



Editor's Blog

With this edition of our newsletter, WFA is going "green." We will only send a printed hard copy of this edition to those people on our mailing list for whom we

do not have an email address. All others will be sent an email notice informing them how to connect directly with the newsletter online.

This is our way of using dues money wisely and saving lots of paper and ink. It is our effort to help the environment. If you have questions or concerns about anything, not just the newsletter changes, please contact Barbara Olson at bholson@earthlink.net.

WFA on Facebook

Our organization is venturing into the new domain called Facebook. Needless to say, most people are familiar with the term, but many know little about it and what it does. Facebook is a social networking service and website launched in February 2004, operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. As of January 2012, Facebook has more than 800 million active users. Most of these users are among the twenty, thirty, and forty something generations. 52% of its users are 18 – 34 and 35% are 35 – 54. This really complements what we have since the WFA site tends to draw visitors of an older demographic. Our website, www.whitesideancestry.org is a great family history and research tool, but it is not fulfilling the need for Whitesides to "talk" to Whitesides.

We know that a good part of our Whiteside audience was and is participating in this Facebook social media. These members understand that a great number of people are

more interested in the social aspect of communicating than researching. These Whiteside(s) are still interested in finding their family members and knowing where they are from but doing it in a more social realm.

The WFA facebook page is a step to introducing Whiteside(s) from around the world to each other and their potential families. In the first two weeks there were 55 people on our page. We point out that a potential user of our page has to be approved to get on the page and that the messages are available only to those approved. There is still a large number that we have not reached. Over 300 Whiteside(s) participate on other Facebook pages that are not participants on our page yet. They simply are not aware of the WFA Facebook page or of the WFA organization. The WFA Facebook mission is to have fun and at the same time help other Whiteside(s), Whitsett, etc. to find and identify their family history. The group is growing and new Whitesides are joining the Facebook family and asking questions about their background and family history.

Many thanks to Cindy Whiteside, David Whiteside, and Dan Boucher for the initiation and management of this project. We look forward to seeing many more on Facebook.

Annual Meeting

After careful consideration of many relevant issues, the WFA Board of Directors has decided that there will not be a general meeting during the 2012 calendar year. Plans are being considered for a spring 2013 gathering. Please watch for further details and plans on the website and in future newsletters.

Website Report

Keyword Search: All documents submitted to the website are converted to PDF format. This allows the Keyword Search function to be greatly enhanced. Members will be pleasantly surprised to find that by clicking on the results of a search, they are taken directly to the document.

The security of our site has been a major problem in recent months—thus our focus on the importance of your password. There is a front page article that allows you to test the strength of your password. We want to impress on members the importance of strengthening your password. Particularly, you should have separate and strong passwords for your internet financial contacts.

One serious dilemma is the question of how much more research data should be put on the site. If we have so much that viewers cannot find their way to it, is this wise? Is more really better or should we have less that is more easily accessible? The hit counters on our documents indicate that some have many hits while others have none.

The website now has an introduction and path to the WFA Google Research Group as well as the new WFA Facebook page. There is also an added path to the Whitsett Historical Society Facebook page.

Reminder: All Don Whiteside's charts are now on the website. This includes all the USA charts that have not been indexed. The last 3 UK books are currently being indexed.

The Morgue: All of Don Whiteside's books and key documents are now in storage in the internet Clouds where we hope they are safe from all eventualities.

Robert Whiteside, Webmaster

My Cousin Norris



Often in our lives we meet people who impress us as good people. In September 2003 I had the pleasure of meeting many undocumented, yet genetic cousins.

In Kingston, TN that fall there was a very special event bringing together good people from everywhere. It was here that I first met Norris T. Whiteside, a man I hold in the greatest regard and affection. He was the first person I told about my Kivett maternal cousins incorporating their family. I thought this would be very valuable to those of Whiteside. Why couldn't I do this in the state of Delaware for our Whitesides? Norris, in his typical manner, paused to think and then pledged to help me achieve the goal of a genealogy-oriented non-profit corporation.

Norris became an early officer/director and opened his home in Atlanta to the WFA. He and cousin Joe Kingsberry created a new family seal/crest. As with others, he has made sacrifices in time and money to get the WFA on a stable footing. He has been an anonymous benefactor of the yDNA project by providing funds to some participants to be tested.

Norris gave his word of support in Kingston and he has never wavered from it. Cousin Norris, the WFA thanks you!

Warren Whiteside, Past-President

**Have you remembered to renew
your membership for 2012?**

WFA Membership Report

At the beginning of January 2012 WFA active membership stands at 159. This number is divided as follows:

125 – 79% from the US
18 – 11% from Canada
11 – 7% from the UK
5 – 3% from Oceania

69 – 43% are female
90 – 57% male

If you were a member in 2011 and have not renewed your membership, the grace period is still in effect. Send in your \$10.00 dues today! In the US send to Jim Whiteside at 106 Anne Hutto Rd., Anderson, SC 29625 or us Paypal.. Canadian and UK treasurers can be reached through Paypal.

Interesting Reading

The rather small book entitled “The Whiteside Name in History” is a collection of fascinating facts and statistics, alongside a short historical commentary. It is created to tell the story of previous generations who have shared our name. The information in this book is a compendium of research and data pulled from census records, military records, ships’ logs, immigrant and port records as well as other reputable sources.

Topics include:

- Name Meaning & Origin
- Immigration Patterns & Census Detail
- Family Lifestyles
- Military Service History
- Comprehensive Source Guide

This book can be purchased from Amazon.com. It was published by Ancestry.com in June 2007.

Very interesting and useful!



Board of Director's Meeting

June 25 – 26, 2012
The Inn at Lenora's

The WFA Board of Directors will hold its first 2012 meeting at the inn pictured above in Perryopolis, PA. The meetings will begin on Monday, June 25 and conclude the next day. Any WFA member is welcome to attend this gathering.

Perryopolis is a small town in western PA that is very near several places of interest to us with the Whiteside name.

Volunteers Needed

The WFA needs some willing volunteers to help carry out the organization's mission and work. Some of the current needs:

- Directors
- Website support
- Annual meeting planner
- DNA Project support
- Military Project Guidance
- Comptroller to oversee UK, USA, & CA
- Finances

If you would be willing to help in any of the above areas or perhaps in one we haven't recognized yet, please contact Bill Whiteside at whitesi@attglobal.net or Barbara Olson at bholson@earthlink.net. All volunteers are welcome whether you have a few minutes or lots of time—we can use everyone!

Who Are Whiteside(s)?

Many are the names by which we are known. Just a few are: Quhytsyde, Quidside, Wytside, Whytsyd Whytside, Whytside, Whiteside, Whitesides, Whitesid, Whitsid, Whitsitt, Whitsett, Whitesite, Whitesitt, Whitside, Whitseed, Whitsid, Whyside, Whytside, Whitsyd. These are the recognized clan names. To learn more about this fascinating story, go to our website.

From Where Did We Really Come?

Where did we begin? And how did we get to where we live today? DNA studies suggest that all humans today descend from a group of African ancestors who—about 60,000 years ago—began a remarkable journey.

The Genographic Project is seeking to chart new knowledge about the migratory history of the human species by using sophisticated laboratory and computer analysis of DNA contributed by hundreds of thousands of people from around the world.

For us as Whiteside the answers are fascinating as explained by William G. Whiteside at last year's annual meeting. The following is just a short excerpt from his talk. The entire text can be found on our website.

Whiteside: 1200 Generations

WOW! At 25 years a generation, that's 30,000 years. Thanks to DNA genetics and its use in genealogy and archeology we have information about our family that is truly amazing. Also thanks to companies IBM, National Geographic and FTDNA we are getting this unprecedented story.

The traditional approach to the study of family history is through the discovery of existing documents that contain information about our ancestors. The starting point for this research is usually you, and you go back in time as far as you can. More

Life in the 1800s

Considering the information above, it is fascinating to take a snapshot look at what life was like for some of our more recent ancestors who lived in the Lancashire area of England in the 1800s. These are but a few of the tidbits that were garnered from old newspapers and other sources by Robert Whiteside of the UK for the WFA Google

Research Group. Many thanks to Bob for his time and efforts in providing this info and insight into our ancestors' lives.

Our ancestors were a mixed lot—some happy, some sad, some rich, some poor, but by and large they were ordinary folks respected in their communities.

Hard times came for them too as bankruptcy was not uncommon.....

1833 – Robert & John Whiteside with all possessions sold at auction

1832 – Richard Whiteside, a merchant

1831 – Robert Whiteside of Pilling, a miller

1830 – Thomas Whiteside, a butcher

1824 – Mary & Catherine Whiteside dissolved their millinery & dressmaking business

Many deaths were recorded of both young and old....

1832 – James Whiteside, age 18

1831 – Harriet Whiteside, age 30; sudden; wife of innkeeper Thompson Whiteside

1831 – John Whiteside, age 65; rare man, honest, kind benefactor of poor, great loss to the community; a sincere friend

1830 – Ann Whiteside, age 75; widow of James Whiteside, pastor of Benburgh Presbyterian Church

Strange accidents and deaths happened then too.....

1832 – Thomas Whiteside, an old man of 60, was returning home with a cart; fell into a stream and drowned; no intoxication – was steady, sober, & industrious;

1833 – John Whiteside of Pilling went to check field of cattle near his house; drowned in a small pond; verdict was accidental drowning

1830 – Mary Whiteside was found hanging from a tree branch at Thornton, near Poulton; was said to “not be in her right mind,” had tried suicide before by cutting her own throat

1830 – John Whiteside, a farm laborer, was struck by lightning returning from a field; he died instantly.

Some Whitesides were important and community leaders.....

1833 – James Whiteside graduate of Trinity College, Dublin was lawyer and politician; appointed Attorney General for Ireland in 1858; also appointed Lord Chief Justice of Queen's Bench

1834 – Robert Whiteside from Ayr got patents for wheel improvement in steam Carriages and in machinery for propelling them.

These snapshots of life in the 1800s just show that things really don't change that much. Circumstances are different, but life experiences remain the same. Whitesides endure through the ages!

Military Service

Our families have always been loyal to their God and their country (whichever one that may be). Here's another story from the 1800s concerning one of our number who was injured at the Battle of Waterloo.

Thomas Whiteside of Killaire enlisted at Styne on February 2, 1811. His conduct was good and he served in the peninsula of France in the years 1811-14. In the action at Quatra Bras on June 16, 1815 he was wounded in the right arm and side. At the time of his discharge on June 20, 1817 he was described as 24 years of age, 5 ft 7 in in height, with brown hair and grey eyes.

The cover of his discharge indicates that he was in the Cameron Highlanders with the rank of Private when he was discharged because of his injuries.

The WFA would like to launch a military project in which we record and organize information about our families who have served their countries. If you would be willing

to volunteer to lead this initiative, please contact Bill Whiteside: whitesi@attglobal.net.

Papaprosdokians

These are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, sometimes humorous. It is said that Winston Churchill loved them, and they surely fit our family's sense of humor.

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- War does not determine who is right – only who is left.
- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until they speak.

DNA Project Report

There are 98 participants in our yDNA project, 20% of the participants in each of the 12marker, 25marker and 67marker analysis, 40% in the 37marker test. My recent look at the data would indicate that the 37marker test gives us the most valuable results. 37markers produce the most mismatches when 2 people are compared, 67markers do not show a significant result from the 37markers. 4 people have gone to the 111marker level for a special comparative analysis. Included in our project are 16 participants whose surname is NOT Whiteside/Whitsett et al but they have similar DNA results. A sample of these surnames is Moore, Jewett, Rodriguez, Dunbar, Phillips, Marshall and McDonald.

The great value of the DNA project is determining the genetic relationship among our various family numbers. The following are the family numbers that have a 90% to 100%

probability of a common ancestor between 200 and 600 years ago that is 8-24 generations at 25 years per generation or since the year 1812- 1412.

Family numbers that are most likely related:

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| #1015/1000 | #4800 | #5900 |
| #9000 | #7500 | |
| #3400 | #0054/2000 | #4700 |
| #0143 | #1014 | |
| #0964 | #5100 | #2500 |
| #0957 | #0701 | |
| #3100 | | |

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David Whiteside Lancashire

The challenge now is to find out exactly when and where we connect. Our Sr. Historian is working on this.

There are 20 participants who have ordered their deep clade analysis. This determines our ancient roots. Whiteside seems to be coming up consistently with a SNP value called P312. The frequency of this macro group is about 70% in Spain and 60% in France. In south-eastern England the frequency of this clade is about 70%, in parts of north-western Ireland it reaches 98%. A range of newer time estimates are from 4,000 to a maximum of about 10,000 years ago, and looking in more detail is seen as suggesting a migration from Western Asia via south eastern Europe. You can Google SNP 312 for an in depth discussion.

There are 11 participants in the mtDNA project, 6 men, 5 women. Testing your mtDNA uncovers the deep ancestral origin of your direct maternal line (your mother, your mother's mother, etc.) and connects you with genetic cousins. Because your mtDNA has been passed on to you generation after

generation by your direct maternal ancestors, it offers the most exact information possible for this line.

The WFA has a standing offer. Anyone who becomes a participant in the "Those of Whiteside" DNA project will receive one year free membership in the WFA.

Another Fascinating Whiteside

The very first professional magician in New Zealand in its "Golden Days" (mid 19th to early 20th century) was a woman who started as a gymnast and worked under the name Jenny Anderson. Her real name was **Jane Whiteside** and she was born in County Down, Northern Ireland on February 5, 1855. She arrived in NZ as a baby because her father joined the 56th regiment and was recruited for service in New Zealand. A book entitled "Darling Jenny" has been written about her. Jane/Blanche/Jenny (used all of these names at some time) lived a very colorful short life. She drowned just a few days before her 20th birthday as the show was crossing a swollen river in the lower South Island.

Here's another example of a "Notable Whiteside" for whom much information is missing. Bernard Reid is seeking more information about Jenny and would love help from any interested persons. Check the WFA google group for more info and join the search!

