2005.

¹⁴ The picture I provided appears in my previous article.

decision and that my great-great-grandfather returned home to marry and produce offspring that would lead on down for generations to come. I, my children and my grandchildren are included in these many generations.

It is unknown just how long Alexander and John Henry were in California. Obviously they never found gold because they returned to Knoxville, and Alexander continued to operate his dry-goods store in Galesburg until his death in 1874.

Without a doubt the beautiful long rifle purchased by either David or Alexander in Pennsylvania was taken on the trip to California. Alexander instilled his son's wanderlust, just as it had been instilled in him by his father David. John Henry went on to travel to the Colorado Gold Rush in 1859 and kept an extensive day-by-day account of that adventure.

David's three children – Alexander, George Marshall and Margaret – all settled their families in the Knoxville and Galesburg, Illinois, area. George Marshall wed Elizabeth Maria Taylor who is thought to have been born in New York. They had a total of eight children; all but two were girls. Frank Brown Ewing, the oldest son, married Sarah Adelaide Newburry. The other son, Alexander but known as Alex, died without issue. A daughter Louise died and is buried in the Knoxville Cemetery alongside her brother Alex. All three of these deaths are recorded in the Session Minutes of the First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Illinois. Another daughter, Anna M., married a Runkle, possibly Charles. There are numerous Runkles listed in the Knoxville Cemetery Records put together by the Knox Genealogical Society and published in 1989. I have not researched this line and therefore cannot provide more data.

George Marshall is listed as a merchant but whether he helped his brother Alexander in Alexander's large mercantile business or whether George had a business of his own I have not been able to determine. The very early records of Knoxville, Illinois, are extensive. Unfortunately, we were not important enough to figure into the written history of the area except for St. Mary's University named after Mary Louise Ewing (see photograph on next page)

Frank Brown and Sarah Adelaide Ewing went on to have children who also produced offspring leading to a current descendant Mari Ann (Ewing) Fletcher of Missouri.



Long Rifle that belonged to John H. Ewing. Made by Peter White. Verified by an antique gun dealer, Mr. Lynn M. Chenault of Houston.



**Remains of the old St.
Mary's University in
Knoxville, Illinois.
Named after Mary Louise
(Ewing) Keightley by her
husband Horatio N.
Keightley.**

A daughter – Emma Ruth Ewing – of George Marshall and Elizabeth Maria (Taylor) Ewing married Jay Frank Price in Knoxville. Their only known child was Lucille Price who married the son of Judge Jesse Turner of Van Buren, Arkansas. Jesse Turner II, Lucille Price his wife, Emma Ruth, and J. F. Price are all buried in Van Buren, Arkansas. I have their tombstone pictures as well as a write-up given to me by a local historian and genealogist.¹⁵

I seem to find information in the strangest places but without free-access websites and kind people none of this would ever be known!

Margaret Ewing married a bright young man from the east named William H. Whitton. Many of the Ewing/Whitton children and offspring are buried in the Knoxville Cemetery. It is thought that William H. Whitton was a lawyer in the area, but I have not found a lot of information about this. He did help his sister-in-law – Mary Louise Ewing Keightley – as a 'replacement' executor of her father's will.

Why Mary Louise did not want to be the (sole) executor of her father's, Alexander Ewing's, estate is unknown. But we do know that Mary Louise led a pretty tough life. She and her husband – Horatio Nelson Keightley – were divorced or separated by the time he died. I have copies of letters penned by William H. Whitton asking for help from her

brother, John Henry Ewing. Much to my dismay, John Henry Ewing turned down the requests. That leads me to believe that it is possible that the family did not approve of her marriage in the first place.

Whatever the circumstances might have been, Mary Louise and Horatio N. Keightley had several offspring that went on to raise their own families. Pictures and other documents were obtained from a direct descendant. Other documents in my possession prove both the existence of Mary Louise and William H. Whitton and the petition showing her request to the court that her executive rights to the probate of Alexander Ewing's be terminated and given to William H. Whitton.

Catherine Ewing, yet another daughter of George Marshall Ewing, married into a prominent family from New York: Gilbert and Cornelia Maria (Miller) Weeks. Their son, Charles M. Weeks, and Catherine married in Knoxville, Illinois, and are buried alongside the Weeks family. Gilbert Weeks has ancestors that date well back into the history of England and one is recorded in American Revolution files. His wife's family – the Millers – date back in the history of New York and, from there into the history of England as her mother was descended from the Stewart family. The Weeks were also prominent in the merchant business and operated a large, grain-operating company.

Digressing just a little: John Henry Ewing's other sister was Anna Matilda Ewing. She married William Nitchie Phillips. He was the son of Sara Everston and William Phillips of New York:¹⁶

¹⁵ Smith, Joe E. (*SmithJoeE at aol dot com*). Posted on April 22, 2000, to Crawford Co., AR Query Forum.

¹⁶ From a history of the Phillips family and information about William Nitchie Phillips' heritage given to me by Anne Rast, a direct descendant of the Phillips/Evertson family. For more information about the history and importance of these families see the Addenda to: Ewing, Elbert William R. *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Corben Publishing Co. (Ballston, Virginia), 1922 (available for purchase from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at:

William Nitchie Phillips son of Sara Evertson and William Phillips was born on June 1, 1820 in Phillipsburg, New York. He was Baptized on November 4, 1820 in the First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, New York. He died on February 9, 1895 in Galesburg and was buried at Knoxville, Illinois beside his sister Julia Miller.

Notice the possible connections here! The Weeks family was from Goshen, New York, and supposedly William H. Whitton was from that area as well. Cornelia Maria (Miller) Weeks was born a Miller. Her brother, Reverend W. Y. Miller, married my great-great-grandparents, Cornelia Weeks and John Henry Ewing, in Knoxville, Illinois, on May 2, 1860.

Further:¹⁷

William Nitchie and Anna Matilda (Ewing) Phillips engaged in the grain and commission business at Copperus Creek Landing on the Illinois River in 1850. (They were partners with the Weeks family.)

William Nitchie and Anna Matilda (Ewing) Phillips moved to Galesburg, Illinois, in 1855 where they erected the first grain elevator built there. They continued in the grain business – with William residing in Galesburg and his brother Thomas in Chicago – under the firm name of Phillips & Bro. and later under Phillips and Carmichael, another partner being admitted in 1882. The firm was eventually dissolved and all the partners retired from active business, each with a huge fortune. Their business was very large and at one time the firm of Phillips & Bro. was one of the largest grain firms in the west. William Nitchie Phillips was for many years one of the trustees of Knox College, a man of much prominence in business circles and very much respected. William, on October 2, 1856, married Anna Matilda Ewing, daughter of Alexander Ewing of Knoxville, Illinois. Anna was born on April 19, 1835, in Ohio and died May 13, 1903. She was buried in the Knoxville City Cemetery. The following children were born to them:

- Jane Ewing Phillips. Born on July 4, 1857, in Knoxville, Illinois, and died on December 26, 1939.
- William Evertson Phillips. Born on June 2, 1862.
- Margaret Campbell Phillips. Born on March 28, 1866, and died in December 1939.
- Frederick Wisner Phillips. Born on January 12, 1871, and died in March 1949.

Each of these four children married and raised their families in the Knoxville area:

- Jane married Henry Maurice Chase on June 5, 1884.
- William Evertson Phillips married Carrie Atkins of Omaha, Nebraska, on October 10, 1888.
- Margaret Campbell Phillips married George Percy Hoover on October 21, 1886. Percy was a banker in Galesburg, Illinois. They had a beautiful home in Evanston, Illinois, which later became the home of the bishop of the Diocese of Chicago. Margaret (also known as Daisy) had an apartment after her husband died. She and Carrie Atkins, the wife of Daisy's brother William Evertson Phillips, were roommates at Saint Mary's Episcopal School for Girls in Knoxville, Illinois. This was the school named for Mary Louise Ewing by her husband Horatio Nelson Keightley. The white stone chapel still stands today although the framed school itself was destroyed by fire.

www.ClanEwing.org/books/EwingEWR/index_ewr.htm).

This Addenda was written by Lucille Price Turner, daughter of Emma Ruth Ewing and her husband J. F. Price.

¹⁷ Ibid.

- Frederick Wisner Phillips married Alta Marsh, and he died in March 1949 in Burlingame, California. He is buried in the Phillips plot in Knoxville, Illinois, or, at the least, he has a beautiful tombstone there with his name and inscriptions on it.

Julia Phillips, a daughter of Sara Evertson and William Phillips, was born on January 22, 1811, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She married Rev. William Young Miller of Montgomery, Orange County, New York. William Y. Miller was a brother of Cornelia Maria (Miller) Weeks.



Knoxville City Cemetery

Most all of the above people and many of their own offspring are buried in the large Knoxville City Cemetery. I have many pictures of the tombstones of all of these people. Thanks go out to one Anne Rast, direct descendant of the Phillips/Evertson family, who so graciously supplied me with extensive genealogical data in 2000. The prominent Evertson Publishing Company in the United States is owned and operated by this distinguished family and their descendants.

Summary

I have covered most of the highlights of Alexander, George Marshall, and Margaret Ewing's marriages and offspring and listed a few of the many families and descendants that they married into and who lived, died and are buried in the large, very old, Knoxville City Cemetery. Much of my data come from *Listings of the Burials in the Knoxville Cemetery* which may be found along with other material in the El Dorado, Kansas, Museum.

The only two grandchildren known to leave the Knoxville area were Frank Brown Ewing and John Henry Ewing. Frank was the offspring of George Marshall Ewing, and John Henry was the son of Alexander Ewing. These two adventurers left their parents, took their wives and children, and went south for greener pastures and into the then as-yet unsettled area of southern Kansas. They resided at different times first in Emporia, Kansas, and later in El Dorado, Kansas. John Henry went on his Colorado Gold Rush adventure shortly before he married Cornelia Weeks in 1860.

Future Articles

I have a copy of a marvelous hand-written diary that John Henry kept as he ventured out from Knoxville, Illinois, during the Colorado Gold Rush. He took several friends with him and I believe, as he stated, that he was "the old man of the group" at age twenty-seven. This diary has proven to provide some of the earliest descriptions of the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I contacted the Chamber of Commerce in Colorado Springs and their oldest documentation is from 1861 and later. I will send them a copy of some of John Henry's descriptions. If you have ever traveled to the Garden of the

Gods you will readily recognize where John Henry was as he recorded what he saw. He was an excellent speller and had quite good penmanship. In a future article, I will provide some images from this journal and transcriptions of his more interesting descriptions.

I was born Susan Ann Ewing in September of 1945, San Antonio, Texas. I spent my entire life in San Antonio, Texas, leaving only to attend Baylor University and finishing at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, Texas. I married my high-school sweetheart Buddy Lee Wolfe, during our senior year in college. We have two fine children who have blessed us with four healthy grandchildren.



I fell in love with genealogy in my mid-twenties when I was helping my husband's aunt work on the Wolfe side of the family. We did much research the hard way but managed to document back to the late 1700's on the Wolfe side of the family. From there my interest grew and I finished off my husband's mother's family back to Germany in the 1500's. I then tackled my mother's side of the family which led me back to England in the 1200's. Working on her two sides of the family took the next fifteen to twenty years. Unfortunately we never got too far with her paternal side of the family. We only documented back into the late 1700s. I feel fortunate that although I did not have a computer until around 1996, I managed to acquire all of the above data with pencil and paper and stamps! I also met some wonderful people in libraries who were more than willing to help me find all of the necessary information to contact various sources. Things just kept growing. I now have around twelve five-inch notebooks of family history.

I spent over twenty years teaching special-education children while also working on genealogy and raising a family. My husband also taught special-education students in high school for eighteen years. This was his second career, and he only retired about three years ago.

When health reasons forced me to retire early, I soon found that a computer was a dream come true. I guess you could call me a self-taught computer person and genealogy addict.

My father, John Donald Ewing, died at the very young age of 53. I had no one to talk to about the family as my grandmother Ewing died the following year. My mother inherited the large Ewing Family Bible. It was handed down to us from my great-grandparents, William Phillip Ewing and Elizabeth DeMary (Foutch) Ewing. Inside it I hit the gold mine that everyone dreams of. It gave me the basic information and documentation I needed to start my Ewing lineage.

Both of my Ewing great-grandparents were born in Illinois, one in Sangamon County, the other in Knoxville. I have worked about ten years on the Ewing side of the family and have been fortunate enough to travel to the cemeteries where my ancestors are buried. My oldest child lives in Illinois and this has provided me a base from which to work out of to gather information on this part of my heritage. Along with seeing my two grandchildren, I get to take side trips to the cemeteries in Knoxville as well as libraries and churches to acquire other records.

From Illinois my journey took me into Kansas. Here I found some remaining direct descendants from Alexander Ewing, son of David Ewing and Ruth Brown Ewing. My, what history they had to share! I have copies of an old handwritten diary that my great-great-grandfather, John Henry Ewing, wrote while he walked from Knoxville, Illinois, during the Colorado Gold Rush in 1859. The family in Kansas provided me with copies of what is called a 'Birthday Diary'. In that diary was additional documentation of ancestors and their birth dates which happened to correspond with tombstone inscriptions and other records I had found.

I feel blessed to have a family that really cares about its history and provides resources from which I can build a Ewing genealogy. I am anxious to find out what our Y-DNA testing results will prove. My male cousin, who also lives in Kansas, accommodated me with this test. When we get the results back hopefully more things will fall into place and more will be documented on this branch of the Ewings.

Tombstone Genealogy

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There are many articles providing technical tips and descriptions of the tools needed to rub tombstones or incised memorial brass lids that cover coffins.¹ This article is not one of them. Rather, it is an article about exploring one's desire to rub or not to rub a tombstone. I do not propose that the act of rubbing a tombstone is always a good practice. I do intend to look at the reasons people sometimes have to rub them.

Rubbings from tombstones or grave markers are of interest, partly because they offer valuable genealogical information about our ancestors. An oil painting of the interior of the Old Church at Delft in 1656 shows people making a rubbing of a stone or brass. Again in the seventeenth century, artist Hendrik van Vliet painted the same activity in progress in the New Church at Delft. No rubbings from so early a date have survived, but these pictures give proof that such an activity existed.



Old Church, Delft



New Church, Delft

Some of the earliest surviving full-scale rubbings of brasses were made at the end of the eighteenth century by the antiquarian Craven Ord. Ord's collection, now kept in the British Museum, is of special value since he recorded some brasses and parts of brasses that have since disappeared. Rubbings are revered not only for their value as copies of relics, but because they contain memorial inscriptions of the persons they commemorate. Whereas the history of our ancestors is recorded in bibles, censuses, and county records, inscriptions or motifs carved on grave markers offer additional documentation or new information for those whose records cannot be found. Some grave markers are appreciated and rubbed for their aesthetic qualities.

In recent years there has been a remarkable growth in the number of persons who have taken to tombstone rubbing for artistic, historical, or genealogical research and records. Inevitably this has aroused misgivings among thoughtful people deprecating the practice, warning that repeated rubbing may prove in time to cause deterioration. Friction from heavy rubbing will inevitably increase damage to a stone monument whose surface is disintegrating with the elements of weather or is being claimed by vines, bracken and lichen. On no account should one attempt to rub such a stone. On

¹ Pertinent articles are:

Cook, Malcolm. *Discovering Brasses and Brass Rubbing*. Shire Publications Ltd. (Colchester, U.K.), 1971.

Catling, H. W. *Notes on Brass Rubbing*, Ashmolean Museum (Oxford, U.K.), 1973.

Beedell, Suzanne. *Brasses and Brass Rubbing*, John Bartholomew and Son Ltd. (Edinburgh, Scotland), 1973.

Skinner, Michael Kingsley. *How to Make Rubbings*, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co. (New York), 1973.

the other hand, a stone which is in fair condition, clean and firmly fixed, will suffer no measurable injury or abrasion, provided it is carefully and correctly rubbed with recommended materials.

Tombstone rubbing can serve many interests and be turned to for a number of reasons. For example, it is a pursuit that has the benefit of creating a memento of an ancestor, and it is a way to collect accurate copies of information from original documentation for study and research.

The question is: "Will rubbing a stone contribute to spoiling it?" I've made rubbings of tombstones and left confident that I did not cause damage.

In some cases, I've found clerics or cemetery sextons who are responsible for the graveyard and asked permission to rub a tombstone. There is an ancient churchyard surrounding a 500-year old parish church in the County of Argyll, Scotland, near Loch Fyne where I and my husband, Wally, searched for and found a Ewing ancestor's burial plot. Anne MacEwen was buried there in 1851. We asked a local historian and preservationist of the church for permission to rub the gravestone. She replied that no rubbing was allowed. After a conversation about our mutual interest in genealogy and appreciation of historical markers, she reconsidered our request and declared: "It's your tombstone. Rub it if you wish." It is nice to have the rubbing as a memento of our discovery of Anne's burial site and as a different kind of record of Ewing genealogy.



Jane making a rubbing of Anne MacEwen's tombstone, Argyll, Scotland

In summary, to rub or not to rub a gravestone is a difficult decision and should be made on an individual basis. I've been granted permission and, when not able to contact a pastor or vicar, followed my own instincts about whether or not it was wise to rub a particular stone. Grave monuments should be cherished and protected because they are irreplaceable, unique historical records and memorials that perpetuate the memory of the dead. This is to be respected.

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An Alarming Increase

There has been an alarming increase in the number of things I know nothing about.

Ashleigh Brilliant (Writer, Poet and 'Pot-shotter')

Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Dairy Company

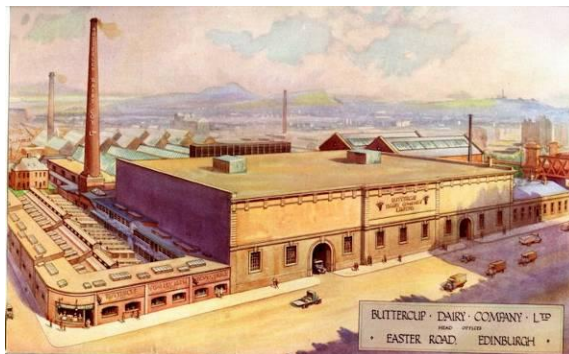
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During the early part of the twentieth century, in towns and villages across Scotland and the north of England, a chain of distinctive shops grew up that specialised in the sale of fresh dairy products. Decorated with ornate tiles and with eye-catching window displays, these were the shops of the Buttercup Dairy Company, which was founded in 1904 by the young entrepreneur Andrew Ewing.

Born in the small village of Stoneykirk, near Stranraer, Scotland, in 1869, Andrew Ewing later moved to Dundee, where he opened his first grocer's shop in 1894. Ten years later he founded the Buttercup Dairy Company, which by the late 1920s had 250 branches in Scotland and northern England, making it one of the leading grocery chains of the time. By 1928 the Buttercup also had its own ultra-modern poultry farm in Edinburgh – one of the largest in the world and known locally as 'Hen City'.

However, the story of the Buttercup is much more than that of a successful business and equally important were the unique attributes of its founder, who managed to combine the spirit of enterprise with a charity born of strong Christian principles. From the very beginning, Andrew Ewing donated ten percent of his income to the Church and good causes and when the Buttercup Poultry Farm was established, all eggs laid on a Sunday were given to charity. A modest and private man, his generosity was also practised without fanfare, and he had no interest in personal recognition or praise.

I was born and brought up on the poultry farm in the 1950s and, although I was too young to remember it in its heyday, I still have a clear recollection of the farm, the shops, and my trips to the company's head office in a Buttercup van. I can also recall my regular encounters with 'Mr. Ewing', who would always give me half a crown (around 35 cents), whenever our paths crossed on the farm.



Buttercup Head Office and Depot circa 1930



Buttercup Poultry Farm circa 1930

(Both Watercolours by Tom Curr)

I had assumed that there would be a great deal of information about the Buttercup in local libraries and on the Internet. It was only when I began to research my family history that I discovered this was not the case and that there were, in fact, very few details available about the Buttercup or its founder. Given the significance of the company in early twentieth century Scotland, this came as a great surprise, as did the realisation that the name of Andrew Ewing had largely been forgotten. I also realised that time was running out to resurrect the story and that unless something was done very quickly, it might be lost forever. So I decided to write a book.

My book is now complete and will be published in June 2011.¹ Titled *The Buttercup – The Remarkable Story of Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Dairy Company*, it is written in the style of a biography, and tells the story of the company – and its founder – from its roots in the nineteenth century through to the modern day. The book also draws on the memories of former Buttercup employees and members of the Ewing family, to bring together a remarkable story. In addition there are around a hundred previously 'lost' photographs, most of which have come from the private collections of former Buttercup employees and relatives of Andrew Ewing.

The first three chapters of the book deal with Andrew's early life and business ventures, including his development of the Buttercup Dairy Company and Poultry Farm. The following is an abridged extract from Chapter 4, telling the story of Andrew's life at Clermiston Mains – his home for over thirty years, on the western outskirts of Edinburgh.

Clermiston Mains

At the heart of the Buttercup Poultry Farm was the mansion of Clermiston Mains, which from 1922 was the home of Andrew Ewing. Also known as 'the Big House', it was an imposing whitewashed building that lay at the eastern end of the farm and was approached by a tree-lined avenue. When the property was purchased by the Buttercup Dairy Company it was little more than a large farmhouse. However, Andrew intended to turn it into something much better and, over the next three years, drew up plans for substantial alterations in collaboration with his favoured architect, James Davidson Cairns.

The alterations would take the best part of a year to complete. During this period Andrew decided to make use of that time by taking his wife Nellie² on a grand tour of the United States and Canada. Over the previous twenty-five years he had devoted most of his energies to work and to building his business, so a holiday was well overdue. However, it was not all leisure, since Andrew also wanted to visit the manufacturers of large-scale poultry farm equipment, who were all located in America. It would also be an opportunity to look at some of the big poultry farms in the U.S.

Andrew and Nellie set sail from Greenock on 12 September 1925, en route to Quebec, aboard the White Star liner, *Regina*. Their precise travel itinerary is unknown, except that it was organised by the 'high end' Guild Travel Bureau, which specialised in tours of the United States and Canada. Their

¹ *The Buttercup – The Remarkable Story of Andrew Ewing and the Buttercup Dairy Company* will be published in June 2011 by Leghorn Books Ltd. It will be available to order online from www.LeghornBooks.co.uk. Further details may be found at www.ButtercupDairyCompany.co.uk.

² Andrew Ewing was born in Stoneykirk, near Stranraer, Scotland, in 1869. He passed away on 9 August 1956 in Edinburgh. He married twice. His first wife, Nellie Munro, was born in Ireland in 1872 and passed away on 17 March 1931 in Edinburgh. His second wife, Ruth Henderson, was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1878 and passed away on 12 June 1957 in Edinburgh. Andrew Ewing had no children.

advertised holidays at the time included tours of the Pacific Northwest, California, Salt Lake City, Colorado and the Canadian Rockies. However, they also catered for independent itineraries and, over a period of twelve months, it is likely that Andrew and Nellie travelled all over the U.S. and Canada. During this period it is also certain that Andrew learned much about large-scale poultry farming, and placed a £40,000 order for incubators and brooders with the Buckeye Incubator Company of Springfield, Ohio.

... The return trip to the U.K. took place on 16 September 1926, when they set out for Liverpool from Boston aboard the Cunard liner, *Scythia*. By this time the alterations to Clermiston Mains were complete. There was also a new electricity sub-station at the farm entrance, which would bring electricity to the house as well as to the recently expanded poultry farm.



**Clermiston Mains
circa 1930**



**Andrew Ewing
circa 1940**

The house itself had changed out of all recognition and was now a magnificent luxury dwelling. During the alterations, the entire top half of the original building had been removed and the roof replaced with three stepped gables in the Scottish Baronial style. The height had also been lifted considerably, giving the whole thing a much grander appearance. Much work had also been carried out inside the house, which was now split into two parts, and comprised a main house, separated from the servants' quarters by a swing door.

... It was around this time that evidence began to emerge about Andrew's activities in helping others. As a devout Christian and as part of his Baptist faith, he had pledged to help those less fortunate than himself. According to Ian Balfour, a fellow member of Charlotte Chapel, Andrew was shy of publicity but was a good friend to many needy people. During the Depression years of 1929-33, and again during the years of rationing and shortage of the Second World War, many a person found a small packet slipped into their pocket, containing half a pound of butter or some rashers of bacon. In the days of rationing this was appreciated much more than words can describe.

The church Scouts also had reason to be grateful to Andrew when they had their annual summer camp, at Canty Bay, in the 1920s. After travelling to North Berwick on a Buttercup lorry, they discovered an

extra item in their camp gear: a large case of butter, tea, margarine, eggs and condensed milk put there on Andrew's instructions. Painted on the case in colour was a drawing of a very large, fat Scout with a caption underneath, which read: "Buttercup marge and Buttercup eggs make a Scout large and strong in the legs."

Over time, stories about Andrew's generosity and kindness became the stuff of folk legend and former Buttercup employee, John Davidson, recalled the time when Andrew was on his way to Glasgow with his chauffeur. Apparently they picked up some drunken football fans who wanted a lift to Glasgow for an 'Old Firm' match between *Rangers* and *Celtic*. Once they reached their destination, Andrew gave them £5 and told them, "Go and enjoy yourselves." This prompted the reply, "Thanks very much, mister. I hope we meet you again, next week!"

Tradesmen were also the beneficiaries of Andrew's remarkably generous nature, and Ian Thomson recalled working at the farm as a young apprentice plumber. On Saturday mornings, after a week's work, Andrew would make his rounds, giving each tradesman £1 and the apprentices ten shillings – about a third of their weekly wage. Needless to say, they were all peeping around corners awaiting his arrival!

Although Clermiston Mains was Andrew's home, it was also often used as an alternative 'head office' for board meetings and other Buttercup business. In this connection, senior managers would often be seen driving down the avenue to see the boss. The regular sight of Andrew coming and going was also a feature of life at Clermiston Mains, as was the inevitable comment from those living in the cottages: "Mr. Ewing's just gone past!"

... It seems as if everyone with a connection to Clermiston Mains during this period developed a great affection for it. Andrew's great-niece, Sandie Longmuir, said that it was always exciting to arrive and explore the house and garden. She also thought the house had a distinct welcoming benevolence – like an old friend.

Bill Scott was born and brought up on the Buttercup Poultry Farm in the 1950s and knew Andrew Ewing when he was a boy. His grandparents worked for the Buttercup for thirty years and during his childhood he was regaled with tales of Mr. Ewing and The Buttercup. Bill decided to write his book on the Buttercup when he discovered that the company and Andrew Ewing had been virtually forgotten by history. He started researching the book in 2008, but it was an uphill struggle, since there was so little publicly available information. However, with his own memories and records, and tremendous help from former employees and the Ewing family, he began to uncover the unique story of the company and the man who built it.

Running a Cemetery

Being president is like running a cemetery ... you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening.

Bill Clinton (Former U.S. President)

A Chief for Clan Ewen? – Part I

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In my Chancellor's Message in the last issue of this *Journal*¹ I announced that the Lord Lyon² plans to hold a 'family convention'³ in Scotland to determine whether a chiefship for Clan Ewen should be officially re-established. The family convention is to include 'leading members' of families with names related to Ewing, including Ewings, McEwens, Ewans, etc.⁴ The Clan Ewen Society in Scotland has been trying to get the Lord Lyon to do this for something like twenty years, and finally he has expressed the intention of doing so. Though he has not yet announced a date for this convention, our impression is that it will occur sometime this year. I invited interested members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* to begin a discussion about whether we should take a position as an organization with respect to this matter, and if so, what it should be. There was a good discussion of this on the *EFA* Forum at (EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com),

where a parallel discussion arose regarding the name of the *Ewing Family Association*. This article addresses only the matter of the Lord Lyon. See my Chancellor's Message on page 45 for some thoughts about the issue of our organization's name.

What is a Clan?

One thing that became clear to me in the course of the discussion is that people mean a lot of different things when they say the word 'clan', and they don't all mean the same thing even when they say 'Scottish Clan'. I urge everyone to read at least the Wikipedia article about Scottish Clans⁵ and Thor Ewing's articles on his Scottish Clans website⁶ and page 20 of this issue of the *Journal*. The meaning and nature of clans in Scotland has evolved over the years, but the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh remains the well-established and longstanding authority on what constitutes a Scottish Clan and who is in charge. To be sure, we could ignore how the word 'clan' is and has been used in Scotland, but to me

¹ Ewing, David Neal. Chancellor's Message, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pp. 49-51.

² From Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyon_Court):

The Court of the Lord Lyon, also known as the Lyon Court, is a standing court of law which regulates heraldry in Scotland. Like the College of Arms in England it maintains the register of grants of arms, known as the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, as well as records of genealogies.

The Lyon Court is a public body, and the fees for grants of arms are paid to HM Treasury. It is headed by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who must be legally qualified, as he has criminal jurisdiction in heraldic matters, and the court is fully integrated into the Scottish legal system, including having a dedicated prosecutor, known in Scotland as a Procurator Fiscal.

³ www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon/656.html

⁴ You can find a definition of 'leading members' in the material linked to in footnote 3, specifically in the language: "It does seem appropriate, however, to consult with a well established clan or family association where such exists." I have corresponded with the Lord Lyon and it is plain that he considers the *EFA* to be one such; the *Clan Ewen Society of Scotland* is another.

⁵ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_clans

⁶ ThorEwing.net/clans/clanorigins



Lord Lyon King of Arms (left) and the Duke of York (centre) proceeding to St Giles' Cathedral in 1933

this seems incompatible with honoring our Scottish heritage. We could certainly start an American clan without regard to what the Lord Lyon might think, but what relationship would this have with membership in a Scottish Clan?

Clan Ewing, Clan Ewen, Clan MacEwan: What is the Difference?

As far as I know, 'Clan Ewing' with 'Ewing' spelled in just this way first appeared in print with the publication of E. W. R. Ewing's 1922 book, *Clan Ewing of Scotland*.⁷ I have seen no evidence that anyone in Scotland has ever used the expression 'Clan Ewing'. Obviously, there is plenty that I do not know, and I would be interested to see any references to the contrary. Thor Ewing and the Ewings still in Scotland identify with Clan Ewen. Some participants in the *EFA* Forum discussion have made much of the distinction in spelling between 'Ewing' and 'Ewen'. The problem is that the spellings of names change and they are not very reliable guides to family or clan membership.⁸

The Wikipedia article on Scottish Clans has a list of recognized Scottish Clans with chiefs and a list of so-called 'armigerous' clans which are recognized clans that have no chief. Neither Clan Ewing nor Clan Ewen appears on either of these lists, but among the armigerous clans Clan MacEwan is listed. There is a link from that to a Wikipedia article on Clan MacEwan,⁹ which shows the sprouting oak stump crest and *Reviresco* motto used by many modern day McEwen families, and speaks about Clan Ewan of Otter. There are serious problems with the accuracy of this article; interested persons should at least read Thor Ewing's article, *Who Were the Ewings?*, which appeared in this journal last year.¹⁰ Thor gives credible evidence that many McEwen families are unlikely to have any connection with Clan Ewen¹¹ of Otter, while he believes that Clan Ewing of Lennox is in fact descended from Clan Ewen of Otter.

Perhaps I should mention here that Ellsworth Samuel Ewing, who founded *Clan Ewing in America*, did not believe the Ewings he was interested in had any connection with Clan Ewen of Otter or any other Highland clan, and though he thought some 'Highland' Ewings might be connected with Clan Ewen of Otter, he had no interest in them.¹² He followed E. W. R. Ewing in believing that a culturally and 'racially'

⁷ Ewing, Elbert William R. *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Corben Publishing Co. (Ballston, Virginia), 1922. Available for purchase from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.ClanEwing.org/books/EwingEWR/index_ewr.htm

⁸ Technically, 'Ewing', 'MacEwen' and 'Euanson' are just different ways of saying "child of Ewen," using, respectively, Anglo-Saxon, Gaelic and Scandinavian patronymic naming systems.

⁹ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clan_MacEwan

¹⁰ Ewing, Thor. *Who Were the Ewings?* *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (February 2010), pp. 1-9, which is posted online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/documents/Ewing_Thor/Ewing_Thor_WhoWere.html. A more detailed resource is Thor's book, *New Notes on Clan Ewing*, which is not available online, but can be ordered from him at www.ClanEwen.org/shop/newnotes.

¹¹ It is always a challenge to decide what spelling to use. When Thor and others talk of 'Clan Ewen of Otter' and the Wikipedia article and others talk of 'Clan MacEwan of Otter', they are talking about the same thing.

¹² If you doubt this and are a long-time member who has kept what Ellsworth sent you, have a look at his March 22, 1992, 'Dear Cousins' letter, in which he says, "...There are several Ewing lines that are probably tied in – but also there are a number of Ewing Families out there that have no evidence of ties to us, especially those associated with the Highland Clan of McEwing of Otter. It is sometimes embarrassing to have to disassociate ourselves from them." You can also hear an audiotape of Ellsworth's views on this matter and other Ewing history at dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth_Ewing_audiotape.mp3 and you can see David C. Ewing's videotape of Ellsworth's talk at the first gathering of his Ewing Family at Vincennes, Indiana, in 1988 at dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Ellsworth_Ewing_video.mp4.

distinct Ewing family originated over a thousand years ago in the Scottish Lowlands among Brythonic-speaking Celts. Further, he used the name 'Clan Ewing' to refer to members of one specific genealogically-related family, supposedly all descended from one William Ewing of Stirling, and his original idea was to accept for membership in *Clan Ewing in America* only those who could prove their descent from one of the fifteen men he thought were grandsons of William of Stirling that had immigrated to America.

I am not sure what constraints the Lord Lyon might be operating under or how much latitude he has with respect to clan names. Does he have to choose from the present list or can he add a new name or spelling to it? I imagine that he can do what he likes, but I have no idea how to anticipate what he might like.

Discussion on the EFA Forum

By my tally, sixty-odd messages have been posted to the *Chief for Clan Ewen* discussion thread and I received another dozen messages off list. Many of these were well reasoned and some were lengthy.

One aspect of the discussion that was especially interesting to me is how frequently the same arguments were used to argue for different conclusions – participants were more in agreement about what they wished to accomplish than what they thought we should do. I had thought to cite excerpts of arguments from the discussion in this article, but the unedited discussion is readily available to interested persons,¹³ so I have decided not to do that. Several list subscribers withdrew from the list because there were so many messages, and I certainly don't want this happening with the *Journal*.

I think it might be helpful, though, to answer some practical questions raised by Martin Ewing in his posting on March 19th:

I have a small question. If there is such a thing as Clan Ewing (or Ewen) with a chief and all that, [and] what relationship does an individual have to the Clan? That is, does one apply for membership? Is there a registry? Does one have to prove something, as with the DAR? Have a [Y-DNA] test? Or can you just go around telling people, "That's my Clan"? If I show up in Scotland, would I have any particular rights or privileges? ... Is the chiefship and the elevation of things Ewen/Ewing in Scotland a matter of symbolism and pride or something that has a practical impact on us here in the trenches. ...

One does not 'join' a Scottish Clan, but is born into the Clan. Persons of a specific surname or group of related surnames are presumed to be members of the clan of that name, but anyone can join a clan simply by claiming it as their heritage. There is no 'application' and no 'registry'. One does not have to prove anything, and one can indeed announce their membership in any clan they choose but they can choose membership in only one clan – or at least one at a time. There are no dues, taxes or ownership of property involved with clan membership. The chief of a modern-day clan speaks for the clan but has no authority over individual members of the clan. Clan membership is a matter of symbolism and pride, and it has no 'practical' impact in the sense that Martin uses the word. But symbolism and pride are very important, and we should give them due consideration and respect.

¹³ Go to [Groups.Google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation](https://groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation) and search for whatever you are interested in.

What are our Options with Respect to the Lord Lyon?

Though I welcome anyone to offer more alternatives, there seem to be five main possible courses of action.

1. We can ignore the proceedings in Scotland and ignore whatever the Lord Lyon might decide. We are Americans. We do not have to abide by any decision the Lord Lyon might make, and we don't even have to take an interest in the matter. We can either just not participate at all in the discussion, or we can send the Lord Lyon a letter telling him that we do not care what he does. Arguments for this position mostly turn on some things about the Scottish Clan system that make many Americans uncomfortable, including especially the fact that the position of Chief in Scottish Clans is traditionally heritable and that it is virtually certain that the Lord Lyon will insist on recognizing a Scot as Chief.
2. We can argue that the Lord Lyon should do nothing because there is not enough evidence about what he should do. Or we might take the more focused position that he can do what he likes about the McEwens, but in the absence of compelling evidence, he must not allow any all-inclusive Clan Ewen or Clan MacEwan to make a claim of descent from Clan Ewen of Otter. This option is basically to argue for perpetuation of the *status quo*, in which the status of Clan Ewing in Scotland (or if you prefer, Clan Ewen of Lennox) is very uncertain but at least it has not been formally subsumed in another clan.
3. We can argue that Clan Ewing has existed as a separate Scottish Clan using a crest like the one on our homepage (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) and the motto *Audaciter!* at least as far back the sixteenth century, and it should be accorded separate and equal status as an official Scottish Clan under the name 'Clan Ewing' or 'Clan Ewing of Lennox'. Evidently, the Lord Lyon certifies both Highland and Lowland clans, but I think we do not have to make a case for Clan Ewing being one or the other of these. We can argue that Clan Ewing should not be subsumed or assimilated by a clan governed by demonstrably unrelated McEwens, who use a crest showing an oak stump with new growth and the motto *Reviresco*. In this option, we do not have to make any claims about whether we or others are descended from Clan MacEwan of Otter.
4. We can argue that Loch Lomond Ewings are the lineal descendants of Clan Ewen of Otter and should be recognized under that name or perhaps as Clan Ewen of Lennox. We can point out that there are several apparently unrelated historical McEwen Clans who also claim descent from Clan Ewen of Otter, and either express no opinion as to whether this may be true or argue that it is not true and the Ewings of Lennox have the only legitimate claim of descent from Clan Ewen of Otter. In some ways, this option is a straw man. I see no possibility that the Lord Lyon will accept any argument that the Ewings are the only extant descendants of Clan MacEwan of Otter and the only thing likely to come of an argument like this is offending McEwens who strongly believe that they are also descended from Clan MacEwan of Otter.
5. We can support the Scottish organization, the *Clan Ewen Society*, in recommending that 'one clan' be formed to include people from any of a large number of variant spellings of the name thought to have the same root. They argue that many if not most people with these surnames do not know their personal genealogy well enough to connect definitively with any of the several unrelated McEwen and Ewing branches. Making one 'Clan Ewen' or 'Clan MacEwan' that embraces all these traditions would reduce confusion and uncertainty, and allows everyone to have an 'officially recognized clan' to identify with and be proud of, notwithstanding that the only thing we can be certain of is that not only was there never any such clan in history; what history we do have

reveals that the historical clans subsumed in the newly conceived 'one clan' had very different cultural traditions and were almost certainly at war with one another as recently as the seventeenth century.

In options three, four or five we still have to talk about succession of chiefs. Traditionally, this is hereditary and I believe that most of the active clans still have hereditary chiefs. I think all of the Americans, and many of the Scots, would rather have a system of electing chiefs at specified intervals. It is unclear whether the Lord Lyon would approve a system like that or what the rules governing elections might be. In any case, the role of chief is entirely ceremonial and symbolic; he does not handle money and has no real power over members of the clan. Presently, the only declared candidate for the position of Chief is John McEwen, the current Chairman of the *Clan Ewen Society* in Scotland.

Please remember that this discussion is not about what name we use for the *EFA*. Many of our members are members of the so-far 'unofficial' 'Clan Ewen' or 'Clan Ewing' of Scotland. The decision of the Lord Lyon could make 'Clan Ewing' or 'Clan Ewen of Lennox' official or it could become officially amalgamated into a name-based 'Clan Ewen' or 'Clan MacEwan' in Scotland. Of course, if we do not like what the Lord Lyon decides, we can ignore him and say or do what we please. And regardless of what the Lord Lyon decides, we can use whatever name we prefer for the *EFA*.

A Final Decision

A special meeting of the Board of Directors will be convened toward the end of June to make a final decision in this matter. Anyone wishing to comment further before that should post to the *EFA Forum* (EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com) or send a message to a member or members of the *EFA* Board (EFA_Board@EwingFamilyAssociation.org).



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Greatness

A sign of greatness is that everything that came before you is obsolete and everything that comes after you bears your mark.

Richard Pryor (Comedian)

A Chief for Clan Ewen? – Part II

From a Message by Thor Ewing (*Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*) to the *EFA* Forum (*EwingFamilyAssociation@GoogleGroups.com*)

I have divided this message with subheadings which makes it look a little bit like an essay, but I hope it will help you to follow what I'm trying to say. Because of what's been said in earlier messages on this subject, I have found myself drawn into discussions touching American cultural identity, which is hardly something I feel qualified to speak about – if I am guilty of any 'howlers', please forgive me and perhaps recall the lines of Robert Burns:

O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us ...

Clans and Clan Societies

Whilst there are clan societies which are similar to *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* or *Clan Ewing in America (CEA)*, these are not the same as the clans themselves. So, the *Clan Ewen Society* is an international organisation similar in setup to the *EFA* which has a membership open to anyone who is interested in Clan Ewen (or the Clans Ewen). Like the *EFA*, it has a committee (which I'm on) and periodic general meetings.¹

By contrast, a clan exists with no real formal organisation whatsoever, except that there is usually supposed to be a chief. At the moment, there are some Ewings in the *Clan Ewen Society* who are not members of *EFA*, and others (usually from the U.S.) who are in both. You can be in any number of such societies, but you can only be in a single clan.

Ewings who live in America can be seen as a branch of a particular Clan Ewen, and they are represented by the *EFA*. But this doesn't mean that *EFA* has any particular relationship with the *Clan Ewen Society*. This can all seem terribly confusing I know, but the easy way to see it is that *Clan Ewing in America* and the *Clan Ewen Society* are both clubs which were established about thirty or forty years ago, but our clan is a family or group of families which was established more than four-hundred years ago. You could go out and establish another clan society or surname-interest society tomorrow, but it wouldn't change the constitution of the clan one jot.

We have rightly moved the debate about the name of the *EFA/CEA* away from this subject heading. As a newbie to the *EFA*, I think it's best I keep out of that particular debate, but in that discussion the point was made that the word 'clan' is actually a real selling point which appeals directly to people's sense of their Scottish history. In a way perhaps, this issue of the clan and its chief might be an opportunity to find a resolution to the debate about the name of the *EFA*. It's clear that many members of the *EFA* are deeply attached to the idea of clanship, and feel the lack of it in the new-look *Ewing Family Association*. By setting up a formally-constituted clan through the court of the Lord Lyon, we will gain something real which preserves the link with our shared roots in the Scottish Clans. The organisation known as *EFA* or *CEA* would remain one way to maintain links with the wider clan.

¹ The *Clan Ewen Society's* periodic general meeting – its Annual General Meeting (AGM) – occurs annually. The *Ewing Family Association's* periodic general meeting occurs biennially at its gatherings.

Scotland and America

Under the name *Clan Ewing in America*, the *Ewing Family Association* was almost exclusively an American organisation and its membership still reflects this. Perhaps, some members would argue that it should remain an American organisation in the future. However, a clan as conceived in Scottish law is not like this. The clan to which we belong has no geographical boundaries. So the issue of the chiefship is not just for Ewings in Scotland, but for all Ewings of all nations. That means that this is not something which I believe the *EFA* should walk away from, because even if the *EFA* is still a largely American organisation it nonetheless represents a sizeable portion of the clan. What is more, the *EFA* is the only body representing Ewings anywhere, so as well as representing American members of an international clan, the *EFA* itself has *de facto* international importance. If there turns out to be a real demand for a specifically American 'sept' (this is the usual word for a distinct subsection of a clan), it might be possible for this to be established once the issue of overall chiefship has been settled.

It has been suggested that it would be possible for Americans to ignore the decision of Lyon Court, since it is a Scottish court with no legal jurisdiction outside Scotland. I don't think this can work. Lyon Court is the internationally recognised arbiter on matters associated with Scottish clans. Its influence is more-or-less as important in the U.S. as in the U.K. As an individual, perhaps you can say it doesn't count, that it doesn't mean anything to you. But in the long run, the official decision reached in Scotland will be the one that sticks. For many Ewings, both American and non-American, what might happen in Scotland with regard to their clan is important, and it's appropriate that the *EFA* should attend to the matter on their behalf. And although the Family Convention might be taking place in Scotland, it is actively seeking representations from prominent clansfolk wherever they are in the world.

On a completely separate subject which somehow fits under the same heading, I would question the assertion that the Ewings settled in America in order to escape from royalty. At the time most Ewing lines reached America, it was still a Crown Colony. There were certain advantages, such as lands ready for the taking, low taxation and fuller religious liberty, but freedom from royal authority was not among them. And one of these Ewing settlers brought with him a cherished possession in the shape of a sword which was passed down from father to son – the reason for its significance seems to have been that it had been the gift of a king and so conferred a vestige of royal sanction and recognition on its owners.

How does this square with our Covenanter history, when we seem to have sided against the notion of royal power? Well, perhaps it just shows a practical opportunist streak alongside the idealism. And certainly, there's room in a family for debate, as is shown by this discussion.

I would certainly be interested to learn more about the role of Ewings in the War of American Independence (as distinct from the Scottish Wars of Independence!) and the factors that motivated them in their struggle. But it's often too easy to project our own worldview onto even relatively recent events – many British people believe that Britain declared war against Hitler on moral grounds (it's pretty much what we're taught at school), which would be very nice if it were true.

It was American Ewings in particular who kept alive the oral tradition that we are descended from chiefs of the clan, so I cannot believe that this part of their past is unimportant to them. One thing I am sure of about our ancestors is that when they left Scotland they were not turning their backs on who they had been; if that had been possible for them, they could have stayed.

Ewings and McEwens

The Ewings seem to come more-or-less entirely from a single clan which was based near Loch Lomond in the 1500s. In the sixteenth century there seems to have been no hard-and-fast distinction between the names Ewing and MacEwen, so it's likely that some descendants of the same clan now go by the name of MacEwen/McEwan etc. Our clan, which can be traced securely to sixteenth-century Loch Lomond, is probably descended from the medieval Clan Ewen of Otter which lived on the shores of Loch Fyne (ours turns up at precisely the moment the other clan disappears).

However, the majority of Mc-/Mac- surnames (and likewise Ewan/Ewans/Ewen/Ewenson) seem to come from altogether different clans: Some come from another independent group based in Galloway (with the motto *Reviresco*); some are descended from Clan MacDougall; some from Clan Cameron. It's possible that there might also have been some descendants of Clan Ewen of Otter who did not recognise our chief as their own (there's no evidence for this, but it's a popular theory among MacEwens and it would be hard to disprove). The other MacEwen clans were largely Jacobites, at the other end of the political spectrum from the Covenanter tradition.

This raises the issue of whether our clan is defined to include any Mc-/Mac- Ewan/Ewen/Ewings who are descended from the same clan. In practice, it might be tricky for McEwans to unravel their roots (though I suspect Y-DNA studies will change this in the not-so-distant future) but for those who do and who discover that they once followed the *Audaciter!* banner, I believe it's important that our clan should extend the hand of welcome. It's possible that the name 'Clan Ewen' would be more inclusive than 'Clan Ewing', whilst still reflecting our clan origins. I'm not certain that we have to settle on a particular name, but I raise the issue because I believe that the people seeking to establish a new MacEwen clan would aim to make any distinction based on surname alone, whereas for me our clan is defined by shared descent from a particular historical clan.

Chiefship and Heredity

In general, I think the American cultural position on heredity seems very close to the British view. I don't think that heredity has many supporters on either side of the pond when it comes to positions of political power or business leadership. However, both cultures pass certain things down the family line, such as surname, wealth and citizenship. What we are suspicious of is where positions of power are passed on within the family. The chiefship of a clan is not really an issue of heritable power; the chief won't be imposing taxes on the clan or issuing directives; there's no question of despotism. The title of chief is primarily honorific, and it's an honour that reflects on the whole clan.

It's fair to say that if someone were creating the clan system today it would look very different. But the point is that we're not creating it today. It might seem quaint and old-world, but that's because it really is an ancient system, and that's precisely why it's cherished. So, whilst I understand (and to some extent share) reservations about inherited titles, I would argue that we cannot change the system and that it's not really such a big deal in any case.

At one time, I thought our best course might be to assert independence without actually appointing a chief. However, I'm not at all sure that the Lord Lyon would accept this, and in any case I now feel it would be practically unworkable. If there is one thing a clan chief can do, it is to stick up for the clan against encroachment from other clans. After taking part in the debate on the Clan Ewen Forum (Groups.Google.com/group/ClanEwen), I now have little doubt that the new pan-MacEwen clan will try

to assert a position as the only Clan Ewen, unless we have a chief of our own as a mark of our independence. It may well be that we will need a chief who is willing to be forthright in asserting that independence.

The question we're addressing here should not, I think, be whether the system of chiefship is a good one – it's what we've got and, if we are interested in our family as a clan, we have to work with it. But for those of us who are willing or eager to go along with the clans as they really are, the first question must be: "Should our clan continue to reflect our identity as an independent clan?" What I'm hearing both here and in private E-mails seems to me to provide firm backing for the idea that we have our own unique identity as a clan, and that we should not be lumped in together with unrelated families solely on the basis of a similar name.

The way the argument has centered on other issues suggests that our independence is taken for granted, and indeed it has certainly gone unchallenged in this debate. For me, the whole debate about the nature of clanship underlines the fact that this clan has an independent family tradition as feisty, forward-thinking and politically-aware. Personally, I feel sure that the formal acknowledgement of this in our own chiefship would in no way dampen this spirit, and you don't have to agree with everything I say to see the advantage of having our own chief. It may be that the alternative is not to remain chiefless and independent, but to accept a position in someone else's clan, with someone else's hereditary chief.

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Calling Scotland

A caller asked for a knitwear company in Woven. Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?" Caller: "Yes.. That's what it says on the label – Woven in Scotland."

Anonymous

² Ewing, Thor. *New Notes on Clan Ewen*. Private Printing, 2009. www.clanewen.org/shop/newnotes.

Ewing Digital Library

This section of the *Journal* provides various genealogical tidbits – obituaries, will abstracts and transcriptions, abstracts and transcriptions of other primary-research documents (deeds, administration papers, guardianship papers, etc.), newspaper articles, etc. Some of these have been directly submitted; many have been 'mined' from the Internet.

Also included are 'conversations' which reveal genealogical data and/or sociological information regarding the lives and times of Ewing ancestors. These have been extracted from various sources including: *rootsweb*, the Ewing Forum (*EwingFamilyAssociation at GoogleGroups dot com*), and EMail exchanges resulting from queries to Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*), the *Ewing Family Association* Genealogist.

The information has been analyzed to varying degrees by its contributors. Some information is presented with no analytic commentary; some has been rather extensively analyzed. Sometimes, the information is annotated with various comments and data. In NO cases has the Editor – or, for that matter, other *EFA* volunteers – tried to validate the information presented here.

Elizabeth (Ewing) and George Daughtery

Contributed by William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

There is a conversation on facebook, started by 'Lynn', concerning Elizabeth Ewing of Pocahontas, Virginia, who married George Daughtery. It can be accessed at:

www.facebook.com/topic.php?uid=276871919766&topic=12666.

Note, however, that the conversation is rather old; the most recent posting occurred in February 2010.

Comment by Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

My database shows Elizabeth and her marriage to George on March 22, 1786. I think this may have come from Jim McMichael. I have nothing else on them as a couple.

Follow-up by Wally Ewing (*WKEwing at charter dot net*)

I have the same information. It may have come from my sister's – Nancy Hanks Ewing's – publication, *James Ewing, Pioneer*.¹ Nancy did considerable and detailed research into her great⁴-grandfather's descendants.

¹ Ewing, Nancy Hanks (ed. Barbara Ewing Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*, Self Published, 1994. Available online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_JamesEwingOfPocahontas.html.

Connecticut, Ohio and Indiana Ewings

From a Message to Steve K. Allen (*SteveKAllen56 at msn dot com*) from Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

Samuel Howe Ewing is one of the grandsons of Alexander (I). I think most of the Ewings in Lucas and Wood counties are probably descendants of his (or at least of our closely related lines that all stem from Ashford, Connecticut, and Alexander (I)). Quite possibly some are descendants of William Charles who went to Sandusky, Ohio.

After you have a chance to review the attached reports,² please don't hesitate to ask for clarification. At first this will probably be as clear as mud. Take a marker and start highlighting each generation in a specific color and then the generations will make more sense and you can make a list for yourself of the people for whom you are interested.

You will begin to clearly see the Fort Wayne group, the Wood County group, and our group. The four grandsons of Alexander (I) seem to be the main players. The three sons of Alexander (II) were William Charles, Col. Alexander and Samuel Howe Ewing. Then comes our group from Alexander (I) by his son, John (I), and grandson, John (II) (wife Lucy Williams). With regard to William Charles, you can see that I have no descendants for him, but there were likely to be some.

When next you get to Perrysburg area, try to go to Monclova Community Center. They should have copies of the booklet that was recently published about the early pioneers of the county and township. If you can, I would love to have a copy.

I'm eager to hear more about the William H. Ewing monument data. I have a feeling this is a man called 'Uncle Hank' who was a judge. He was born in Clyde, Sandusky County, Ohio, on May 4, 1812, and died on August 2, 1890 in Wood County. I have that he was buried in Weston Cemetery and later moved to Oak Grove Cemetery in Bowling Green. I think there were two men named William H. who were both born about 1812. I think I have these two men and their descendants correctly placed, but could be in error. The Atlas article cited below helps with placement.

I have a William Henry Ewing, born circa May 1812 in Hulls Prairie, Wood County, buried Ft. Meigs Cemetery. From *Ewing GenForum* 4-23-2006 # 582 by Barbara Hoffmann (*BabsHoff at yahoo dot com*):

There is a biography in the 1875 Atlas of Wood County for William Ewing that seems to fit with your info:

William H. Ewing was born near Fort Miami in 1812; left an orphan by the death of his mother while he was an infant, lived on the Maumee River until he was 14 years old, then went to Cleveland for 6 years, when he again returned to the Maumee. In 1850 went to California, and returning in 1853 he settled on his present homestead in Middleton Twp. in 1854, and now has, after years of wandering, a well improved farm of 160 acres and a good home. His parents' names were Samuel & Sarah Ewing, who lived in Lucas Co.

² Editor's Note: At the request of Karen Avery, these reports have not been included or posted to the Internet. She feels that the information in them is not yet stable enough to warrant widespread publication. If you are interested in viewing them, contact Karen Avery at *BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*.

1812. Samuel Ewing died in Wood Co. in 1821. Mr. Ewing has two brothers, Anthony & Samuel.

Mrs. Ewing was born in Pennsylvania, 1826. Her parents moved to Sandusky Co. where they lived & died. She was a daughter of John & Mary Moore, whose children were Ann, Catharine, Christina, Mary, Samuel, Henry, Elizabeth, Jacob, John, & William Moore.

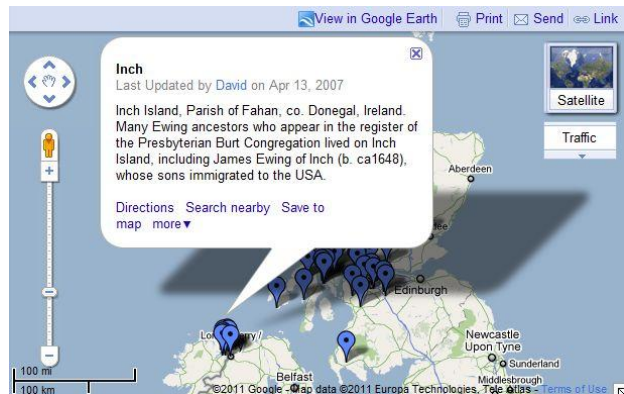
Mrs. Ewing's children by her first husband are Albert L., Frank F., & Emily E. Broughman. Mr. Ewing's children are Angie & Laurie Ewing.

Interactive Ewing Homeland Map

Contributed by William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

Google Maps (maps.Google.com) provides the ability to set up an interactive map focusing on some region in the world and populate it with stick-pins identifying places of interest within the region. With each stick-pin, one can provide a short explanation of what's at this place.

David Neal Ewing has set up such a map for places that are often cited in articles and material concerning Ewing-related places in the Ewing's Scotland and Ireland homeland. This map may be accessed at tinyurl.com/3flqnb. Surf on over and do some 'laptop potato' traveling.



Ewing Myths and Mirth

From a Conversation on the Ewing Forum (*EwingFamilyAssociation at GoogleGroups dot com*)

From William S. Ewing (*W.Ewing421 at BTInternet.com*)

I'm afraid [the discussion of Clan Ewing vs. Clan Ewen] provides nothing I can relay to my grandsons [about the origins of their family name]. Forgive me, but I intend to pass on an oft-ridiculed legend:

A group of Celts made their home along the eastern shores of Loch Lomond, Scotland. They were peaceful shepherds, tending sheep in the rugged land that had been their proud home. The quiet of the village was shattered by the screech of a huge eagle that swooped from the sky to steal their sheep. When the eagle boldly took an infant child, the men of this group became the hunters and sought their prey with great determination. The huge bird's nest was located under the ledge of a cliff. This difficult position did not deter the men from their task, and one of the shepherds was lowered by rope over the edge of the cliff. His intention was to kill the great eagle that had plagued their peaceful settlement. Once the mission was complete, he tried to bring the body of the eagle up with him but could not remove the huge bird. Instead, he cut a wing from the eagle and returned with the proof of his deed. Following this sequence

of events, the proud group called themselves the Eagle Wing Clan. The name was shortened through the years, first to 'E-Wing', and finally to the simple spelling 'Ewing'.

My story to them may not be completely true but rather merely plausible. And I find it very romantic and easy to tell. Along these lines, consider how Native American Indians and African tribes named their children after events attending their births: Red Cloud, Morning Sun, etc. So why not Eagle Wing?

From Martin Ewing (*Martin.S.Ewing at gmail dot com*)

Then there's the legend that one of my forebears was born at a hospital where the maternity ward was in the E-Wing.

Further, when I was a kid, I felt strangely proud when we drove past the Singer Sewing Center in town. A family business?

I never thought about eagles, I have to say.

From David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)

Perhaps sadly, the Eagle Wing story doesn't stand up too well once you realize that the founders of the clan were certainly not speaking English and were very likely to have been speaking Gaelic, which has a different word for 'eagle' not beginning with the letter 'E' and a different word for 'wing' not at all similar to the English word. I would give you a reference to an online Gaelic-English dictionary and the actual Gaelic words, but am afraid that I would get criticized for being too ... what? wordy? intellectual? boring?

From William S. Ewing (*W.Ewing421 at BTInternet.com*)

Surely the language – whether English, Gaelic, Greek, Cantonese or whatever – doesn't matter. If we have 'Eagle Wing' in Gaelic and translate it to English it is still 'Eagle Wing'. Am I missing out on something?

This legend is absolutely terrific, and I love it. You can say what you like, but I think it's more believable than a lot of the gobbly-gook that's often written about the origin of the 'Ewing' surname.

From David Neal Ewing (*DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)

I am a psychiatrist. A few years ago, I got a call from a social worker who said she had a Chinese couple who were in need of marital therapy but spoke no English, and she wondered if I would be willing to see them. "Um," I joked, "I suppose you looked in the phone book and saw my name is Ewing, so figured I might be Chinese and could speak the language." There was a long pause and she finally said, hesitatingly, "Yes."

I guess maybe our true origin could be Yuè Wing from China, who somehow got blown off course in a gale and landed in Scotland, which is why people think our ancestors were gale-ic, eh?

From Thor Ewing (*Thor at HistoricalArts dot co dot uk*)

I love the legend too, but it is just that – a legend. You're right that it has a lot in common with Native American Indian traditions, and in its present form I rather suspect it originated in America.

There are eagles in Scotland (unlike the rest of the British Isles) and they still live around Loch Lomond today, so our ancestors would have lived alongside eagles, as is remembered in the legend. The motif of an eagle carrying off a child has the ring of folktale. There was a guy – Stith Thompson – who

categorised and indexed folktale motifs, and he made this entry: "B522.4. B522.4. Eagle carries off condemned child. Irish myth: Cross."

Of course, just because it makes a good story doesn't mean it couldn't have happened, but it's certainly interesting that a similar incident occurs in Gaelic storytelling.

Although elements of this story might fit, as an explanation of the surname 'Ewing' it can't be true. At the time the name 'Ewing' is first recorded (the 1500s or possibly just before) it's likely that our ancestors talked most easily in Gaelic, so any name they chose would surely be drawn from that language. Not only that, but the use of initials in this way just doesn't ring true for the period.

I suspect that the legend draws on stories which the Ewings brought with them from their homelands, but (if I am going to speculate about how it came about) it might also preserve the memory of one of the ships that carried Ewing settlers across the Atlantic, which was called the *Eagle Wing*. This ship name would obviously have appealed to Ewing passengers, and could readily explain how one element came into our story. When the relevance of the ship was forgotten, the story was switched to a real eagle perhaps modelled on an old Scottish or Irish story in which an eagle snatches a child, but also influenced by Native American traditions.

So, like the very best stories, it has taken elements from all over and welds them into a dramatic and enchanting whole. We can value it as a story linked with our name, as a foundational myth if you like, but I don't think we can fairly treat it as the historical origin of that name.

From William S. Ewing (*W.Ewing421 at BTInternet.com*)

Thor: Thank you for replying, there is no doubt you are gentleman and a scholar, and I in no way would wish to argue with you regarding any subject. I am quite sure I would be embarrassingly defeated every time.

The legend is probably wrong as you say and [our organization] will never take on board it's romantic attraction. I am really disappointed. I just love the story and – no disrespect intended – whether true or not, I'm passing it on to my grandchildren.

Ewings Related to Terry M. Williams of Winlock, Washington

From a Conversation among Terry Williams (*CowlitzMotorSports at yahoo dot com*), Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) and Wally Ewing (*WKEwing at charter dot net*)

From Terry Williams

My grandmother was Minnie Mae Ewing, daughter of William A. Ewing and Eva Puckett. On your website, you have her listed as married to Wallace Robinson. The last name is 'Robison', and boy do my uncles get wound up about getting this right.

[great⁵-grandparents] Capt. James Ewing: born 1720/30, Londonderry, Ireland; died 1800, Ravenna, Mercer County, Missouri (some say Virginia); married Margaret Sergeant, born circa 1722³

³ See comments below by Wally Ewing regarding Capt. James Ewing being the father of William 'Swago Bill' Ewing.

1) William 'Swago Bill' Ewing

2) John 'Indian John' Ewing

[great⁴-grandparents] William 'Swago Bill' Ewing: born December 24, 1756, Bath County, Virginia; died October 7, 1822, Ewington, Ohio; married Mary McNeil, November 16, 1785, Gallia County, Ohio. Mary McNeil: born December 25, 1771, Ewington Ohio; died 1858, Ravena, Mercer County

1) Sarah Ewing

2) Elizabeth Ewing: b. 15 Feb 1787

3) Thomas Ewing: b. 30 Jul 1788

4) Jonathan Ewing: b. 1790

5) William Ewing: b. 4 Aug 1792; d. 1847, Ewington

6) James Ewing: b. Sep 1793

7) John Ewing: b. 9 Sep 1795

8) Enoch Ewing: b. 31 Jul 1799

9) Jacob Ewing: b. 17 Aug 1802

10) Abraham Ewing: b. 13 Oct 1804

11) George Ewing: b. 21 Jun 1807

12) Andrew Ewing: b. 4 May 1809

[great³-grandparents Andrew Ewing: born May 4, 1809; married Taphena Holcomb (born 1818, Ohio)

1) Mary Ewing: b. 1841, Ohio

2) Rebecca Ewing: b. 1842, Ohio

3) Theresa Ewing: b. 1844, Ohio

4) Sarah Louise Ewing: b. Jan 1845, Ohio

5) Rueben Ewing: b. 1851, Ohio

6) M. M. Ewing (female): b. 1853, Ohio

7) Abner J. Ewing: b. 5 Feb 1855, Ohio

[great-great-grandparents] Abner J. Ewing: born February 5, 1855, Ohio; died August 6, 1908; married (April 30, 1876) Mary Elizabeth Armon (born March 3, 1859, Indiana)

1) Alice Ewing: b. 8 Jul 1877, Iowa

2) Rebecca Ewing: b. 4 Apr 1879, Iowa

3) William Andrew Ewing: b. 4 May 1881, Iowa; d. 26 Sep 1951

4) Harvey Ewing: b. 11 Jun 1883, Iowa

5) Charlie Ewing: b. 25 Mar 1886

6) Bessie Kate Ewing: b. 2 Nov 1888

7) Ruben Holcomb Ewing: b. 31 Jul 1891

8) Millie Pearl Ewing: b. 21 Oct 1897

9) Eliza Jean Ewing: b. 7 Nov 1900

[great-grandparents] William Andrew Ewing: born May 4, 1881; married (May 11, 1901, Woodard, Oklahoma) Eva Bell (Ports) Puckett (born June 19, 1883, Missouri; died June 17, 1929)

- 1) Minnie Mae (Ewing) Robison b. 24 Mar 1903 d. April 1977
- 2) Ralph Ewing
- 3) Virgil Ewing
- 4) Fern Ewing: b. 1908(?)
- 5) Mary Jean Ewing
- 6) Walter Ewing
- 7) Nolan Ewing: b. 1926(?)

[grandparents] Minnie Mae (Ewing) Robison: married Wallace H. Robison

- 1) Donald Robison
- 2) Leonard Robison
- 3) Eleanor (Robison) Taylor: d. 2007
- 4) Evelyn Fern (Robison) Williams: d. 2010
- 5) Dorothy (Robison) (Bundy) Hayden
- 6) Mary (Robison) Blattenbauer
- 7) Marjorie Robison

[parents] Evelyn Fern (Robison) Williams: born September 13, 1930 ; married (September 1948) Harold N. Williams (born April 11, 1926, Watts, Oklahoma, to Elbert 'Zeke' and Nicotie Jean (Lester) Williams

- 1) Candice Colleen Williams: died in infancy 1949
- 2) Wendy Ellen Williams: b. 1950
- 3) Shon Robert Williams: b. 1952
- 4) Terry Michael Williams: b. 1958
- 5) Bretha Gail Williams: b. 1973

From Karen Avery

Thank you for your query and the word document giving additional information on your family. I have added your personal direct lineage to my database.

I am forwarding your query to Wally Ewing, the expert on this line. He will be happy to work with you.

You didn't mention exactly what your reading material was, but I suspect you spent some time at the *Ewing Family Association* website and there discovered new information. As you probably already know, several men of this line have been tested and joined the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.⁴ These men fall into what is called Group 1a. If you haven't viewed the Project's results, you will want to go to its website and discover the names of some of your closely related cousins.

⁴ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

From Wally Ewing

I have received from Karen Avery your message and attachment.

Let me point out first of all that the James Ewing who was father to Swago Bill and Indian John was not a Captain and did not marry Margaret Sergeant. That was another James Ewing. The James Ewing you want was born in Ireland about 1720 and immigrated to America when he was approximately twenty years old.

While living in Virginia, he married Sarah Mayes. Besides the two boys, James and Sarah had three daughters. Our James Ewing (he was my great⁴-grandfather) died about 1801 in what is now West Virginia. His home was in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. The Swago Creek ran through the property, giving William his nickname. The remainder of the genealogy you forwarded is correct. My reference for the line shows that Minnie May married William Robinson. Since that appears to be in error, I will change my record to show she married William Robison. Thanks for pointing that out.

I hope you are able to follow Karen's suggestion re: participating in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. I joined the project several years ago and have found it helpful in ascribing 'new' cousins I previously was not aware of.

Good luck in your continued genealogical research, and don't hesitate to contact me again if I can be of help.

Chatham Ewing, Logan County, Illinois

Contribution by pdcknox to rootsweb

(boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1857.1.1.3/mb.ashx)

Charles Findley Ewing (a member of Clan McEwan):

- was born 1650 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland,
- fought in Ireland (North) at the battle near Llewellyn, but settled and married an Irish lass, Jane Porter, and
- died 1730 in Londonderry, Ireland.

Robert Ewing (son of Charles Findley Ewing) was born in 1718 in Ireland, immigrated to America (Virginia), married Mary Baker (born 1725 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and daughter of famous gunsmith Caleb Baker, inventor of the Pennsylvania/Kentucky Long-rifle) about 1747. Robert served in the American Revolution – as a Civil Servant Justice – as a Private within Cpt. Thomas Buford's Volunteer Company under Gen. Andrew Lewis.

Robert Ewing died 1787 in Bedford County, Virginia. Mary (Baker) Ewing died 1787 in Bedford County, Virginia. Their children were: John, Baker, Young, Urban, Rueben, Chatham (m. Elizabeth Campbell), Robert, Martha and Finis.

John was born 1750 in Bedford County, Virginia. He did Patriotic Service during the Revolutionary War by furnishing supplies. He married a relative, Martha Baker, who was born 1755 in Bedford County, Virginia. John died in December 1803 in Logan County, Kentucky. Martha died 1812 in Logan Co, Kentucky. Their children were: Chatham (he was twice married, and his second wife was Mary

Patterson), Robertus (my great³-grandfather), Samuel, John, George W., Parmelia, Lockey B. and Sidney.

Chatham Ewing, Son of Robert Ewing

Contribution by *jhawkins10* at *verizon dot net* to *rootsweb*
(boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1857.1.1.3/mb.ashx)

Robert and Charles Ewing (said to be brothers) both left wills.

- Charles Ewing, Bedford County, Virginia, Will Book 1, pages 114-117, written 31 May 1770, proven 24 July 1770.
- Robert Ewing, Will Book 1, pages 526-530, 2 Mar 1786, Codicil 14 May, Proven 25 June 1787.

Robert had eight sons listed in his will and two daughters, Patey and Sidney Lin. Patey married John Mills. (She may have had another first name.) Some of his sons received land in Kentucky.

Caleb Beaker left a will, also. His wife, Martha Baker left a will naming both Robert and Charles Ewing (notice how the spelling changes). Charles was married to Martha Baker, sister of Mary Baker.

Edward Morgan Ewing

From a message from Georgia (Ewing)
Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan* at *att dot net*) to
Michael Radcliffe (*Michael.Radcliffe* at *gmail dot com*)

I found your correspondence with Karen Avery in the May 2011 issue of the Ewing Family Journal.⁵

I had occasion to do some courthouse work in Miami County, Kansas, and I remembered having made some notes on the Ewings there. I have scanned a page of notes, and since you say that your knowledge of your great-grandfather is minimal, there may be some little thing on the page (reproduced to the right) that you hadn't run across previously, particularly the guardianship records and the Civil War connection. If you can't understand my note-taking, feel free to ask for an explanation.

Your great-grandmother, Eva Bell (Ports) Puckett, must have been a rare beauty or a sensational cook, as she appears to have had

MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS			
Probate Case Index	(2nd floor - court house)		
EWING, George Edward, et al	Minors	2296	
Ferdinand Stanley	Dec'd Flat File	3394K	
RECORD OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES 1857-July 1867 ...			
Book 4 1884-86			
225 7 June 1885	Edward/Edwin H. Ewing 43	Mrs. Eva Mapes, 23	
	Charles Tower? J. W. Stewart, J.P.	at Mrs. Towers	
(signed Edward)			
339 14 Feb 1886	George H. King, 42	Sarah Ewing, 20	Elder Geo. W. Burgess
	Residence of Abraham Will		
Book 8 - 1911-1913			
161 18 Dec. 1911	Frank Ewing, 22	Cecile Stanley, 18	
	Benson Mahlon Powell, Lic'd Min. of Gospel, Paola	M.E. Ch.	
(both) address: Manhattan, KS		Mar. at Paola	
Book 9 - 1913-15			
286 30 Sept. 1914	E. Ewing, 36	Lulu Vilhoite, 30	Rev. K. P. Bond? Clergyman
	Addr.: Spring Hill, KS	Paola	
Mar. at Paola			
7 16 Apr 1913	Robert L. Wilson, 24	Emma Ewing, 23	O. B. Thurston, Min
	Addr.: Fontana, KS	Paola, KS.	
Mar. at Paola			
Book B 1871-76			
425 29 Sept. 1875	R. D. Prottzman, 25	Miss Alice L. Patten, 18	J.A.Potter, M.G.
	at Hillsdale		
Journal I 1897-1900			
Ewing, 64, 77, 9-66	461		
64 In the matter of the estate of George Edward Ewing & Eliza F. Ewing, minors			
23 Feb. 1891 came Eva Cowen their guardian. files new and additional			
bond of 1200.00			
77 Guardian files invent - G. E. & E. F. [above] minors and heirs at law			
of Edward M. Ewing, dec'd. Rec'd from U.S. Pension Dept. \$534.00			
Nov. 1, 1897 18 Nov. 1897			
461 10 Nov. 1899	guard. (same) file annual report.		
Journal M			
250 28 Apr. 1910.	final acct. of Eva White, guardian of George & Eliza Ewing,		
minors. both now of age. estate shld be closed. minors have filed receipt			

⁵ Radcliffe, Michael Joseph. New Member Profile, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pp. 62-63.

four husbands: Mapes, Ewing, Cowen and White. You probably have found your grandfather, George E. Ewing in the 1900 census, age 14 (born April 1886) boarding with the Glover B. Thompson family and going to school, and his sister, Eliza, born May 1889, living with her stepfather Squire Cowan and Eva. The places of their parents' births seem to be confused, possibly due to census-taker error.

In a cemetery southeast of Louisburg, Kansas, I found: Edward M. Ewing, d. Feb 23, 1891, ae44 (?). Co. H. 4 Reg. Iowa Vol. Vet. This is not my family, but whenever I search in a courthouse or cemetery, I usually check on the Ewings and add them to my collection. (I just might find the clue I need on my Jacob's line!) I was surprised to hear that your Ewings connect to the Union County, Ohio, Ewings, as that is another of my heavy searching areas! But this is on another line of my ancestry.

I hope there's something of interest here.

John Ewing and War of 1812 Men Serving on Lake Erie

From a conversation among Steve K. Allen (*SteveKAllen56 at msn dot com*), Karen Avery (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*), Lynn Coughlin (*LCoughlin at portecrail dot com*), David Haselhuhn (*DavidHaselhuhn at comcast dot net*), Dave Purtil (*MountainDave at skybest dot com*), Beth (Ewing) Toscos (*MBToscos at comcast dot net*) and Jane (Ewing) Weippert (*JaneWeippert at windstream dot net*)

From Steve Allen

I have been trying to find some evidence that George Samuel Ewing was actually with Admiral Perry during the battle of Lake Erie. I received this link:

flagshipniagara.org/maritime_museum/History/battle_of_lake_erie/muster.htm

of the personnel that they know of that were in Perry's Fleet. Sadly I did not find George on either the U.S.S. Brig *Lawrence* or the U.S.S. *Niagara*. Perry's ship was the *Lawrence* but when it was damaged he transferred his flag to the *Niagara*. The interesting thing though is on the *Niagara* was a seaman John Ewen. I have seen Ewing spelled this way in the past. Is it possible that George was not the one with Perry but his father was? If George was born in 1805 he would have been eight-and-a-half years old when this battle occurred in 1813. I don't know if they took boys that young with them. I cannot imagine being eight-and-a-half and in a battle like that with blood and body parts everywhere.

I have made a request to the National Archives to see how you go about finding a military record from 1813. I have also asked the Lake Erie museum for additional details if they have them. I'll spend some time in the Sandusky, Ohio, area with some of my accounts. I think I will try and plan a trip there in the next few months to do some research.

This John Ewen was not killed or wounded according to this website. This needs more research to determine if it may have been our John Ewing or maybe it really was John Ewen.

From Karen Avery

I'm so happy that you [Steve] continue to research for our John Ewing family. Last summer, Bob and I stopped and researched at Perrysburg and surrounding areas. We went to Ft. Meigs where I purchased several books of interest. Of course, my usual excuse repeats: "I don't have time to work on my own

lines!" My job as *EFA* Genealogist keeps me too busy helping others. Once that work is somewhat completed, I'm tired and don't find time to work on our family.

From one book that I purchased, I share the following:

From the book, *Deep Water Sailors Shallow - Water Soldiers - Manning the United States Fleet on Lake Erie – 1813* by Gerald T. Altoff, 1993:

A landsman on board the Sloop *Trippe*, [Henry] McEwen was a sergeant in Captain George Records' Company of the 147th PA Military Regiment. Both his CSR and Records' 17 September 1813 MR Acknowledge that McEwen volunteered under Perry on 15 July 1813. McEwen, scion of Henry, a soldier in the American Revolution was born on 14 March 1790. In 1813 he hailed from Walker Township, Centre County, PA. McEwen married Sarah Allison in Nittany Valley on 26 February 1818, a union which produced six children, all born in PA. By 1830, the McEwen family was living in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. Henry McEwen drowned in the harbor at Huron, Ohio on 1 October 1838.

Henry McEwen served on the U.S. Sloop *Trippe* as Landsman. He received prize money of \$214.89 on November 6, 1814. I found this family on *One World Tree* and it appears there are descendants of this line who are living and continue to use the spelling McEwen. I do not have this family in my database – yet.

Also in this book is a very interesting item on page 46 which reads:

After suffering an ugly wound to his head, Quartermaster's Mate John Newen endured the excruciating surgical procedure of having his skull trepanned [a hole bored]. The surgeon extracted 'several pieces of bone from the cerebrum and a piece of leather hat.' Newen died five days later.

John was on the U.S. Brig *Lawrence*. Is this possibly 'our' John Ewing? We might be able to prove or disprove since his name appears on a 'prize list' when \$ 447.39 was paid in his name on January 11, 1816, to Michael Emanuel, legatee. This is excerpted from *American State Papers* and paid, as per vouchers filed at the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury. John's wife, Lucy Williams Ewing, had married David Hitchcock on May 9, 1815, but could still have received this money because the list of participants in the Battle of Lake Erie was compiled only several months after the action.⁶

Another item for prize money went to John Ewen, ordinary seaman on the U.S. Brig *Niagara*, the sum of \$214.89 on September 18, 1814. Money was paid to G. Sanford.

Yes, there were a few 'boys' on the lists of those who served on a few of the ships. They received prize money also. I would think that young George Samuel Ewing, age eight-and-a-half, would have remained with his mother and family to help at home.

An interesting aside is the following website concerning Monclova, Ohio:

www.MonclovaCommCtr.org/mcc/Documents/TheMonclovian/Winter2010.pdf.

Monclova is a small community in Wood County, Ohio. There definitely were Ewing families living there in the early 1800s (and still are, I believe). I have collected census and historical data for this family line. I suspect they do share a common ancestor with us and would be cousins of various degrees. Connie

⁶ John would probably have been between 38 and 45 in 1813.

Nuhfer is an Administrative Assistant for the Monclova Historical Society and also works at the Monclova Community Center. Connie is the process of publishing a booklet about the early pioneers of the area. The Ewing family will be included.

Finally, from a pertinent publication:⁷

It is known that Thomas, Samuel, William and Halsey Ewing and their families were living at the rapids in 1807 but soon moved on to present day Monclova Township, Ohio, where they constructed the first mill in the area on Swan Creek. Samuel's son, Anthony, is said to be the first American child born in the township.

Enough for now. When time permits I will share information from the other books that I purchased.

From Steve Allen

That John Ewen sure looks promising. I agree that young George Samuel at age eight-and-a-half was a bit young to be going through that mess.

Now I have to wonder who G. Sanford may have been and why wasn't the money paid to John's wife Lucy Williams Ewing. I would love to see the ships log for crew and see how they spelled Ewen. It's possible there was a John Ewen not related to us and his next of kin was a G. Sanford.

From Wikipedia: Prize money ... has a distinct meaning in naval warfare; it was a monetary reward paid out to the crew of a ship for capturing an enemy vessel.

From Karen Avery

Thanks [Steve] for the meaning of 'prize money'. As to Mr. G. Sanford, I wonder if he was a lawyer. He was probably not related - but who knows?

Lawrence M. Ewing Jr. (1946-2005) – Obituary

From the Parkersburg Belpre Funeral Home – Leavitt Funeral Services and Crematory Website (contributed by Karen Avery)

Lawrence M. Ewing Jr.. Born in Parkersburg, WV on Aug. 9, 1946. Departed on Mar. 19, 2005 and resided in Parkersburg, WV.

Lawrence M Ewing, Jr. "The Dog", 58, of Parkersburg, WV, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, at his sister's house. He was born in Parkersburg a son of the late Lawrence M. and Leona M. Taylor Ewing.

He is survived by his son Jeremiah Allen Ewing of Parkersburg and Jeremy of Belpre; seven sisters Brenda McVey of Washington, WV, Debra Pennell of Belleville, WV, and Madelon "Sue" Ewing, Edna Rader, Karen Gray, Ruth Cale all of Parkersburg, and Mary Hatfield of FL; four brothers Steven, David, Herbert, and George "Jim" Ewing all of Parkersburg; and several nieces and nephews.



⁷ Wendler, Marilyn Van Voorhis. *The Foot of the Rapids: The Biography of a River Town – Maumee, Ohio, 1838-1988*, Darling Books (Canton, Ohio), 1988, p. 33

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother Joseph H. Ewing.

Services will be Monday 3:00 PM at Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg with Reverend Lloyd Winans officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memory Gardens. Visitation will be Sunday 2-6 PM and Monday two hours prior to the service.

Paul Julian Ewing (1922-2009) – Obituary

Appeared April 21, 2009, on *SouthCountyMail.com*, Website of the South County Mail (Rogersville, Missouri) (contributed by Karen Avery)

Paul Julian Ewing, 86, of Rogersville, passed away at 7:35 p.m., Monday, April 5, 2009, in Cox Medical Center South following a short illness.

He was born May 31, 1922, in Fordland, the second of seven children born to the late Charles R. and Flossie M. (Julian) Ewing. He was united in marriage on May 31, 1950 to Velma N. Filbeck. She preceded him in death in 1978. He was also preceded in death by two sons and three brothers.

Paul was a World War II U.S. Army veteran where he served in Italy with the 91st Recon Troop as a M8 Armored Car Driver. He was a retired truck driver with Conco Concrete Company and was a member of Teamsters Local 245. He always looked forward to attending their retirement reunions as well as his military reunions.

He is survived by a son, Darrell G. Ewing and his wife, Connie, of Mobile, Ala.; two daughters, Dixie K. Dawson and her husband, Mark, and Donna May Nettell and her husband, Gary, all of Rogersville; two brothers, Maurice Ewing and his wife, Francis, of Urbanville, Iowa; and Charles Ewing and his wife, Juanita, of Rogersville; a sister, Ethel Smith and her husband, Hershel, of Rogersville; three grandsons, Matthew Dawson and his wife, Beth, and Peter Dawson, all of Rogersville; and D.G. Ewing Jr., of Mobile, Ala.; two granddaughters, Jackie France and her husband, Matt, of Baton Rouge, La.; and Stacey K. Ewing, of Mobile, Ala.; four great-grandchildren, Samantha, Lauren, Peter and Joshua and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in J.D. Lee and Sons Funeral Chapel, Rogersville. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield.



Robert Ewing (?-1787) of Bedford County, Virginia

From Correspondence between Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) and Alicia (Ewing) Towster (*aet at louisiana dot edu*)

From Karen Avery

I was checking my files in order to discover your lineage and find that I don't have anything for you. I also discovered the *EFA* Treasurer needs to add your correct EMail address to our membership list.

I note that Margaret Fife's 2003 book⁸ says you were working on the documentation of Robert and Charles Ewing of Bedford County, VA. Could you please share your findings with me?

Response by Alicia (Ewing) Towster

I believe that the *EFA* should have my permanent EMail address, *aet at louisiana dot edu*. I usually give this one out, as it does not change when I change ISPs.

I certainly hope that Margaret Fife did not omit material on Robert and Charles Ewing under the impression that I was going to publish about them. She was such a meticulous researcher, that I would have been very interested in what she had discovered about them. While I have collected a lot of data, I have only researched my own line, and I would not want to distribute anything that was iffy, since I see too many cases of people adding uncertain or even clearly incorrect data to their files. My line is:

[great⁴-grandparents] Robert Ewing⁹ (? - 1787, Bedford Co, Virginia) married Mary Baker, daughter of Caleb Baker (probably a gunsmith of Prince Edward County, Virginia) and Martha _?_

[great³-grandparents] Chatham Ewing (1768 or 1769, Bedford Co, Virginia - 1839, Lafayette Co, Missouri) married Elizabeth Campbell (1766 - 1842) daughter of Moses Campbell, probably from a first, undocumented marriage. (Note: No middle name is documented for this Elizabeth.)

[great-great-grandparents] Robert Ewing (1798, Logan County, Kentucky - 1853, Lafayette Co, Missouri) married Elizabeth Hall Campbell (1805 - 1856), first cousin, daughter of Aaron Campbell and Grace Williamson

[great-grandparents] Neander Chatham Ewing (1830 - 1888) married Catharine Wailes Wilcoxon

[grandparents] Joel Harvey Ewing (1860 - 1934) married Christie Vaughan

[father] George McNaught Ewing

Because the name Chatham is fairly common among these Ewings, both in my particular line and also in those who went to Illinois in the 1800s, I was curious about the Chatham T. Ewing whose death notice is presented in the most recent issue of the *Journal*.¹⁰ Looking at the census and at *WorldConnect* (*wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com*), however, suggests he was from an entirely different set of Ewings, and possibly one that had migrated to the U.S. much later, just before 1800. His father, William D. Ewing was a quite prosperous attorney in Centre, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1850 and the household included a Margaret Ewing who had been born in Ireland in the 1770s. In the same town there was also James Ewing (born 1773, Ireland) and elsewhere in the county was Thomas (born 1788, Ireland). I know that some of the James of Inch Ewings ended up in Columbiana County, and that may have been the magnet that brought these more recent immigrants there. Because they arrived so much later, maybe searching the origins of these Ewings would be easier and cast some light on the earlier arrivals? Might there have been naturalization papers filed for them either in Ohio or in southwestern Pennsylvania, where they appear to have been before coming to Ohio?

⁸ Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

⁹ For further information about this Robert Ewing see *Ewing Digital Library: Robert Ewing, born 1718 (continued)* appearing on page 38 of this issue of the *Journal*.

¹⁰ Ewing Digital Library: Chatham T. Ewing, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), p. 28

Robert Ewing, born 1718 (continued)**Original Query by Melissa (Ewing) Daniel (*Melissa at TheDanielFamily dot com*)¹¹**

I have been trying to confirm the names of the father and mother of a Robert Ewing, born 1718. My link is from John, Robert's son.

Response by Alicia (Ewing) Towster (*aet at louisiana dot edu*)

Perhaps you mean the Robert Ewing who married Mary Baker and died in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1787?¹² If so, his parents are unknown, and the Irish records are so spotty that I doubt this can ever be discovered. The birth date you cite is only an estimate. We don't know that either, nor his place of birth, though it was probably not too far from Londonderry in Ulster (North Ireland).

Some of his kinsmen are known – the Ewings who settled in Cecil County, Maryland, and later migrated south to Virginia and North Carolina are some sort of cousins; and the Charles Ewing who appears in some of the same counties as Robert and his sons may also be a cousin, although sometimes he is said to be a brother, perhaps because he was, for sure, Robert's brother-in-law. Robert and Charles are said to have fled to the colonies together, following a brawl in which someone was killed and their Cecil County cousins took them in and helped them get to the back country of Virginia. Robert was literate and wrote in a plain legible style. I take this to mean that he had been given a practical education, with perhaps a background in some sort of trade. He probably would not have been called a gentleman in Ireland, but in the Virginia hills he became a County Justice and was indeed sometimes referred to as a gentleman there.

What a pity we can't know more.

Mrs. Rufus Ewing (?-1911) – Obituary**Appeared in the North Vernon (Indiana) Plain Dealer, March 30, 1911 (Posted on Ewing List at *rootsweb.com*)****Double Death**

Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Kelsh, mother and daughter, both of Indianapolis, died within days of one another, the mother not knowing her daughter had passed.

Without knowledge of the death of her daughter, Mrs. David L. Kelsh, on Tuesday, Mrs. Rufus Ewing, 54, died at 5:40 yesterday morning at her home on Traub Avenue in Indianapolis. A double funeral will be held at 7:45 tonight at the home of David Kelsh on W. New York St., Indianapolis, and on Friday both bodies will be buried in Hayden. Both mother and daughter died of tuberculosis.

¹¹ Daniel, Melissa. Query: Robert Ewing, born 1718, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), p. 81

¹² See *Ewing Digital Library: Robert Ewing (?-1787) of Bedford County, Virginia* appearing on page 36 of this issue of the *Journal*.

Mrs. Ewing is survived by her husband and daughter, Mrs. Blanche Collier of Indianapolis.
Mrs. Kelsh is survived by her sister and a young son, Ralph.
The family lived in Indianapolis for 18 years, having moved there from Hayden.

Sarah Yeates Ewing

Contributed by Joseph J. Pepe (*mar_joe_2000 at yahoo dot com*)

In an article in Volume 5 of the *Ewing Family Association's Journal*,¹³ it is reported that:

Katharine Ewing Hand, who is buried with her husband in St. James' Episcopal churchyard in Lancaster, was the daughter of James and Sarah Yeates Ewing, and Sally Yeates probably was her cousin. The Yeates family had come to Lancaster from Chester, Pennsylvania, and Katharine was named for her grandmother Catharine Sandelands Yeates, wife of Jasper Sr. The Sandelands family was one of the first ever to reside in the English colony at Chester, and Jasper Yeates had bought a building there in 1697 where he started a granary and bakery. (The first name of these women is spelled at various times with a 'K' and 'C' in the old records as it is today.)

In the above paragraph, "was the daughter of James and Sarah" should read "was the daughter of John and Sarah Yeates Ewing."

John and Sarah Yeates Ewing were also the parents of two sons: John Jr. and Jasper Ewing. John Jr. visited his brother Jasper and brother-in-law Edward Hand at the battle of Brooklyn and provided a draught of the battle to his uncle Jasper Yeates living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the time of the battle. Brother Jasper Ewing was appointed an Adjutant to serve with his brother-in-law Colonel Hand prior to that time. This appointment was made by the Continental Congress on March 7, 1776.

Virgil E. Ewing (1921-2007) – Obituary

From the Parkersburg Belpre Funeral Home – Leavitt Funeral Services and Crematory Website (contributed by Karen Avery)

Virgil E. Ewing. Born in Deerwalk, WV on Feb. 15, 1921. Departed on Dec. 5, 2007 and resided in Manakin Sabot, VA.

Virgil E. Ewing, 86, of Parkersburg [West Virginia], where he resided with his niece, Edna and her family, and formerly of Manakin Sabot, Va., died Dec. 5, 2007, in Parkersburg.

He was born in Deerwalk, W.Va., the son of the late John J. and Edna M. Ewing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gerry Ewing; four brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include 10 nieces and seven nephews.

Mr. Ewing was a member of Dover Baptist Church in Manakin Sabot, Va. He also served on several civic organizations in Goochland County, including president of the Ruritan Club,

¹³ Hutchinson, Kay. *My Dearest Life ...*, *J. Clan Ewing*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (February 1999), p. 7. A transcription by James R. McMichael appears on the *Ewing Family Association's* website at:
www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/journal/Document_JoOnline_5.html.

Board of Directors for Manakin Fire & Rescue, Goochland Industrial Commissioner and member of the VFW and American Legion.

Mr. Ewing was a retired AT&T manager and served in World War II as Sergeant major of the 86th Fighter Wing in the 5th U.S. Army Air Force Pacific Theater of Operations. He received three Bronze Stars for service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations from New Guinea to Luzon, two Bronze Stars serving in the American Theater of Operations and the Philippine Victory Medal. He was also a charter member of the World War II Memorial Society in Washington, D.C.

Remains rest at the West Chapel, Bennett Funeral Home, 11020 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, Va., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday and where funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, with the Rev. Mark Hughes officiating.

Interment will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Parkersburg, with Pastor Leon Valentine officiating and military graveside rites by the American Legion Post 15.

Black Irish

Contributed by Raymond P. Ewing (*RayEwing1 at aol dot com*)

A Chicago priest, Father Andrew Greeley, was severely injured last year in a taxi accident and is presently in a nursing home. He was/is a professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, a nationally famous author of Catholic novels and scholarly works, and for years (until his accident) a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times. In one of his last columns for the newspaper, he mentioned a derivation of the term 'Black Irish' which startled me. He said it referred to Protestant Scotsmen who came back to Ireland with William of Orange and took land away from the native Catholics. I have not been able to verify this. I always thought that the Black Irish were the Spanish sailors who swam to shore during the great Armada fiasco.^{14,15}

Emily (Ewing) Peck Photograph

Posting by Shelley Cardiel (*Cardiels at comcast dot net*) to *Ewing@rootsweb.com*

I've 'rescued' an old photograph identified as that of Emila or Emela Peck which was taken at the Alden's Art Gallery Studio in Oberlin, Ohio. The photograph was likely taken in the 1860s or 1870s with Emila appearing to be in her 20's or 30's at the time it was taken. Thanks to a Peck Family researcher, I

¹⁴ For further information about the term 'Black Irish' see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Irish.

¹⁵ From Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Armada): The Spanish Armada was the Spanish fleet that sailed against England under the command of the Duke of Medina Sidonia in 1588, with the intention of overthrowing Elizabeth I of England to stop English involvement in the Spanish Netherlands and English privateering in the Atlantic. ... [After an initial success and then several defeats the] Armada managed to regroup and withdraw north, with the English fleet harrying it for some distance up the east coast of England. A return voyage to Spain was plotted, and the fleet sailed north of Scotland, into the Atlantic and past Ireland, but severe storms disrupted the fleet's course. More than 24 vessels were wrecked on the north and western coasts of Ireland, with the survivors having to seek refuge in Scotland.

believe that this may be a photograph of Emily Ewing, who was born in 1855 in Randolph, New York, graduated from Oberlin Literary School, and later married John Fisher Peck.

I am hoping to locate someone from her family so that this beautiful old photograph can be returned to the care of family. If you are a member of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact me.

Information from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)

I have a bit to add about Emily (Ewing) Peck. I found a mention that she was a famous artist and sculptor, born June 27, 1855, to Robert Finley Ewing (1823-1897) and Aurelia Culver (c. 1828-1914). Emily married John Fisher Peck June 27, 1879. I have no further information.

Using the relationship calculator in my genealogy software program, I find that we have at least two EFA members who are first cousins, once removed. They are Louis Lehmann and Charles Allen Ewing. The old photograph that was found of Emily could therefore be claimed by Chuck Ewing (CNJEwing2 at comcast dot net) or Lou Lehmann (LouLehmann at comcast dot net).

Further Information from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist

Here is a link to a nice article about Emily (Ewing) Peck:

dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/EmilyEwingPike_1855_unk.pdf.

It originally appeared online at the Oberlin College Archives (www.oberlin.edu/archive).

Response by Lou Lehmann (LouLehmann at comcast dot net)

I have that article in my database and am pleased that something about Emily (Ewing) Peck will be appearing in the May *Journal* issue. In 1860 Emily and her family were living next door to my great-grandparents, Henry and Augusta Ewing in Randolph. She was of course just five years old at that time, born in 1855. My grandfather, Frank Ewing, was born a year later. Perhaps they played together as children.

Emily Ewing's brother, Charles Hull Ewing, was also quite famous as indicated by the following biographical material:¹⁶

EWING, Charles Hull, business executive, was born at Randolph, Cattaraugus co., N.Y., July 11, 1868, son of Robert Finley and Aurelia (Culver) Ewing, of early colonial ancestry. In the paternal line were Samuel Finley (q.v.), his great-uncle, president of the College of New Jersey (Princeton university) and Samuel Finley B. Morse (q.v.), inventor of the electric telegraph. His mother was a sister of Helen Culver (q.v.), the Chicago philanthropist. His father was chief

¹⁶ Source: A Mead Project source page originally published as: National Cyclopedia of American Biography. "Ewing, Charles Hull." National Cyclopedia of American Biography 38 (1938): 227. Editors' notes: This document is included as part of the history of the W. I. Thomas and the University of Chicago. We suspect that the niece of Helen Culver, mentioned in W. R. Harper's December 24, 1895, letter to Ryerson, was Emily Ewing Peck, wife of John Fisher Peck, principal of Oberlin Academy. Based on their shared place of birth – Randolph, New York – and their undergraduate education at Oberlin College, we suspect that Charles Hull Ewing and Emily Ewing Peck were siblings. Related Documents: National Cyclopedia of American Biography. "Culver, Helen." National Cyclopedia of American Biography, 17 (1927): 178-179. Downloaded 20 June 2009 (www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/NCAB/NCAB_Ewing.html).

engineer in the construction of several of the early American railroads and was recommended to the Chilean government as the best locating engineer in the United States.

Mr. Ewing obtained his academic education at Oberlin (Ohio) college and at Yale university, being graduated A.B. at the latter in 1893. During another year he studied at the Northwestern university law school, after which he spent two years as manager of the Moorhead (Miss.) Stave Co. For thirty years he was chief assistant to Miss Helen Culver in the management of her business interests and, as such, also manager of the Helen Culver Fund, which built and endowed the Hull biological laboratories of the University of Chicago.

From 1903 to 1935 Mr. Ewing was engaged in the real estate and investment business, controlling valuable property holdings in Illinois and Florida, and being interested in several substantial developments in the latter state. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Southern Gypsum Co., Inc., of North Holston, Va., the first company to develop and manufacture gypsum products in the southeastern states, and a director of the Beaver Products Company of Virginia, Inc., which controls the Southern Gypsum Co. The products of that company are widely used in the South, for fertilizing purposes, as constituents of Portland cement and for hard wall plaster, plaster board and partition blocks.

Mr. Ewing is also a director of the First National and State banks of Lake Forest, Ill. He has been a trustee of the Hull-House Association since 1920, and is a life member of the Geographic Society of Chicago (president, 1924-26 and 1928-29), during his administration establishing the society's endowment fund. He is also a life member of the Art Institute of Chicago, Field museum of natural history and the Press Club of Chicago, and a member of the Historical Society of Chicago, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, Elihu Club of Yale university, the City, Oberlin Men's, University and Yale clubs of Chicago, the Onwentsia, Knollwood and Winter clubs of Lake Forest, Ill. Bradenton (Fla.) Golf and Country Club, Palma Sola (Fla.) Country Club and Sarasota Country and Yale clubs at Sarasota, Fla.

He was married at Minnetonka, Minn., Oct. 8, 1906, to Mary Sleight, daughter of Dr. Thomas Heywood Everts, of Minneapolis, Minn., and dean of women at the State University of Iowa, and they have two children: Katherine Everts, and Helen Culver Ewing, wife of James Henry Breasted. Jr.

Information from Chuck Ewing (CNJEwing2 at comcast dot net)

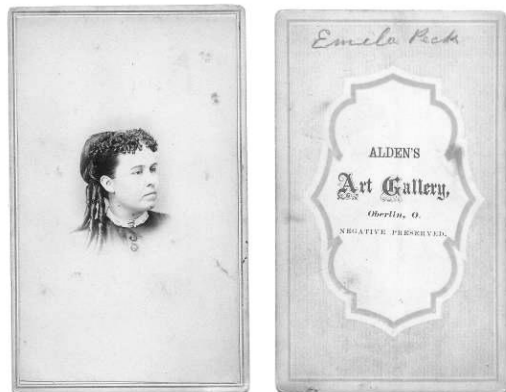
I am presently exchanging EMail with Shelley Cardiel, the person who found the photograph of Cousin Emily. If she can't locate a closer relative, I may end up with the photo.

Further Information from Chuck Ewing

Just got this photo today.

Further Information from Chuck Ewing

Here's information on Emily (Ewing) Peck's parents and John Fisher and Emily (Ewing) Peck's family:



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Descendants of Robert Finley Ewing

Robert Finley Ewing: b: October 14, 1823, Rochester (Victor), New York; d: July 28, 1897, South Dayton, Cattaraugus County, New York married (December 1, 1854) Aurelia Culver: b: 1828; d: December 20, 1914, Steamburg, Cattaraugus County, New York

Emily Ewing: b: June 27, 1855, Coldspring, Cattaraugus County, New York, married (June 27, 1879) John Fisher Peck

Carl Ryder Peck: b: May 6, 1881; d: February 15, 1889

Helen Fisher Peck: b: August 10, 1886 married _?_ Lyon

Robert Irwin Ewing: b: August 31, 1856, Chicago, Illinois; d: March 1864

Charles Hull Ewing: b: July 11, 1868, Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York

From the Randolph Register, July 30, 1897:

Robert Ewing Dead

Robert Finley Ewing died at his home in South Dayton, Wednesday, July 28, at noon. Mr. Ewing was born at Victor, NY, October 13, 1823. When he was seven years old his father reported to the old Ewing homestead about three miles south of Randolph. He grew to manhood there upon the farm and attended Chamberlain Institute when Prof. Love was its principal. On leaving the farm he became a surveyor and civil engineer about the beginning of the period of the growth of American railroads. As a locating engineer he had few equals in his profession and his ability called him to positions in most of the northern states and to several of the western states. During the later years of his life he returned to Randolph to live. Upon the completion, 21 years ago, of the Buffalo and Southwestern Railroad, of which he was chief engineer, he purchased lands and laid out the village of Pine Valley, now called South Dayton where he has remained since not engaged in railroad work. He leaves a wife, Aurelia Culver Ewing, a daughter, Mrs. Prof. Peck, of Oberlin, O., and a son Charles Hull Ewing, of Chicago. He was interred at Coldspring cemetery near Randolph.

Scottish Crest Badges

Contributed by Joseph Neff Ewing Jr. (*JoeNEwing at aol dot com*)

Information regarding Scottish Clan chiefs, crests and arms is in a leaflet issued by the Lord Lyon. The report's purpose is indicated in the following:

Much confusion exists about the meaning, use and entitlement to wear Scottish Crest Badges, and it is constantly increased by well-meaning but ill-informed explanations. This leaflet is authoritative in setting out the main facts. Even the popular name "Clan Crest" is a misnomer, as there is no such thing as a "Clan" Crest. The Crest is the exclusively personal property of the Clan Chief, and it is fully protected to him by the law in Scotland. The circumstances in which it may be worn by his clansmen are set out hereafter.

These 'circumstances' are the rules by which the Scottish Ewings etc. are supposed to play. Before specifying the rules, the article explains four basic 'technical terms', briefly:



CREST: When a coat of Arms is granted by the Sovereign through Her Majesty's Lord Lyon King of Arms, the Grant of Arms document shows the coat of Arms on a Shield. Above the Shield is placed a conventional helmet, and on top of the helmet is shown an additional device called the CREST, accompanied by the owner's Motto on a conventional scroll

WREATH: Between the Crest and the helmet usually appears a WREATH of twisted cloth of alternate twists of the owner's "Livery colours", on which the Crest stands.



CREST CORONET: Sometimes a coronet appears instead of a Wreath, and serves the same function. This is usually a CREST CORONET, ...



CHAPEAU: Sometimes a heraldic CHAPEAU replaces the Wreath, or occasionally appears between the Wreath and the Crest.

More about these concepts and the rules may be found at:
dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/CrestBadges.pdf and
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scottish_crest_badge.

In a Nutshell

Everyone's either knock-kneed, bow-legged or slow-footed.

Carrie Bridgeforth (Housekeeper)

Chancellor's Message

David Neal Ewing, Chancellor (+1 505.764.8704, *DavidEwing93 at gmail dot com*)

On page 20 and page 15 of this issue of the *Journal* are articles by Thor Ewing and myself about the progress in the discussion of a Chief for Clan Ewen. In my article, I comment that my invitation to begin a discussion of this matter resulted also in a parallel discussion about what the name of the *Ewing Family Association* should be. I initially thought that these were completely unrelated issues, but I have come to understand that they are closely related in many members' minds.

Clan Ewing in America or Ewing Family Association?

In September 2008, at the 10th biennial gathering of *Clan Ewing in America* (CEA) in Winchester, Virginia, our name was changed to the *Ewing Family Association* (EFA). It turns out that more members than I had thought prefer the old name and a few of them are madder than the dickens about the name change and how it came about. No decision of the Lord Lyon will have any bearing on the name of our organization, and our name is of no importance to the Lord Lyon. These are in fact separate matters, but I now realize that they are not unrelated because they both involve pride in clan membership and Scottish identity.

Most of those arguing for CEA to be restored believe the word 'clan' is uniquely evocative of our Scottish heritage. Being members of a Scottish Clan is a source of pride for many people. Some of them think the EFA should continue to focus only on American families and a few of them think we should restrict our focus to Ewing families, but mainly the discussion was not about focus, but about the name itself and the use of the word 'clan'. Some argue that 'clan' is a more inclusive word and that our use of the word 'family' in the name of our organization suggests that we are interested only in members of a single extended family of blood relatives. Others argue that the new name is more inclusive and refers to an association of many unrelated Ewing families, especially because Ellsworth Ewing used 'Clan Ewing' to refer to the single Ewing family descended from William Ewing of Stirling.

I think it is good to have wide discussion of the purpose and focus of the EFA and the implications of this for what name it should have. I will be writing more about this in future issues of the *Journal* and I invite everyone to participate, whether online or in articles or letters to the *Journal*. I look forward to having a good discussion of these issues face-to-face at the gathering next year in Ohio, which I think is the best venue for coming to a decision.

Meanwhile, I have begun preparing a history of the EFA and the gradual shift in focus from Ellsworth's initial conception until the present day, which I hope will clear up a lot of misconceptions about what the focus was then, what it is now, and when and why the various changes have been made. I hope to have a version of this ready for publication in time for the next (August) issue of the *Journal*.

Scottish Clans in America

Some folks in favor of our name reverting to *Clan Ewing in America* have spoken of their fondness for the Celtic Festivals, Scottish Games and Gatherings that are held every year at many places in Canada and the United States. Indeed, I have attended some of these myself and have enjoyed them very much. I have checked with a couple of them to find out what is required of a person or organization that wants to represent a clan at these events. The short story is that someone must pay a registration fee – for the upcoming Rio Grande Celtic Festival in Albuquerque, the fee is \$40 to put up a clan tent. There

is absolutely no certification of any kind required. I believe the present situation is that anyone can participate in these festivals and can claim to represent Clan Ewing, regardless of whether they are affiliated with any formal organization.

Our organization has never officially sponsored any participation in these activities, including during the fifteen years that our official name was *Clan Ewing in America*, though I understand that Dave Purtill sometimes unofficially represented Clan Ewing on his own initiative in cooperation with representatives of *Clan Ewen USA*. To my knowledge no one is against the *EFA* sponsoring or otherwise supporting a Clan Ewing presence at these events, and I would personally be in favor of the idea. The only reason we have not participated is that all work done for the *EFA* is done by volunteers, and no one has stepped forward with the idea that we should participate and no one has volunteered to get that organized. Anyone who wants to act as a representative of Clan Ewing at one of these events can do so; to my knowledge no credentials are required and no one 'owns' the name *Clan Ewing*.

Clan Ewing and the *EFA*

My personal belief is that Clan Ewing exists in Scotland and around the world, regardless of what the Lord Lyon may have to say about the matter. Many members of Clan Ewing are members of the *EFA* – indeed, I am one such. But there are also members of the *EFA* who are not members of Clan Ewing and many, many members of Clan Ewing who are not members of the *EFA*. Clan Ewing is a clan; the *EFA* is a surname interest society. I see no reason that the *EFA* should not promote and sponsor a presence of Clan Ewing at Celtic Festivals, Scottish Games and Gatherings, unless that be a lack of interest and energy on the part of our members. If any members of the *EFA* want to act as our representative and get our support in sponsoring a Clan Ewing tent or other participation in these events, all they need to do is contact me and we will get started organizing a committee to handle this.

Orr-Ewing in Scotland

In the last issue of the *Journal* I published a transcription of the entry in Burke's Landed Gentry about the Orr-Ewing family of Scotland,¹ who trace their genealogy back to Alexander Ewing of Balloch, born about 1660. At least one member of the *EFA* – Susan (Ewing) Wolfe – traces her line back to this same family. Now, we have had two of them send Y-DNA samples to the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project² and I can scarcely wait to see the results. One of them, Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, has a personal coat of arms that is virtually identical to the one we have "borrowed" for use as the *EFA* logo. I have asked Christian Orr-Ewing to write an article about the family for the August issue of the *Journal*, and we will also have results on the Y-DNA tests by then. I have also obtained with Christian Orr-Ewing's help a facsimile copy of *An Account of the Depredations Committed on Clan Campbell, and Their Followers, During 1685 and 1686, by the Troops of the Duke of Gordon* which is supposed to have been written by "a son of Mr. William Ewing of Bernice," probably in 1689, and will report on that, perhaps at the same time.

David Neal Ewing

¹ Ewing, David Neal. Orr-Ewing Information in Burke's Landed Gentry. *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pp. 3-5.

² www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

Newsflash from Chancellor Ewing: I've just received a letter from the IRS, dated May 3, 2011, notifying us that the *Ewing Family Association* has been approved for tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, effective December 8, 2008. Gifts made to the *EFA* after that time are tax deductible to the donor. I'll say more about this in my Chancellor's Message in the upcoming, August issue.

Chair's Message

Wallace K. Ewing, Chair, Board of Directors (*WKEwing at charter dot net*)

Each winter for the last ten years I have taught a class called *Genealogy on the Internet* at a local library. I share with the students what I have learned in the last dozen years about Internet-based genealogical research by directing them to useful websites and alerting them to common problems. Teaching goes both ways. I benefit from the challenges they have faced and I learn from their successes.

Sometimes there are surprises, such as the one that developed this winter. In conversing with one of the students, Patricia Brower, about her genealogical dreams we learned that we were distant cousins. We have a common ancestor, Levi Howell, who married Jeanette [Jane/Jennet] Ewing in Gallia County, Ohio, on January 12, 1804. Jeanette was the daughter of 'Indian John', my great³-grandfather's brother. Pat and I had no knowledge of each other before the class, even though we live less than ten miles apart. I invited her to the 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis and wouldn't be surprised to see her there.

I have initiated and maintained links with other 'Internet cousins' by posting my tree from time to time on *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org*. The high level of interest people show in finding their genealogical roots, whether it be in a class, on the Internet, or old-fashioned legwork, is amazing. Every one of us has intriguing ancestors, and we Ewings, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption, are fortunate to have the *Ewing Family Association* as a forum to share our stories. The 2012 Gathering in Gallipolis will be an excellent story-telling time. Be sure to bring yours!

Wally Ewing

Genealogist's Message

Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (+1 703.743.1293, *BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

After a very long winter for many of us, spring is so very welcome and beautiful. Those cold, dreary winter days gave me the time and desire to search a few new Ewing lineages. Our Ewing 'forest' continues to grow as I add more and more people to my Ewing database.

When a query comes to me, I can hardly wait to see if I can find a connection in my database and immediately discover a link to a family group already known to me. I can then help the person fill in some blanks, suggest other avenues of research for them to follow and sometimes introduce cousins who were not aware of each other.

My job is considerably easier if a person submitting a query provides as much information as they possibly can. Until I have names and dates of birth, death and/or marriage, I have no way of knowing

where one family might link with another. Maiden names and any locations where these families lived are equally important. Unique names are always a real plus. I always begin with a search of the census, followed by searches on various websites on the Internet. Usually something comes up in the way of a hint or two.

I know I do not have the lineage of many of you and would be delighted to include it in my database. It is beneficial to have as many Ewing lines as possible in one place. It is also a good idea to have the lineage down to and including you, the member. It is then easy to connect cousins to each other. If you would like to share your lineage with me, just let me know.

Karen Avery

Membership News

Jill (Ewing) Spitler, Membership Coordinator (+1 330.464.6378, *JEwingSpit at aol dot com*)

My mind says, while swinging on the front porch, that spring is coming as all the early flowers are blooming and trees are out in bud (sneeze, sneeze). We made it through a bad winter here in Ohio. Only the pot holes remain to remind us of how much snow and cold we had.

I have been reading all the comments on a name change and wonder where all the passion is when there is work to be done. It has not been easy to keep the group going and lots of hours are spent by a few. Maybe a few more will be more willing to give of their time and energy in the future. I hope so. The name we go by is not really as important to me as us remaining a family. Some of the opinions run against us as a family and I would not like to see us split.

My world is a little brighter: my back is fixed, my knee replacement is complete, and I'm through a bout of cellulitis. I'm looking forward to better health these days. Thanks for all your support through this.

Jill (Ewing) Spitler

New EFA Members ... Welcome Aboard!

Janis Marie (Arlandson) Coder (Member #1112) lives in Medford, Oregon. She may be contacted at *JanisCoder at msn dot com*.¹

I am descended from William Ryland (born August 15, 1788, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and died April 19, 1867, in Hayesville-Vermillion Township, Ashland County, Ohio) and his wife Catherine Ewing (born September 1, 1794, in Washington County, Maryland, and died October 1, 1874, in Hayesville-Vermillion Township, Ashland County, Ohio). I'd like to thank my cousin Eleanor (Ewing) Swineford for my gift membership; Catherine is a sister of Eleanor's, Betty (Ewing) Whitmer's, and Jill (Ewing) Spitler's ancestor John Ewing (born 1786).

My lineage is:

¹ Janis Marie Coder is a sister of Carolyn Harris, Member #1113, whose new-member information appears on page 52.

[great-great-grandparents] William Ryland married Catherine Ewing, spring of 1814, Bedford or Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

[great-grandparents] William Ryland: born November 13, 1827, Ashland Co, Ohio; died May 21, 1888, South Haven, Kansas married Hannah Jane Vickers: born September 23, 1860, Warren County,, Kentucky; died December 27, 1902, South Haven, Kansas

[grandparents] Floyd Rucker 'Frank' Ryland: born October 19, 1884, South Haven, Kansas; died November 26, 1962, Corvallis, Oregon married Ella Washington Wilbourn: born May 13, 1889, Santo, Palo Pinto County, Texas; died January 26, 1982, Medford, Oregon

[parents] Robert Andrew Arlandson: born March 3, 1921, North Bend, Oregon; died December 31, 2007, Medford, Oregon married Ella Leone Ryland: born October 30, 1917, Baker, Oregon; died September 21, 1994, Medford, Oregon

Charles William Ewing, Jr. (Member #1116) and his wife **Susan (Dowell)** live in Manassas, Virginia. Their EMail address is *Charles.Ewing at aerohead dot aero*.

I am Charles William 'Bill' Ewing, Sr.'s only son. He passed away on December 13, 2010.² His brother was Gerald Elmer Ewing (also passed). Their father was Patrick Ewing, all from Colorado Springs. I live in Manassas, Virginia, with my wife Susan and our Chocolate Lab, Lucy, and our cat Gracie.

Message from Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*) to Charles Ewing

I am always very pleased to connect with another member of my ever-expanding group of Ewing cousins. Although your name is already in my charts, I have very little additional information on your family. Do you have children? How do you spend your spare time, and what has been your occupation? How about your wife?

I am in very frequent contact with some of your cousins, especially Vivian Cook, a descendant of your grandfather Patrick's sister Jennie, who married Charles A. Klotz; and Henry A. Johnson, a descendant of Patrick's sister, Georgia Anna, who married Silas Curtis. Also, Lynn and Larry Bryant. She is from Patrick's brother Harry's branch.

As a matter of fact, I have just received word from Henry that his aunt, Thelma Halbrook died on April 1st at the age of 97.³ I believe she was living in a care facility in Limon, Colorado, which is in the same county in which I was raised.

The air is good and the skies are clear, but the winds blow endlessly in Lincoln County, Colorado, not far from where Patrick settled in Colorado. In fact, the big thing going on there now is the construction of a 139-turbine Cedar Point Wind Energy Project⁴ north of Limon, and the wind has



² Charles William Ewing, Sr.'s obituary appears on page 57.

³ Thelma Halbrook's obituary appears on page 58.

⁴ For more information, go to *CedarPointWind.com/projects.html*.

been hampering construction of the towers. The wind is what they need, but *after* the construction is completed. There is an interesting article about this project in the local newspaper.⁵

Well, Charles, I've been working on our genealogy since the early 1960s, and if you have any questions, feel free to ask. I may have the answers, or may be able to get them from Vivian or Henry, as they are closer cousins to you and have both been the keepers of materials preserved by older members of their families. There are many stories to be told. I believe that 'preservation' (that is, hoarding and cluttering) is one of the main Ewing traits! But how lucky we've been because of that!

Message from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) to Charles Ewing

It looks like we have discovered all of your Ewing family lineage. It is always exciting for me when a query comes in that gives me just enough clues in the way of names or locations that I am soon able to find related folks in my Ewing database. You are one of the lucky ones.

When it was discovered that you share ancestors with Georgia (Ewing) Morgan, that was the icing on the cake! Georgia is a mighty fine cousin to have since she has been an outstanding researcher and keeper of family records for many years.

In brief, your lineage from your great-great-grandfather Jacob Ewing is:

[great-great-grandparents] Jacob Ewing: b: 1783; d: March 26, 1851, in/near Lutherville and Texas, Baltimore County, Maryland;⁶ married Susanna Ebaugh, b: March 17, 1794, in Baltimore County, Maryland, m: July 18, 1812, Baltimore, Maryland, d: March 12, 1866, in Lutherville, Baltimore County, Maryland

[great-grandparents] William Jacob Ewing: b: November 03, 1831, in Towson, Baltimore County, Maryland; d: March 10, 1911, in Strong City, Chase County, Kansas; married Sarah Jane McVey, b: January 29, 1857, in Zaleski, Vinton County, Ohio, m: about 1879 in Kansas, d: September 02, 1897, in Chase County, Kansas

[grandparents] Patrick Charles Henry Ewing: b: March 17, 1891, in Council Grove, Morris County, Kansas; d: January 24, 1966, in Denver, Denver County, Colorado; married Nellie Mead Parsons, b: October 24, 1892, in Kirwin, Phillips County, Kansas, m: May 06, 1923, Matheson, Elbert County, Colorado, d: January 05, 1943, in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado

[parents] Charles William 'Bill' Ewing, Sr.: b: December 30, 1926; d: December 13, 2010, in Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia; married Eva 'Elizabeth' Faircloth, m: August 06, 1960, Sampson County, North Carolina

⁵ Vestas filling Colorado order, *The Pueblo Chieftain*.
www.Chieftain.com/business/local/article_5f10b206-84b3-11df-9d47-001cc4c03286.html

⁶ Jacob Ewing (1783-1851) is the great-grandfather of Harry Marshall Ewing, participant HM in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project, and the great-great-grandfather of Thomas Dale Ewing, participant TD in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

Message from Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*) to Charles Ewing

What do you know about Patrick Ewing's first marriage in Maryland – while he was in the service – to Francis E. Stauffer? We were left with some questions about that. That might be a local search you could do. There is a picture of the couple with Francis' sister Helen, who was the bridesmaid, and the best man, a Wilbert Colison. The men were in their WWI uniforms. I've heard that there were children from that first marriage.

Klemann Lee Ewing (Member #1115) lives in Manvel, Texas. Lee may be contacted at *Lee_Ewing at sbcgobal dot net*.

I am the son of Levon Ernest Ewing and grandson of Ernest Vaden Ewing of Oenaville, Texas. William of Rockingham is my great⁶-grandfather:

great⁶-grandparents: William Ewing of Rockingham (c1695-c1795) and Anna Shannon (c1711-1801)

great⁵-grandparents: Andrew W. Ewing (1740-1813) and Susanna Shannon (1737-1818)

great⁴-grandparents: Edley Ewing (c1778-1848) and Elizabeth Love (1780-1841)

great³-grandparents: Wilson Edley Ewing (1800-1869) and Hannah Despain (1802-1865)⁷

great-great-grandparents: Felix Grundy Ewing (1832-1878) and Martha Lucinda Vaden (1842-1916)

great-grandparents: Gus Love Ewing (1869-1937) and Mary Adeline Veasey (1881-1973)

grandparents: Ernest Vaden Ewing (1898-1955) and Ruth Maude Baker (1899-1930)

parents: Levon Ernest Ewing (1920-1980) and Edith Pauline Armstrong (1925-1986)

I am interested in any recent developments in William of Rockingham's record, for example his first wife. Also, I would like to find out more information about James L. Ewing, an Alamo defender. Was he actually the son of Edley and Elizabeth (Love) Ewing, and therefore a great-granduncle of mine?

Raymond Peyton Ewing (Member #1119) and his spouse **Audrey** live in Kenilworth, Illinois. They may be reached at *RayEwing1 at aol dot com*.

I am participant RP in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project⁸ and a descendant of 'Pocahontas James' Ewing:

great⁶-grandparents: John Ewing of Carnashannagh (1648-1745) and Janet McElvaney (1652-?)

great⁵-grandparents: 'Pocahontas James' Ewing (1721-1801) and Sarah Mays (c1725-c1805)

great⁴-grandparents: William 'Swago Bill' Ewing (1756-1822) and Mary McNeill (1771-1858)

great³-grandparents: Thomas Ewing (1788-1874) and Antis Kellison (1788-1865)

great-great-grandparents: John Jordan Ewing (1811-1888) and Elizabeth Amelia Viers (1816-1899)

great-grandparents: William Allen Ewing (1842-1922) and Nicinda Partin (1855-1931)

grandparents: David Anderson Ewing (1880-1954) and Cora Mabel Williams (1886-1931)

parents: Larama Angelo 'Rama' Ewing (1904-1962) and Winona Fern Adams

⁷ Wilson Edley and Hannah (Despain) Ewing are the great-great-grandparents of William Myrl Ewing, participant WM in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project. William Myrl Ewing's lineage may be found at: [dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/WM_William Myrl Ewing.pdf](https://dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/WM_William%20Myrl%20Ewing.pdf).

⁸ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

My grandfather and father both told me that we Ewings were Scots-Irish and that we came from the Highlands of Scotland to America before the Revolutionary War through Ireland, because of the 'troubles' in Scotland. When I was in Scotland several years ago, I met with an officer of Clan Ewen who was certain that we American Ewings were descendents of the clan, but I was unable to trace James Ewing back through Ireland to Scotland. However, I'll never give up the search.

Sidney K. Ewing (Member #1109) and his spouse **Connie** live in Park City, Utah. They may be contacted at *SidEwing at gmail dot com*.

I'm just getting started with exploring my heritage. My father is Sidney J. Ewing, and his father is Dean Ewing.

I recently traveled down to Springville, Utah, to visit my Aunt Jacqueline. She and her daughter have been working on the genealogy of the Ewing line in our family. We had a great time and now I'm even more excited about my family history. It turns out that my great-grandfather, James Lucien Ewin, joined the army and changed his name to James Lucien Ewing because there was another James Lucien Ewin in the army already. He and his father (Henry Thomas Ewin) were born in Stewartsville, Posey County, Indiana.

My lineage, based on information that my aunt and her daughter are 100% sure of, is:

great³-grandparents: James Alexander Ewin (1820-1876) and Martha Ann Almon (1828-1880)

great-great-grandparents: Henry Thomas Ewin (1848-1928) and Miranda Bell Almon (1853-1918)

great-grandfather: James Lucien Ewin(g) (1873-1953)

grandfather: Deane James Ewing (1917-1993)

father: Sidney James Ewing (1942-2009)

From here on she said the information becomes less certain. We covered a lot of stuff and I can't remember where she got the connections and why she's not 100% sure of them. There were evidently a lot of assumptions based on name, etc.

Carolyn Harris (Member #1113) lives in Salem, Oregon. Her EMail address is *CRHarris41 at q dot com*.⁹

My great-great-grandmother is Catherine Ewing Ryland. She was born on September 1, 1794, in Washington County, Maryland, or Bedford County, Pennsylvania (these counties adjoined each other). She married William Ryland, born August 15, 1788. She died on October 1, 1874, in Hayesville-Vermillion Township, Ashland County, Ohio. Her father was John Ewing, who was born on May 16, 1762, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died on June 20, 1833, in Perry Township, Ashland County, Ohio. His father was James Ewing, born 1720/25 and died 1776 in Lebanon Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

⁹ Carolyn Harris is a sister of Janis Marie Coder, Member #1112. Her heritage is given in Janis' new-member item on page 48.

Margaret Cooper Percival (Member #1110) lives in Marble Falls, Texas, and may be reached at *percy2 at 281 dot com*.

I have joined the *Ewing Family Association* with the hope of finding out who my father was. Hopefully somebody can help me.

I am in my 70s and during the last two years have put together clues as to whom my biological father was. I can see his brother to this day, but had no idea he was my uncle. My aunt threw clues at me all during my early childhood, but I had no idea what the heck it all meant. Now I've put it together and it's crystal clear. It explains all the confusion I muddled through in life. I always knew something was very wrong and kept asking everybody in the family what ancestor I looked like. I was very dark in a family of blue-eyed blonds. In vain I studied the old family album and that made me an avid genealogist, but I was barking up the wrong family tree. My mother (who was the sweetest, most loving, most generous person I've ever known) told me on several occasions not to do my father's genealogy until I completely finished hers. I thought that sounded selfish (which she wasn't) and now I know why. Her husband was not my father.

At the age of ten I went to live with my mother's sister in a small town (for a reason that wasn't explained to me). My brothers and sisters remained with my mother and their father. My aunt frequently told me about my mother's seven-month visit to her house in 1933, and how they got a Mr. Ewing (he lived in the next block) to be her escort to all the fun things the adults did. Several times she told me all about that time and where they went. Also, she told me that Mr. Ewing wanted to marry my mother and adopt my older brother and sister. They were still babies. They talked and planned it, but my mother abruptly left (pregnant, obviously) and returned to Houston to be with her husband. Mother always said I was born a month early – uh huh. A few times my aunt said that had mother married Mr. Ewing that my two younger sisters would have been born, but in a different form. As young as I was I wondered, "What about me?"

Looking back I can see Mr. Ewing, his daughter and grandson. And they were dark like me. There were a bunch of other clues, but I won't relate them now. By the way, my DNA is B-positive, different from other family members.

The Ewing family I knew in Robstown, Texas, was James Humphreys Ewing, his wife Ethel Clovis Moody and their daughter Catherine. Their son Jimmy died a tragic death before I was born. James Humphreys Ewing's brothers were S. Finley Ewing and Joshua Ewing. So, I wonder about S. Finley and Joshua, and which one was visiting their brother James in 1933. Or, was it a cousin? And it's possible Mr. Ewing never knew about me, but on the off chance that he did, little whispers might have been passed down about an illegitimate relation.

James Humphreys Ewing's parents were Cecil Lee Ewing and Caroline Wallace Humphreys. His Ewing grandparents were Rev. Joshua Ewing and Katherine H. Fulkerson. I've traced those lines back as follows:¹⁰

¹⁰ From Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*): The Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html) lineage of this line falls into Group 2a. Six current members represent this line: JN, WW, TNS, JW, DG and TW2.

Rev. Cecil Lee Ewing (1851-1926) married Caroline Wallace Humphreys (1859-?) (I've traced her Humphreys line somewhat.)

Cecil's father was Rev. Joshua Ewing (1804-1884) who married Katherine H. Fulkerson (c1808-b1880)

Rev. Joshua's father was Samuel Ewing (1772-1851) who married Mary Houston (1787-1819)

Samuel's father was Capt. Patrick Ewing (1737-1819) who married Jane Porter (1739-1784)

Capt. Patrick's father was Joshua Ewing (c1710-a1753) who married Jane __?__ (Gillespie?)¹¹

This Joshua's father was William Ewing (b. Scotland) and his second wife __?__

I would love to know who my father was. Any clues?

Bonney Philbin (Member #1114) and her husband **Ewing** live in Kenwood, California. She may be reached at *Philbin at sonic dot net*.

My husband, Ewing Reginald Philbin (born July 12, 1948), is a descendant of and named after George Washington Ewing. I would like to know the first American ancestor of George Washington Ewing. Thanks in advance for your help.

Response from Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*): So I can begin to help you, can you give me a timeframe for the life of the George Washington Ewing you are researching? I have at least fourteen so named people in my database. Please provide as many details as you know about this man and his family. Dates, places lived, and names of his relatives, ancestors and descendants will particularly help me identify the man. With that additional information, I will gladly try to help you.

Response from Bonney Philbin: Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. Your website is very helpful. I know my husband is related to George Washington Ewing (born December 10, 1804; died May 29, 1866) who married Harriet Bourie. His father was Colonel Alexander Ewing (born May 28, 1760; died January 1, 1827). It is going back from there that is cumbersome for me. We are going to Scotland in a month, and I want to get it right before we go! Let me know what else you might need from my end.

Response from Karen Avery: Well, now you have my complete attention! This Ewing family is also my own direct line.

Many folks have searched for the immigrant ancestors of this line. Unfortunately, some of the details of all information published to date are incorrect in my opinion. The people you mention are known as 'The Fort Wayne Ewings' by many of us. There is much written about this group. Many are buried in the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At some point, I will write an article for the *Ewing Family Journal* to discuss all of this.

Let's begin with Colonel Alexander Ewing, the father of Colonel George Washington Ewing (1804-1866). The date of birth of Alexander is May 28, 1768 (not 1760 or 1763). (For clarity I

¹¹ From Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*): I think we know the maiden name to be Patton.

will call him Alexander #3.) His date of birth comes from the *Barbour Collection*¹² (4:18 and 4:19). The parents and siblings of Alexander (#3) are also all given in that collection. As far as I know, no one else has made the connection from Connecticut – via Pennsylvania and New York – where it is known that Alexander (#3) and his relatives resided until approximately 1801 when they migrated to near the River Raisin, Michigan.

The parents of Alexander (#3) were Alexander (#2) Ewing (born December 11, 1732; died circa 1801) and Lydia Howe. The parents of Alexander (#2) were Alexander (#1) (born circa 1700/08; died after 1755) and wife, Jean. According to the *Barbour Collection*, ten children were born to them in Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut.

More research is needed in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York for additional confirmation. It remains to be seen if something can be found regarding the years 1755 through 1800. My major question is why Alexander (#1) and Jean settled in Ashford, Connecticut, by 1732. Did they come directly to Connecticut from Scotland or Ireland? Or did they arrive in Cecil County, Maryland, about 1726 along with a large group of Ewings and allied families and from there travel to Connecticut?

You should look at the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project's records on its website:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html

and within the Activities section note that this line falls into Group 2b:

dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Group2bRelationshipDiagram.pdf.

One gentlemen from the 'Fort Wayne' line participates in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

You can view his lineage at:

dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/EG_Edward_Gibson_Ewing.pdf.

My uncle is found in this same group. His lineage is at:

dl.dropbox.com/u/431003/Lineages/RC_Raymond_Charles_Ewing.pdf.

These men differ at only two of the 37 markers tested.

Please note that the lineages posted as part of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project are not up to date and do not reflect the most recent research.

I would be most interested in your husband's lineage if you care to share.

Keeping Up With the Ewings

Susan Clark writes:

I just returned from a Caribbean cruise vacation and found that my nephew called to let me know he had a son. They named him Nathan James Mikco. I am so glad they named him Nathan; he was to be called Ethan but that preliminary decision was changed. I always thought when I was young that if I had a son I would name him Nathan after my great-uncle, Nathan Cook Clark, who died early in life. We are so fortunate that another Ewing descendant has been born. In addition, my nephew told me that he is going to get his doctorate degree; I am very proud of him.

¹² *Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records*. Information – prepared by the History and Genealogy Unit, Connecticut State Library, in November 1996 – about the Barbour Collection, may be found at www.cslib.org/barbour.htm.

Amanda Ewing, Laceworker Par Excellence (from the News & Star, www.NewsAndStar.co.uk/news, May 7, 2011.)

Cumbrian Woman Helped Create Kate Middleton's Wedding Dress

Last updated at 12:26, Wednesday, 04 May 2011

A Cumbrian woman was among the team of embroidery experts who helped create the century's most talked about wedding dress, it has emerged.

Amanda Ewing's talent for the centuries old craft helped earn her a place on the multi-national team who worked on the gown worn by Kate Middleton for her wedding to Prince William.



The secrecy surrounding the dress in the run up to Friday's royal wedding was such that even Amanda and the rest of the team did not know the identity of the designer until shortly before the ceremony.

The stunning dress, designed by Sarah Burton of Alexander McQueen, was given a rapturous reception.

One of its most talked about facets was the gown's intricate lacework, created by Amanda and her colleagues in conditions of the utmost secrecy at the studios of the Royal School of Needlework (RSN), at Hampton Court Palace.

Embroiderers aged from 19 to their 60s and 70s worked mainly part-time to create the lace appliqué for the dress.

The workers had to wash their hands every 30 minutes to keep the lace and threads pristine, and the needles were renewed every three hours, to keep them sharp and clean.

Burton sourced a series of lace motifs to create a unique design, applied by the RSN. Each motif, some as small as a five pence piece, was applied with minute stitches every two to three millimeters.

The team included RSN studio staff, tutors, graduates and current students from its educational programs.

They included British, Japanese, American, Chinese, Swiss, Dutch, Thai, German and Slovakian students.

Amanda, 36, of Workington, said: "It was an amazing experience."

RSN chief executive Susan Kay-Williams said: "We didn't know who the designer was until shortly before the public was told. That seemed appropriate. We understand that the Duchess had a great part to play in it and we would love it if she would come to see our work some time, accompanied by the Duke of course."

Secrecy surrounding the work continues despite the dress having been seen by two billion people around the globe. Dr Kay-Williams declined to say how many people worked on the project.

Amanda completed her RSN apprenticeship in 1995 and since then has worked in the RSN commercial studio.

She is the senior studio project manager and manages a wide variety of commissions.

Renowned for her technical skill, her work has included delicate embroidery on christening robes and altar frontals for the nation's cathedrals and churches.

A recent challenge has been replicating embroidered wall hangings for English Heritage's Dover Castle. She has also taught apprentices, and worked with students in the UK and in the USA.

Chuck and Judy Ewing's EMail address is now *CNJEwing2 at comcast dot net*.

Daniel C. Ewing's EMail address was incorrectly stated in the last issue. [From the Editor: Apologies!] His address is *DC.Ewing at frontier dot com*.

Martin Ewing's EMail address is now *Martin.S.Ewing at gmail dot com*.

Beth (Ewing) Toscos has a new EMail address: *MBToscos at comcast dot net*.

Deaths

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

Bruce A. Ewing^{13,14}

Bruce A. Ewing, 72, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Elmer and Phyllis Ewing. He was a landscape architect and president of Bruce Ewing Landscaping Inc., which he founded in 1956. He was a member of The Indiana Nursery & Landscape Association and served his country as a member of the Indiana Army National Guard. He served on the board of directors at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren. However, his favorite hobby was his passion for landscaping.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn (Delagrange) Ewing; son, Robert Bruce (Tammi) Ewing; daughter Leslie (Michael) Kitch, both of Fort; sister, Sally (Richard) Schmitt of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren, Margaret, Michael and Thomas Kitch, Sara and Ellie Ewing.

Service is 10 a.m. Monday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, with calling one hour prior. Dr. Derek Weber and the Rev. Kent Lundy officiating. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill.



Charles William Ewing, Sr.^{15,16}

Charles William 'Bill' Ewing, Sr. age 83 of Manassas, Virginia died Monday, December 13, 2010 at Prince William Hospital with his family by his side. He worked for 48 years with the U.S. Geological Survey as a Civil Engineer.

Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Faircloth Ewing and his son Charles William Ewing, Jr. and wife Susan (Dowell) of Manassas.

The family will receive friends from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Friday, December 17, 2010



¹³ From: www.legacy.com/obituaries/fortwayne/obituary.aspx?n=bruce-a-ewing&pid=148872212&fhid=6180

¹⁴ Bruce A. Ewing is a first cousin of Karen Avery, Beth (Ewing) Toscos and Jane (Ewing) Weippert.

¹⁵ From: www.piercefh.com

¹⁶ Charles William Ewing, Sr., is the father of Charles William Ewing, Jr., a new member who is profiled on page 49

at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Funeral services will be held 12:00 P.M. Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 9325 West Street, Manassas, VA. Interment will be private.

J. R. Ewing^{17,18}

J.R. Ewing, age 76, Altus, OK, passed away on August 22, 2010 in English Village Nursing Home in Altus after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, August 25, at Lowell-Tims Funeral Chapel with Dr. Jeff Moore, First Baptist Church Altus, OK, and Rev. Erin Martinez, Chaplain, Jackson County Memorial Hospital Hospice officiating. Burial will be in the Altus City Cemetery under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home.



J.R. was born on January 31, 1934 to Arthur Ray and Bessie (Vestal) Ewing in Plainview, TX. The family moved back to Jackson County in 1945. He graduated from Altus High School with the Class of 1951 and attended Altus Junior College, Oklahoma A&M (OSU) at Stillwater and Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford. He married Jimmie Jean Derryberry in Muskogee, OK on May 13, 1955.

J.R. owned and operated Altus Neon Sign Company for many years and upon retirement began farming his farm in the Martha area. He was very active in the Central Oklahoma Studebaker Driver's Club. He was a perpetual learner and particularly sought to understand how things worked. He also loved to read history and biographies and enjoyed watching the Houston Astros baseball games. In later years, he enjoyed drinking coffee daily with his very good friends at South Main Drugstore and then at McDonald's.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jimmie (Derryberry), of the home. Survivors include one son, Brenden Kim Ewing of Wewoka, OK, one daughter, Toni Donice (Chuck) Frioux of Norman, OK, two grandsons, Joshua Frioux, Norman, OK and Christopher Frioux (Carrie) of Mustang, OK, two brothers-in-law, Larry Derryberry (Gale) of Oklahoma City, OK and Gary Derryberry (Sharon) of Choctaw, OK. Also included are three nephews, Darren Derryberry (Cindy), Oklahoma City, OK, Brandon Derryberry (Billy), Choctaw, OK, and Dr. Broc Derryberry (Anglea), Choctaw, OK and one niece, Dara Prentice (Derek) of Oklahoma City, OK.

Thelma Halbrook¹⁹

Thelma Halbrook entered into rest on April 1, 2011. Thelma is survived by son Jerry Halbrook and daughter-in-law Alice Halbrook; grandchildren David (Suzy) Halbrook, Tim (Arlene) Halbrook, Wendy (Chris) Simpson, Cindy Halbrook-Nunnekamp, Jeff (Tori) Halbrook, Patty (Dave) Haas and Crystal (Tony) Chalk; fifteen great grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 11 AM at Harvest Bible Church, Elizabeth, CO, a reception to follow. Interment following reception at 3 PM, Bear Canon Cemetery, Sedalia, CO.

¹⁷ From: www.legacy.com/obituaries/oklahoman/obituary.aspx?n=jr-ewing&pid=144910984

¹⁸ J. R. Ewing is participant JR in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.

¹⁹ Thelma Halbrook is a relative of Charles William Ewing, Jr., a new member who is profiled on page 49.

Harriett E. Paris²⁰

Veedersburg [Indiana] - Harriett E. (Shores) Paris, 86, of rural Veedersburg and Newtown, died in Hickory Creek at Crawfordsville, on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 12:55 p.m. Harriett was born in Mattoon, IL, on October 9, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Ralph Raymond and Maye Pearl Ewing Shores. She lived in Arcola, graduating from Arcola High School in 1941. She went on to receive her Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Music from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL in 1946. Harriett taught high school band and chorus at Stanford and Bismarck, IL.



On November 28, 1948, Harriett married Loren W. Paris in Arcola, IL. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1987.

Harriett and her husband had lived in rural Shawnee Township, on the Lone Hill Farm, where she and her husband farmed for several years. In 1975 she and her husband moved from the farm into Newtown.

Harriett was a former member of the Newtown Presbyterian Church. She had served as an Elder and organist for the church. She later became a member of the Attica-Williamsport Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she served as an Elder and choir member. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Women. Harriett was a member of the Delta Omicron National Music Sorority, Newtown Study Club, Newtown Legion Auxiliary and the Shawnee Home Extension Club.

Surviving are three sons, Carl R. (Donna) Paris, Veedersburg; Loren E. "Gene" Paris, Crawfordsville; Kermit J. (Diane) Paris, Shelbyville; six grandchildren, Carl Ray (Amy) Paris II, Amber Dawn (Billy) Smith, Kimberley Ann (Eric) Funk, Elizabeth Maye (Nick) Ward, Emily Sue Paris and Mary Beth Paris; six great-grandchildren, Michael, Bethany, Chelsea, Madison, Courtney and Kaleb. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Ghere.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Sunday, May 16th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Services at the funeral home on Monday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Dan Bloesch officiating. Burial will follow in Coal Creek Cemetery at the Union Christian Church near Newtown.

From Mary Gosline: Harriett was a former member of *Clan Ewing in America*. She was a descendant of Samuel Ewing (c1705-1758), the subject of Chapter 26 in Margaret Fife's book.²¹ Harriett attended both the first and second gatherings. I'm not sure if more than that. I met her at the second one and interviewed her about the first one over the telephone. She and her sister Marjorie Edith (Shores) Ghere told me that their parents went to Springfield, Illinois, to be married in the home of friends. Their mother's married name was Ewing and as their father was walking to the Presbyterian Church to find a minister, he passed the Methodist Church on his way. When he saw that the pastor there was my grandfather, Rev. Thomas N. Ewing, their father chose Rev. Ewing for the wedding.

²⁰ Contributed by Mary Gosline.

²¹ Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

Website News

And We Thought Al Gore Invented It!

Contributed by Susan (Ewing) Wolfe (*buster123 at hughes dot net*)

You might have thought that you knew how the Internet started, but here's the true story A revelation with an Incredibly Big Message (IBM):

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said: "How, dear?"

And Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures – Hebrew To The People (HTTP)

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted – for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say: "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said: "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied: "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that is how it all began!

Information Sought

This section is intended to facilitate dialogues among members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)* as well as among them and non-members. It includes items sent directly to the *Journal's* Editor and the *EFA* Genealogist which request Ewing-related information.

This section also, as a service to readers, reprints selected requests for information and offers of information posted to several sites focused on Ewings, for example, the Ewing-related rootsweb message board at boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx. With the same intent, selected postings to *EFA's* Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation are also included. Only the item itself is included here. Readers interested in further information for any of these items should go to the item's cited URL.

Sidney (Ewing) Bryan(t) (continued)

Original Query by Gary Treat (*GDTreat at yahoo dot com*)¹

I am seeking confirmation and documentation of the parentage of Sidney Ewing (born circa 1798 in Kentucky). She married Archibald Bryan(t) in Logan County, Kentucky, in 1817. I have not discovered her date of death, but she was still living as late as the 1880s in Logan County, Illinois. Some have suggested her father was Samuel B. Ewing. Any help is appreciated.

Response by Alicia (Ewing) Towster (*aet at louisiana dot edu*)

I'm responding to your query appearing in the most recent issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*.

I agree that Sidney is most probably the daughter of Samuel B. Ewing, but you may need to go with the preponderance of the evidence, rather than definitive proof. You might check the Kentucky marriage record for bondsmen – usually one of these was either the father or brother of the bride. I believe that a lot of the Illinois records in the counties where Samuel B. and his children lived have not survived, so you may have to look for other rationales for your conclusions: neighbors, church records, naming patterns. This may be complicated by the fact that Samuel B.'s younger brother Robartus and his children also went to the same area of Illinois. You can pretty safely exclude Robartus as your Sidney's father, as he did not marry until 1804, but he did father a younger Sidney, probably born about 1813. She may have married a Berry. The Chatham Ewing who went to Illinois is also a son of Robartus. He is different from the much older one who married Elizabeth Campbell; that one went to Missouri, and I descend from him.

¹ Treat, Gary. Query: Sidney (Ewing) Bryan(t), *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), p. 69

Perhaps twenty years ago I corresponded with a woman who was trying to get a DAR membership through your Sidney. You might want to check with the DAR to see if she succeeded, since this would simplify your search.

Hope this gets you a little further along.

Comment by Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)

Thank you for including me in your correspondence. Our *EFA Journal* is definitely doing what it is intended to do – that is to help cousins find cousins!

Please keep me in the loop as you discover any information, and I will include it in my records.

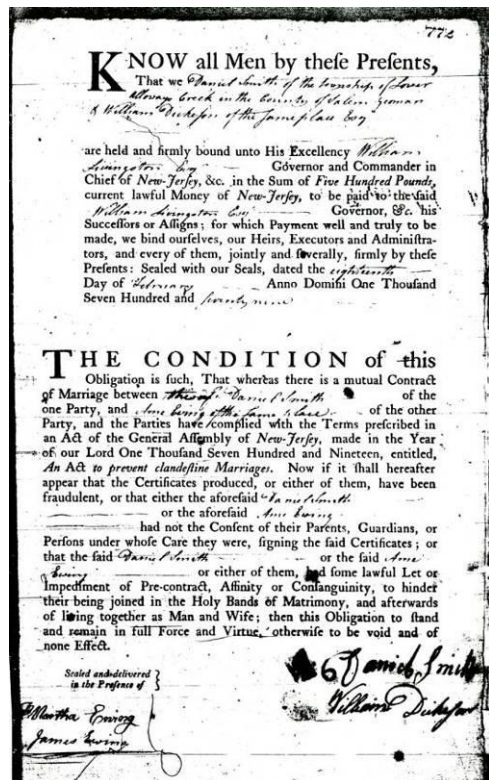
John Ewen/Ewing (1715-1777)

Query by Carol Thompson (ctgd at mac dot com) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (BKAvery2 at comcast dot net)

John Ewen/Ewing married Mary Pledger in 1745. This is the John Ewen spoken of in Chapter VIII of Fife's book,² posted on your site.

They had, to my knowledge, the following children: John (born 1740), Anne (born 1758), Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary. I am a descendant of Anne Ewen/Ewing, who married Daniel Smith in 1779, by their son, Daniel Smith.

The will of John Ewen/Ewing, is mentioned in Chapter VIII of Fife. The marriage bond for Anne and Daniel Smith appears to the right. Though to date there has been no kinship connection established, as far as I know, for this family and the family of James and Martha Ewing, James and Martha are the two individuals who witness the marriage bond, along with William Dickeson, mentioned also in the will of John, Anne's father. A James Ewing (who married Martha Boyd in 1778) is mentioned in Chapter VI of Fife. I am wondering if James and Martha's presence at the signing of the marriage bond is likely to indicate kinship and, if so, if you have any ideas for my further research.



² Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

Response by Karen Avery

Unfortunately, I have no further information for the people you are seeking. We will be happy to publish your query in the upcoming, May, issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*. Perhaps help will come from others of our membership. Good luck!

Response by Carol Thompson

Thank you for your reply and for your gracious offer to publish my question in your newsletter.

Benjamin W. Ewing (circa 1875 - ?)

**Query by Julie Mutchie (cqdvae at aol dot com) to rootsweb
(boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2017/mb.ashx)**

Please help! My great-grandpa [Benjamin W. Ewing] is lost to me. He was born about 1875 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Response by Mike Ewing (Mike.Ewing17 at gmail dot com)

A cursory search shows a Benny H. ('H' is close to 'W' in writing) Ewing living in Kane, Pottawattomie, Iowa, with his stepfather George Smith and Phoebe J. (Ewing) Smith in 1900. The census states he was born April 1877 in Iowa and that he is married – however, there is no wife or children living with this family, nor any Ewings on the page before or after the page where he is listed.

On the 1885 Iowa census I see a Phoebe J. Ewing widowed with the following children: John 17, Annie L. 15, Lilley M. 11, and Harrey B. 7.

The 1880 Federal Census also shows widow Phoebe Ewing with children: John 13, Annie L. 11, Lee May 7, and Hiram B. 3.

On the 1895 Iowa census there is a Benjamin Ewing, age 18, in Council Bluffs. Could Harrey B. from 1885 and Hiram B. from 1880 be Harrey / Hiram Benjamin or Benjamin Harrey / Hiram?

The 1910 Federal Census lists Ben Ewing in Council Bluffs, born about 1877 and married to Mattie with children Fred F. 5, and Rolland R. 2.

Looking at Iowa marriages on *FamilySearch.org* I see an H. B. Ewing born 1876 in Iowa with parents Phoebe Zoover and L. Ewing married to Bessie M. Granberry born 1881 in Iowa and daughter of Edward Granberry and Julia Bush.

There is also a family tree on *FamilySearch.org* stating the name as Hiram Benton Ewing, son of Simon Ewing and Phoebe Jane Soover. Married first to Mattie McGuire, second to Katherine, both in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The 1920 and 1930 U.S. Federal Censuses show Harry / Henry B. and Katherine in Council Bluffs.

Hope this helps and good luck!

Response by Julie Mutchie

I have the same information, but I still do not know if Benjamin W. (or Harrey B. or Hiram Benton) and my great-grandfather are the same person.

Thanks for your help! Every piece of information will help.

By the way: Family lore is that Ben hung himself about 1922, but I do not believe this.

Brinkley Ewing (circa 1875 - ?)**Contribution by John Ewing to rootsweb****(boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/477.519.543.544.564.580.583/mb.ashx)**

Concerning a query from Carrol Powders regarding William and Mary Powders: I have much information. They lived in Lower Delaware area between Lewes and Frankford, in the area of Blackwater Church. They treated the wounded during the Revolutionary War. William's son Revel, served in the war. Mary, daughter of William, married my great³-grandfather Brinkley Ewing in 1780. I am aware of another William Powders who lived in the Milford, Delaware, area and I believe he is related to me also. This William Powders was by trade a carpenter, wheelwright and undertaker. I have never found the name Powders listed anywhere since the early 1940s. This name does not show up in the telephone books I have searched. Mary Powders' father raised the middle son of Brinkley Ewing, James. If we connect, I have further information.

Response by Carrol Powders

Thank you so much for answering my inquiry. I was in the Lewes area a few years ago, went to Dover and found William Powders' will. This answered some questions and raised questions. I also have Revel's papers on his rejected claim.

Here is my problem: In going back, my grandfather was John Henry Powders, born in Davis County, Iowa. His father was James Powders, born in Clay County, Indiana. His father was John Powders married to Sarah Elizabeth Finley. John would have been born about 1800, where I don't know. So I'm trying to connect with the Delaware or Maryland Powders. Can you help?

Response by SarahVoll42

I wondered if you are still researching Brinkley Ewing and have information on his family and his wife Mary Powders.

I am descended from his daughter, Sarah, who married John Martin Hargis. John Martin Hargis' father was Abraham, a Revolutionary War soldier serving in Pennsylvania, and from 1783 the keeper of the Henlopen Lighthouse in Lewes/Rehobeth.

I saw from a post that Brinkley's bible still exists and in 2001 was in the possession of Joan Ewing.

Any information you have would be much appreciated.

Edward Morgan Ewing

Query by Michael Radcliffe (*Michael.Radcliffe at gmail dot com*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

I was wondering, if you have the time and inclination, if you could send along the information about Edward Morgan Ewing? Any leads would be helpful and appreciated. As noted, in the previous issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*,³ I know something about my grandfather but not great-grandfather – Edward Morgan. Would so much like to know more. Thank you in advance.

Response by Karen Avery

There is little more that I can share with you except to suggest that you go to your local library and ask if they subscribe to the library edition of *Ancestry.com*. There are a few family trees there which include some members of your Ewing lineage. Perhaps you will want to contact the submitters of these trees, share and compare with them. I wish I could be more helpful.

Fredrick Grant Ewing and Ewings in California

Query by ToniEwing44 (*GoodWaterGirl at aol dot com*) to rootsweb (*boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/1849/mb.ashx*)

I am looking for researchers who are working on the descendants of Fredrick Grant Ewing and Dora Almeda Springsteel. Several of the children moved to California after the death of their father.

Response by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing17 at gmail dot com*)

I am a Ewing living in California. I have names that you can likely rule out, as I don't recognize the names you mention to be part of my family. Let me know if you are interested.

Response by Dresher5

I am related to two Ewing families in California. One family of William (born circa 1907) and the other of Robert (born circa 1914). These men were born in Pennsylvania.

Response by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing17 at gmail dot com*)

Like many Ewings in America, my family also descends from Pennsylvania (after the move from Northern Ireland). More recently, my family comes from Colorado and the names you mention are not in my family tree at the time that you mention.

However, only two of the original brothers in Pennsylvania made the move out to Colorado. They were David Walker Ewing, my great³-grandfather, and his brother Andrew Mathews Ewing. Apparently their father, William Ewing (the original emigrant from Northern Ireland) came with them, but I do not yet have confirmation. I am told he is buried in the cemetery there near the family homestead.

³ Radcliffe, Michael. New Member Profile, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), pp. 62-63.

As I mentioned, brothers Thomas, John and William may have remained in Pennsylvania and had children there or moved elsewhere. As of today, I have no information on their families.

Can you trace your Pennsylvania family back beyond the dates you mention?

Response by Janet Waite (*jbw325 at msn dot com*)

I have only traced my Ewings back to the mid-1840s.

Richard Ewing, born 1834 in Northern Ireland, married Jannet Hannah, also born 1834 in Scotland. Her parents were John Hannah, born 1805 in Scotland, and Eliz. Hague, born 1810 Scotland. John and Eliz. emigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, circa 1848. They had four children born in Scotland and four born in Pennsylvania.

Jannet Hannah Ewing was my great-grandmother. My mother had a brother, Robert Elwood Ewing. His son Robert Elwood Ewing lived in California and had three children, one named Michael. Robert is buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Ca.

I would like to connect with children of Robert who was a realtor in California.

Response by Janet Waite (*jbw325 at msn dot com*) to Original Query

My sister just sent me a picture of Fredrick Grant Ewing. He would be my great-great-grandfather. My grandmother was Marjorie Ewing. She did not know her father well and was adopted, after her mother died, by a family here in California. I am always trying to find more information on the Ewing side of the family as she did not have much information and just recently passed away.

Response by ToniEwing44 (*GoodWaterGirl at aol dot com*)

I would love to share information with you. I have quite a bit of information on our Ewings and would like to know more about your family and others who wound up in California after Colorado.

Response by Janet Waite (*jbw325 at msn dot com*)

I have cousins in California but don't know if they were in Colorado at any time.

Both families originated in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. One, Robert Elwood Ewing, is a first cousin, born in 1914. His father was a brother to my mother. I know he has family in California. He had a son Robert, a son Mike and a daughter. He was a realtor and captain in the U. S. Army during WWII and is buried in the Riverside National Cemetery in California. His second family in California never knew of his first marriage and divorce in Pennsylvania. He had a daughter here in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is now deceased. I recently received an album of the Ewing relatives back to the late 1800s. It has a photo of Robert, someone I knew as Bobby, at age fourteen months.

The other was a first cousin to my mother, meaning his father and my grandfather were brothers. I also remember him very well as he lived near us and I remember his mother and father. They were my great-aunt Katie and great-uncle Will. Their son was called Bill and was the music teacher in the high school in our town. He also moved to California after the war and my oldest sister kept in touch with him until he died.



I'm now 82 and the only other sibling left is 80 so the personal knowledge we have will be lost other than a notation on my Ewing tree.

If you have info on these folks, I'd be glad to send photos of their ancestors.

Janet Ewing (Betton) Waite: I am named for Janet (nee) Hannah Ewing who emigrated from Scotland to Pennsylvania prior to 1848 along with three brothers and parents, who then had four more sons born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Janet was so revered that the name "Janet" was carried on in each of her children's families and we now have a new baby due who has the middle name of Janet.

Henry Ewing (1904-1985)

Query by Christy Gene Ewing (*Real_Natural_Gurl at yahoo dot com*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

Just curious where I fit in ... I remember when I was a child someone came around and tried to sell us a book with our names in it, but we didn't have any money at the time. My father is Marvin Ray Ewing, his father was Henry Ewing who married Attie McCoy. Henry lived in Indiana and Kentucky for most of his life. My father, Marvin, has a brother (still living) named Joseph Ewing. That's about all I know about my dad's side of the family. I appreciate any help you can offer.

Response by Karen Avery

Thank you for your query. I hope that I can help you find where you fit within the vast Ewing 'forest'. I don't have your lineage in my database and I had a bit of trouble finding something on the Internet. My searches on *Ancestry.com* did produce two trees which contained some of your relatives. That is good! It means there are at least two of your relatives who are also searching their ancestry and some of the same people for whom you are looking.

Most public libraries subscribe to *Ancestry.com* and also to *HeritageQuestOnline.com*. Both of these websites include census information. My suggestion is for you to search their records at your local library in order to discover more about your Ewing lineage.

Here is some of what I discovered:

Henry Ewing was born February 4, 1904, and died February 1985 in Utica, Daviess County, Kentucky. He married Addie Ray McCoy. She was born April 17, 1904, and died March 17, 1989, in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky. Her parents are Joseph Ray McCoy and Malinda J. Vaughn according to one tree I discovered.

Their children included:

- 1) Marvin Ray Ewing, born August 5, 1941, in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana. Marvin died May 30/31, 2003, in Ohio County, Kentucky. Marvin was possibly married twice.
- 2) Joseph Ewing (You say this man is living - be sure to ask him for additional information.)

If you can find your grandparents, Henry and Addie, in census years 1900 through 1930, you may find other hints which will lead you to the parents of Henry. Remember that sometimes names are misspelled, so be sure to make a thorough search in the state or states where you suspect that they lived.

If you need additional help, please do not hesitate to ask. I will be anxious to know what you have found. Once you know more about your earliest ancestors, I am confident that we will be able to link your line to one that is known.

Response by Christy Gene Ewing

Thank you! When I have some time, I will try to look deeper, but I live in Florida now so it makes it a little hard. I guess it is a start, though.

Joseph William Ewing

Query by Jean Hedman (*JeanH28 at yahoo dot com*) to rootsweb (*boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/13.47.55.57.58.60.205/mb.ashx*)

I am very new to genealogy searching, but have quickly become addicted (and frustrated)!

My husband's mother was Verna Ewing Hedman (born 1905 in Greeley, Colorado; died 1998 in Albuquerque, New Mexico). She was: a daughter of Joseph W. and Delphia E. (Wilson) Hedman; a sister to Kathryn (born 1899), Wallace (born 1900), Cora (born 1904), Ralph (born 1906), Virginia (born 1909) and James (born 1897); and a step-sister to the children of Anna M. Haymaker – Mary (born 1878), Maud (born 1880), Anna (born 1882), Sadie (born 1884), Helen (born 1885) and William (born 1887).

I am having difficulty (another senior moment?) following all the threads and my notes are all jumbled. Could someone just send me the 'tree' version so I can make sense of it? I would so appreciate it! Millions of thanks in advance!

Response by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing17 at gmail dot com*)

I have sent you an EMail with two snapshots of the tree you seek. I hope this helps.

Lydia Etta (Moore) Ewing (1844-1934)

Query by Robert Ewing 'Bob' Milbourn (*MilbournB at comcast.net*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

Do you have any information about a Ewing marriage to Lydia Etta Moore? She became widowed when her husband died in the Civil War, but I am trying to determine his first name and his lineage. Thanks in advance!

Response by Karen Avery

I did a quick check on *Ancestry.com* and found many references to this lady. One gives her husband's name as Richard Ewing.

The vitals given for Lydia are:

- birth: August 5, 1844 in Cincinnati, Ohio,
- death: April 19, 1934 Del Rey, Fresno County, California, and
- parents: Aaron Burr Moore and Nancy Maria May.

She married Charles A. Britton on March 26, 1875 in Chase County, Kansas. There is a scan of their marriage license and also several more scans of pictures of her and her Britton family. She is known as Ella Ewing on the marriage license.

The submitter of all this information is Terrie Burns Madler. She lists only the name of Richard Ewing and gives no other details. The only other Ewing listed in her file is Bathsheba Kincaid Ewing (1864-1933). No Ewing parents are listed for her.

I hope this helps you discover more about Richard Ewing.

Response by Bob Milbourn

Thank you very much! This confirms to me that Lydia Etta Moore's first husband was Richard Ewing.

Bathsheba Kincaid Ewing was my paternal grandmother. Her parents were Robert S. Ewing, Sr. and Mary (Miller) Ewing. Her grandparents were William Ewing, Jr. and Sarah Hix (Wynn) Ewing.

I'm really curious if Richard Ewing was any relation to Bathsheba (Ewing) Milbourn.

Response by Karen Avery

I don't know if this citation of Richard Ewing is accurate and that he married Lydia Moore since it comes from the Internet and there is nothing there in the way of a source or proof. I don't have this Richard in my database. If you discover more about him, please let me know. This line seems to fall into Group 2 of the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.⁴ I am very interested in anything more about folks of this line; my personal line also belongs to Group 2.

Noble Ewing (circa 1780 - 1846) and His Son George Clinton Ewing

Posted by Martin Ewing (*Martin.S.Ewing at gmail dot com*) to Google's Ewing Family Association Group (*EwingFamilyAssociation at GoogleGroups dot com*)

The Uniontown, Pennsylvania, gathering was a fine event. We left having learned a little more of the lore of our extended family and having recharged our family research batteries. We were all mindful of Bill Riddle's unfortunate absence, and we wish him a speedy and full recovery.

One question popped up that I would like to share here. My earliest Ewings are Noble Ewing (circa 1780 - 1846) and his son George Clinton Ewing. They were, or started out as, carriage-makers. This was a big industry comprising mainly small shops in those days and appealing to many with strong mechanical and artisanal talents. Noble Ewing moved extensively, from Massachusetts, to New York, New Jersey, and South Carolina, probably based on the 'portability' of his skills.

Since we cannot trace Noble's parentage at this point, maybe we can trace his mechanical proclivities. Do we have any knowledge of other Ewings who were active in mechanical trades in the mid- to late-1700s? That information might be quite helpful.

⁴ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

In those days, I've mostly heard of Ewing farmers. Farmers will tell you they need a lot of mechanical skills, so the progression to carriage-maker might not be so surprising. But possibly Noble's father was also in this or a related trade.

Thanks in advance for any ideas.

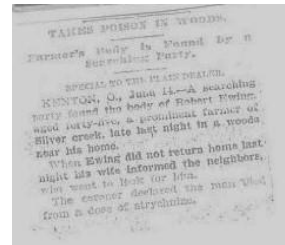
Robert Ewing (1835/40-1885/90)

Query by jessie483 to rootsweb
([boards.rootsweb.com/
surnames.ewing/2018/mb.ashx](http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2018/mb.ashx))

I'm confused about an old family photo that I got from my aunt. She doesn't know who he is and neither do I. In the photo, you can see that he is possibly wearing a Union Civil War uniform. I've also provided part of his obituary, which reads:



Robert Ewing



Part of His Obituary

Takes Poison in Woods

Farmer's Body is Found by a Searching Party

Special to the Plain Dealer

Kenton, O., June 14 - A searching party found the body of Robert Ewing, aged forty-five, a prominent farmer of Silver creek, late last night in a woods near his home.

When Ewing did not return home last night his wife informed the neighbors, who went to look for him.

The coroner declared the man "Died from a dose of strychnine."

This is all that I know of him. If anyone has more information on this man please do not hesitate to reply. Thank you!

p.s.: The photo looks to have been taken around the mid to late 1860s (Civil War era) and the obituary looks to have been from the mid- to late-1880s. I guess from [all of this] that he may have been born around 1835-1840. Also, I have a great⁴-grandfather (Thomas George Ewing) from the same time period who was born in Ireland in 1832 and came to Ohio in 1853. He may have had some siblings with him, like Robert, but I can't prove it. I hope this added info helps someone.

Response by Julie Mutchie ([cqdave at aol dot com](mailto:cqdave@aol.com))

Thomas George Ewing holds my interest. A search for Simon Ewing in the 1860 census has an older brother, a mother named Mary, and two daughters. After the 1860 census ... not much. The information I have really starts in 1878. I am happy to help if I can! Who is your aunt?

Simon Ewing (circa 1850 - ?)

**Query by Julie Mutchie (*cqdave at aol dot com*) to rootsweb
(*boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/2020/mb.ashx*)**

I am looking for Simon's arrival date. He was born about 1850 in England. I'm trying to make a connection. Adoptions are making this very difficult.

Response by Mike Ewing (*Mike.Ewing17 at gmail dot com*)

I tried to do some digging for you today, and I think I may have a lead.

If I am correct, your Simon Ewing is the one in Central City, Gilpin, Colorado, in 1870. According to Wikipedia, this was a famous gold mining town known at one time as the 'Richest Square Mile on Earth' (*en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_City,_Colorado*). In the 1870 census, twenty-seven-year old Simon's occupation is listed as mining. At this time, he is married to Phoebe, 22, with children John, 3, and Annie, 1.

Looking at the 1860 census for other Ewings who were born in England, I notice a Simon, 19 (born circa 1841 in England), in Scales Mound, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. His occupation is listed as miner and so is his probable brother's, Thomas', aged 24 (born circa 1836 also in England). A key detail is their probable sister, Mary J. Ewing, 16, who is born about 1844 in Illinois. This would put the family's arrival date in the U.S. at between 1841 and 1844 – a fairly narrow window. Their probable mother is Mary, who appears to be widowed.

If we move forward to the 1870 census for this family, we see Mary living alone, next door to Thomas, his wife Ellen (also born in England) and their two children Simon, 7, and Martha, 1, both born in Illinois.

I strongly suspect that this is the family you should concentrate on, and I further suspect that your Simon's mother is Mary. I see other Ewings who were born in England on the 1850 and 1860 census in the neighboring town, Council Hill, Jo Daviess, Illinois. I would theorize that they are all related. The Ewings present in 1850 probably were waiting for your Simon and his family to join them in that corner of Jo Daviess County.

Jo Daviess County was one of the gateways to the west. It would be logical to assume that there were many people heading out to Colorado (Pike's Peak) during the gold rush years. Your Simon may have struck out with some of them.

Hope this helps.

Response by Julie Mutchie

I have had the same thoughts. If Simon is related to me, I have the record of the gold mine he owned with McAllister in Colorado.

I believe I need to pick a birth certificate to order. Either my Grandpa Fred's, or his brother Roland's. Their father is the key to the Ewing branch I belong to.

I can continue to search for records, but until I know who Fred Benton Schneider's dad is I am stuck. My dad has a 'delayed' certificate of birth for Fred Ewing. I will get a look at all the records my dad has over the Memorial Day weekend, including the original adoption papers.

Additional information is tough to get from my dad. He continues to insist that his grandpa's name is Benjamin W. Ewing, and he was born in England.

I thought it would be easy to get a Y-DNA sample from one of my brothers or my dad, but no takers yet!

What is your opinion about Fred Ewing being adopted four days short of his 21st birthday?

Hopefully my trip will give me the piece of the puzzle I seem to be missing.

Thanks for your support.

Response by Mike Ewing

I don't know what to make of the adoption of an almost-21-year-old. What would be the point?

One other thing: I checked the *FreeBMD*⁵ index for England and did not find a Simon Ewing born within the timeframe. This doesn't necessarily mean that he wasn't born there. Birth registration in England didn't start until 1837, I believe, and in the beginning it was patchy. I've not searched with the name Benjamin.

Good luck and let me know if I can help further.

Margaret Ewing Fife, Pictures (continued)

Query by Edwina Moody (*FamilyTreeClimber at yahoo dot com*). Originally appeared in Vol. 17, No. 2, p. 98.

My cousin was Margaret Ewing Fife. From what I have been told, when she passed away, she gave all her Ewing research to the *Association*. I am trying to locate some pictures given to her by my great-great-uncle when he passed. I would like to obtain copies of these pictures if possible. How can I find out if you have them in your collection? One of them is a photograph and the other is a drawing. I have a very bad photo of each of the pictures and would be very happy with a better picture or scan of the pictures in question. Thank you for your help.



Information from Edwina Moody to Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

I don't think I have heard of the *Ewing Family Association*. I would love to hear more about it.

As far as my Ewing genealogy, I don't know where you have gotten a copy of it but, I would be happy to send you a GEDCOM if you would like it. I would just need to know how much of it you would like to have. Are you just wanting the Ewing portion of the genealogy (that would be starting with my grandmother), my mother's portion, or all of it. You need to know though, a little while ago one of my sons thought he could help me with my computer by merging and deleting some of my files. I have been putting everything back together ever since! So, although I am pretty sure I have everything back in my

⁵ www.freebmd.org.uk

database, I know I have some duplicates! If you are sure that you would like what I have, you are more than welcome to it.

Something else: Margaret Ewing Fife, who passed away a few years ago, had contacted another cousin and had asked him if she could have some family photos when he passed on. Since her death, I have been trying to find out who may have those pictures. Could she have been a member and given the pictures to your group? I don't want the original pictures, I am just trying to find them to see if I could get a scan of the pictures.

Response by Karen Avery

Thanks for your reply. I mainly took some of your family history from information you posted on *Gen Forum* in 2002. I probably also looked on *Ancestry.com*. I work on Ewing genealogy all day long and skip around from one line to another, so my memory doesn't last long as to where I've been!

I don't really need a GEDCOM as I would never combine one with my database. What would be helpful is an outline of your Ewing ancestors. You mention that would begin with your grandmother. Do you not know who her parents were? Please include dates and places since that is so very important when researching the census.

We posted your query in one of our recent/quarterly *Ewing Family Journal* issues.⁶ We were known as *Clan Ewing in America* until 2008 when the name was changed to *Ewing Family Association*. We wanted to welcome Ewing folk worldwide and felt the name change would encourage just that. Please go to our website (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org).

Margaret Ewing Fife published two books and the second is our 'go-to' book for many Ewing lines. An online copy of the latest version of her second book can be found on the website at:

www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/books/Document_Fife.html.

By the way, my database says you and Margaret Ewing Fife are third cousins, once removed.

Concerning the photographs for which you are looking: They may be available at some point. Margaret willed all of her papers to the *EFA* and they are kept in Cecil County, Maryland. We currently have a group who is going through her things and all other items held by the *EFA*. When they feel that all is 'square', we will probably move them to the Allen County/Fort Wayne, Indiana, library. The library will then scan every item and all will be available and searchable online! I don't know how long before all this is completed.

Follow-up by Karen Avery

Just a note to tell you that I have checked with all folks who might have received pictures from Margaret Ewing Fife. As far as anyone knows, there were none. Someone thought that perhaps one of her nephews might have them. I do not know the name of this man. So sorry.

⁶ Moody, Edwina. Query: Margaret Ewing Fife, Pictures, *Ewing Family J.*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (May 2011), p. 98.

Joseph and Nancy Means

Query by Dee Gartman (*KDGartman at gmail dot com*) to William E. Riddle (*Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*)

I was searching for information relating to the history of Montour Presbyterian Church in Oakdale, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and came upon your bibliography list for Alexander Ewing at the following link:

www.WmERiddle.com/SecondLevel/P&P.ThirdLevel/Genealogy.FourthLevel/gen.Journals/Ewing_Alex_1740_1798/ewingalex000b.htm

Listed in the sources is *Montour Presbyterian Church Cemetery Records* compiled by Jane McCandless and available from Leona Scott. Would you happen to have current contact information for Leona Scott? Or, could I perhaps obtain copies from you of the information in this collection that may reference Joseph Means, Nancy Means, Archibald and Thomas Means?

Response by William E. Riddle

I have information about the Means you are researching. McCandless' *Records* is quite large (three two-inch three-ring binders) and includes a Means plot. I have a copy of the *Records* that I got from Leona (who quite unfortunately recently passed away). I used it as the basis for a cemetery census compilation⁷ that integrates cemetery 'readings' done by McCandless and several other people during the first half of the 1900s (back when the stones could still actually be 'read').

The compilation shows a Means plot with:

- Pvt. Joseph Means: Rev War veteran; b. 1752; d. 6 Mar 1818
- Nancy Means: wife of Joseph; b. 1760; d. 4 Feb 1836
- Archibald Means: no cited relationship to Joseph and Nancy; b. 1797; d. 26 Apr 1850
- Thomas Means: no cited relationship to Joseph and Nancy; b. ??; d. 19 May 1847

If you send me your SnailMail address, I'll gladly send you a complimentary copy of my (somewhat out-of-date) compilation.

Response by Dee Gartman

Thank you very much for the offer to send your *Montours Presbyterian Church – Cemetery Census Compilation*. However, I hesitate having you go through the trouble of copying and sending unless you think there might be more clues regarding the Means than what is listed for their burial plot.

In a nut shell, I am trying to find all I can about Joseph and Nancy Means as I believe they are the parents of my great⁴-grandmother Margaret Means McBride, their oldest daughter, who was born in Ireland. Margaret Means McBride had several siblings and two of them were Thomas and Archibald (I have a copy of both wills). Almost all online information shows Joseph, the father of Margaret, as being born in America, but I feel strongly that he was born in Ireland, since I have information to show that

⁷ Riddle, William E. *Montours Presbyterian Church – Cemetery Census Compilation*, Privately Printed, 1998 (copies available from the author via a request to *Riddle at WmERiddle dot com*).

Margaret was born in Ireland. Plus, I have citizenship papers for Joseph. I plan to go to the Pennsylvania State Archives again soon and see if I've missed anything at all about this family. I live close to the archives, but have been too busy to go recently and the archives were closed over the winter due to renovations. I do believe Joseph was in the militia, but not sure about the Revolutionary War as I believe they came here in about 1787-1789 – or would being in the militia qualify as a Revolutionary War vet? So, I am hoping to find any information as to who might have entered the Revolutionary War information for Joseph with respect to the Montours Presbyterian Cemetery and when it may have been entered. Also, looking for any other clues to the Means or connections to the Means.

Response by William E. Riddle

I don't think that my compilation has much more information about the Means folks you are researching. But you might notice information about other families encountered in your research and knowing that they lived/died in the area might help you in your work. Plus, I have extra copies, so don't have to spend any time making a copy.

The Revolutionary War veteran information comes primarily from Churchill, A. T. and Mary G. Thomas, *Old Montour Church, Allegheny Co., Penna – First Membership Roll and Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in its Cemetery*, Privately Published, circa 1942. Leona Scott, by the way, used this to make sure that Revolutionary War Veteran markers appeared as appropriate in the cemetery.

With your permission I'd like to include a transcription of our 'conversation' in the Information Sought section of the next (May 2010) issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*. This publication is sent to some 300 members of the *Ewing Family Association (EFA)*, about twenty of whom are interested in the Ewings who settled the southwestern frontier surrounding Pittsburgh and the 35-odd Scots-Irish families, including the Means family, with which they migrated to the area and often inter-married. Others therefore may, in their work, have uncovered some information of help to you. The *Journal* is also sent to about 100 libraries and genealogical societies and the items in it are eventually posted on the *EFA* website (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) where it is indexed by Google and other Internet-wide search engines. This further dissemination of your interests may lead to further leads for you. Yup, these are long shots, but in my experience every little bit can help!

Response by Dee Gartman

Thank you very much for offering to send your cemetery census compilation. I'm really looking forward to checking it out!

Regarding our conversation and including it in the May issue of the *Ewing Family Journal*, that would be fine. I have a bit of an 'Internet phobia' but I realize the benefits of making connections in this way. In the past I wrote to a library in the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, area and a distant relative saw my letter, contacted me, and with her help, I was able to connect my McBride/Mixter family to the Means. I was also able to show her documents that linked the Mixters to the McBrides.

Thank you again for your help and for sending your census compilation.

Bathsheba (Ewing) Milbourn and Her Relatives

Online Conversation Among Various People as Cited

Original Query by Robert Ewing 'Bob' Milbourn (*MilbournB at comcast.net*) to Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*)

I am a grandson of Bathsheba Milbourn, nee Ewing. She died in 1936 and is buried in Dos Palos, California. Near her tombstone are two tombstones with these inscriptions: "Charles H. Ewing, Age 71 Years" and "Martha Ewing 1869-1962." (I have a photos of these tombstones.) How am I related to Charles and Martha?

Response by Karen Avery

Your query is interesting and with the information that you included, I thought it would be easy to find your Ewing relatives. Have you discovered on our website (www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org) the book by Margaret Ewing Fife, *Ewing in Early America*?⁸ Chapter XXIII, page 183 specifically mentions Bathsheba and William Milbourn.

It appears that Bathsheba and Charles H. Ewing were siblings. They were children of Robert S. Ewing and his second wife, Sarah (Hix) Wynn. Much is known about this line, but I have conflicting data. What sources are you using to say that William Ewing was born about 1600 in Scotland? The *Ewing Family Association* would very much appreciate having the lineage as you think it to be. When trying to puzzle out those generations in that early time frame, nothing is completely proven.

Do you know of any living Ewing males descended from these lines who would consider testing his Y-DNA? I believe we have one man so far from these lines who has done so. He falls into what we call Group 2 in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.⁹

What is the name of the cemetery in Dos Palos where Bathsheba, Charles and Martha are buried?

You ask what your relationship is to Charles H. Ewing. I cannot say with confidence until I have your lineage from Bathsheba. My guess is that you are his great-grandnephew or great-great-grandnephew. Is Bathsheba your grandmother or great-grandmother?

Let's continue to work on this puzzle.



Bathsheba Milbourn

⁸ Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America*, Family History Publishers (Bountiful, Utah), 2003. Available from www.HigginsonBooks.com and online at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org.

⁹ www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org/DNA_Project/index_Y-DNA.html

Response by Bob Milbourn

Bathsheba Kincaid Milbourn, nee Ewing, was my paternal grandmother.

I am confused about her parents' names. You say her parents were Robert S. Ewing and Sarah (Hix) Wynn. However, her death certificate says her father's name was Albert Ewing and her mother's name was Mary Bathsheba. My father, Robert Henry Milbourn, supplied the data from the death certificate. He is also deceased. (See

[dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/Bathsheba Ewing Milbourn_DeathCertificate.jpg](https://www.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/Bathsheba%20Ewing%20Milbourn_DeathCertificate.jpg).

You can enlarge it on your screen to better read it.)

The spelling of her first name on the death certificate is different from the spelling on her tombstone. Please note the correct spelling of 'Milbourn'. We don't have an "e" on the end.

Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn is buried with her husband at the one and only cemetery in Dos Palos, California. It is called the 'Dos Palos Cemetery District'. Dos Palos is in Merced County. Charles H. Ewing and Martha Ewing are also buried there.



I've tried to download Chapter XXIII of *Ewing in Early America* by Margaret Ewing Fife, but had no success.

I used *From Whence We Came, Ancestors and Descendants of Gustavus H. Ewing* by Vernon T. Ewing, published 1985, paragraph 4, page 15, as my source for William Ewing's about-1600 birth date in Scotland.

My 'puzzlements' are:

- If Charles H. Ewing is in fact my grandmother's brother, who is Martha Ewing?
- Do you have any data on Charles H. Ewing, for example, birth year, death year, children, etc.?
- Do you want my Y-DNA sample?
- How can I confirm who were my paternal grandmother's parents?

Response by Karen Avery

The information you sent clearly says your grandmother died March 2, 1933. As to the spelling of her given name, you may never know for sure what was correct. As to her parents names, I think the Registrar used Bathsheba's mother's given and middle name, but failed to list her maiden name. Why the father was listed as Albert is definitely a mystery, but that could be his middle name and the name he used. There are often mistakes on vital records so these records are never absolute proof.

I've spent quite a bit of time searching the census and trying to put this family line into my database, but am finding conflicting (or no) information.

Last night I spoke with Thomas Glen Ewing who is in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project¹⁰ (participant TG). He said his sister and her husband are the family historians. I have placed a call to them. Perhaps they will be able to help sort out this line.

It appears that Charles H. Ewing was a brother of Bathsheba. I think I found that he was a railroad conductor and in the 1910 census of Lincoln County, Idaho, he was 54. He had been married to 'Fannie', 38, for one year. This was listed as the first marriage of both and neither had any previous children. So that leaves the question of who Martha Ewing might be. Perhaps a second wife? I just don't know. I did not find Charles in the 1920 census, but a 1930 listing shows one Charles H. Ewing, age 73, a widower, living in Long Beach, California, as a boarder.

As to your personal Y-DNA, should you choose to do the test that would belong to the Milbourn Surname project. You do not carry the Ewing blood – the Y-DNA comes through the males of your ancestry.

Response by Bob Milbourn

Thank you very much for your help. I am now convinced Charles H. Ewing was my grandmother Bathsheba Kincaid (Ewing) Milbourn's brother. I suspect Martha Ewing was his wife.

I've run across an old family record that says my grandmother Bathsheba had some half-siblings named Emma Jones of Houston, Texas, and John Ewing of Sikeston, Missouri. The record also says Bathsheba had full siblings named Mary Harris (died January 10, 1875, in Lee County, Virginia) and William Ewing (died August 15, 1862, in Lee County, Virginia). Moreover, it says Robert S. Ewing died in Lee County, Virginia, on January 1, 1865.

I look forward to hearing from Thomas Glen Ewing's sister and/or her husband. I hope they can shed more light on this family line. Please forward this EMail to them if you can.

Thanks again for all your insights!

Follow-up Message by Karen Avery to Bob Milbourn, Don and Gwen (Ewing) Crawford (*DCraw4d at austin dot rr dot com*) and Jill (Ewing) Spitler (*JEwingSpit at aol dot com*)

Robert Ewing Milbourn and I have been interacting regarding his heritage. We are trying to work out his Ewing lineage. Gwen (Ewing) Crawford and her husband Donald have offered to help. Gwen's brother, Thomas Glen Ewing, is TG in the Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project.¹¹ I think they all share a common ancestor several generations ago.

I will let Bob Milbourn and the Crawford's compare notes and bring us up-to-date on their findings so I can include the correct information in my Ewing database.

Response by Don Crawford

I have attached a pdf (see dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/BathshebaKincaideEwing_1832_1882.pdf) on what little I have on Bathsheba.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.

In regards to Bathsheba's Death Certificate, entries as to her father and mother are very interesting. I have no suggestions. I have that Bathsheba was named after her aunt, sister to Robert S. Ewing, Sr. To get a complete picture of what I have, my report begins with Bathsheba's grandfather William.

I'll be very interested in the answer to the questions raised by the Death Certificate's father/mother information.

Response by Jill (Ewing) Spittler

There was a Baschie Kincaid at the first gathering I went to. She was an early member, and I will take a look to see if I can find any additional information. I realize the years are different, but there might be a connection.

Response by Bob Milbourn to Don Crawford

Thank you VERY much for the listing of William Ewing Jr.'s descendants at
[dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/BathshebaKincaideEwing_1832_1882.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/BathshebaKincaideEwing_1832_1882.pdf).

I've traced my lineage in this document and have a few comments.

- Page 5: It says Mary Miller was born in "WA." I suspect that should be "VA."
- Page 6: It says Charles Harvey Kincaid was born in Fincastle, Campbell County, Kentucky. I suspect the state should be Tennessee instead because Fincastle, Kentucky, is in Jefferson County.
- Page 6: Re: Benjamin Franklin Kincaid Jr. Same comment as for Charles Harvey Kincaid's birth state.
- Page 15: Grace Diane "Milborn" should be Grace Diane "Milbourn." She was my sister. Here are some additional facts: She married Oran K. Crumley on June 21, 1952, in Dos Palos, Merced County, California. She is buried in the Dos Palos Cemetery. Also buried there are my grandparents (William and Bathsheba Milbourn), my uncle Willie Milbourn, my parents (Robert Henry and Beulah Milbourn), and Bathsheba's brother (Charles H. Ewing).

Even though I appreciate the information, it's a little disconcerting to realize how quickly and how completely information is captured from death certificates, etc., for *Ancestry.com* subscribers. My sister Grace died only five months ago. She had severe Parkinson's disease.

I wonder where my mother got the idea Bathsheba had some half-siblings; see my previous message regarding this.

Thanks again for your help.

New Message by Bob Milbourn

I am now confident that Charles H. Ewing was my grandmother's brother. According to his death certificate, his mother's maiden name was Miller and he was born in Virginia. See the attached death certificate ([dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/CharlesHEwing_DeathCertificate.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/CharlesHEwing_DeathCertificate.pdf)) for more details.

I am puzzled, however, as to why Charles H. Ewing's father's name is listed as E. Ewing. His sister Bathsheba's death certificate says her father was Albert Ewing.

For completeness, I've also attached an obituary

(dl.dropbox.com/u/447781/EFA_Info/MarthaEwing_Obituary.pdf)

for Charles H. Ewing's wife.

Another Query from Bob Milbourn

I have a Picasa slide show of unidentified persons from my grandparents' collection of photographs. I would like to share the Picasa hyperlink with descendants of Robert S. Ewing, Sr. (born 1824) in hopes they might help with the identifications.

Here's the Picasa link of unidentified persons from my grandparents' collection of photographs:

picasaweb.google.com/bm4505780/MilbournEwingUnidentifiedPhotosPleaseHelpIdentify?authkey=Gv1sRgCJihkYiH2dGguAE&feat=directlink.

This link will give access to the album of photos – no password required. After clicking the link, the most pleasant way to quickly view the photos is to click on 'slideshow' in the upper left corner.

Presumably some of these persons are Ewings because my grandmother's maiden name was Bathsheba Kincaid Ewing. Viewers may post their identification suggestions below the photos as instructed, and I will be automatically notified.

Hazel Stapp (continued)

Original Query by Leonard Smith (*papalSmith at yahoo dot com*) appeared in *Ewing Family Journal*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 2011) on page 101

Follow-up Message by Karen Avery, *EFA* Genealogist (*BKAvery2 at comcast dot net*) to Georgia (Ewing) Morgan (*GeoiaMorgan at att dot net*)

Hi Georgia,

I spent several hours yesterday entering many of the folks in your lineage into my database. Thank you for your descendant's chart.

Now that I can see the Hazel Stapp/Sherman Ewing line and their two daughters, Janice and Dora/Doris (do you know which is correct spelling?), I wondered if you had written to Leonard Smith who is looking for a way to contact Janice Stapp. His query was published in the February issue of the *Journal* on page 101. His EMail address is *papalSmith at yahoo dot com*.

Also, there is a question on Sherman's older brother, Carl Raymond Ewing, who married Opal Violet Fields. Is Jennifer Rose Ewing placed incorrectly?

I haven't had time to work on all the new Michigan information to which you led me. WOW is all I can say ... plus a big thank you. I'm not sure the single John Ewing listed is actually mine, but the Alexander and also the Griffiths confirm their residence there. I suppose I might have found this one day, but that day would probably have been years from the present! I intended to look in Indianapolis.

Upcoming Events

2011 May 11-14: 2011 NGS Family History Conference, Charlestown, South Carolina. For up-to-date information about this event, visit www.NGSGenealogy.org.

2011 September 7-10: *Pathways to the Heartland*, 2011 FGS/ISGS National Conference, Springfield, Illinois. "The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Illinois State Genealogical Society are pleased to announce the official call for lecture proposals for our 2011 national conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," to be held in Springfield, Illinois, 7-10 September 2011. The conference will explore the resources of America's Heartland through a variety of regional and national topics aimed at engaging genealogists and family historians of all levels and experience. Topics relating to the Midwest, migration patterns, and religious and ethnic groups are encouraged. Wednesday, 7 September 2011 will include "Focus on Societies," with lectures, focus groups, and other special events devoted to assisting genealogical societies, lineage societies, historical societies, and family associations succeed and thrive in their activities." For further information, visit www.fgs.org/2011conference.

2011 June 4: The *Clan Ewen Society* Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at Kilfinan, 1:30pm, Saturday 4th June. After the meeting, if the weather is accommodating, we shall walk to Castle MacEwen and gaze at Loch Fyne and commune with the ancestors. All-comers welcome!

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

No One Believes Seniors

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No"

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him.

One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday ..."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"

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