



Whiteside Family Association

WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

**UNIONTOWN HERE WE COME!
JUNE 7-8, 2013**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

> **ANNUAL
MEETING In
Uniontown, Pa.
June 7&8,
2013**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

The Whiteside Family Association will hold its 2013 Clan Gathering and Meeting at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 700W. Main Street in Uniontown, PA 15401 on June 7 & 8, 2013. This western Pennsylvania town is very close to some centers of Whiteside/Whitsett ancestors and will provide lots of opportunity for folks to explore family connections. Uniontown is just south of Pittsburgh and will offer the clan the opportunity to experience the "big city" without having the challenges of metropolitan traffic, etc. It is easily accessible by major highways and the Pittsburgh airport.

A new schedule is being created for this meeting. Friday, June 7 will be a day of sightseeing in Pittsburgh. Transportation will be by bus from the hotel. Activities will include a ride on one of the famous inclines, a visit to Heinz History Museum or a tour of the international rooms at University of Pittsburgh as well as a tour of downtown Pittsburgh. The day will conclude with a three-rivers dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper. A full, fun day for all! Total cost for this day will be \$80.00 per person. Be making your plans because we will be asking for reservations in the spring.

Saturday, June 8 will include our annual meeting and a focused look at Whitsett, PA. This little village very nearby is the home of one group of our family. Another field trip is planned here too. A family dinner is scheduled for Saturday night in Uniontown.

NEW NESLETTER SCHEDULE

Be looking for more frequent, but smaller newsletters in the coming months. The goal is to have one each quarter. Be watching for the notice to check the website.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

In October the WFA donated all of Dr. Don Whiteside 's original research documents to the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This marks a major milestone for the organization. In a very real sense the WFA was created so "Those of Whiteside " could have access to this amazing collection of over 1600 family trees dating back to the 1500 's in England. Most WFA members have profited from Don' s research.

This material has also been a preoccupation for the WFA directors in the last few years as they have searched for a perpetual home for the material. Not a small part of this was the digitization and the uploading to our website. Now that the material has found a home in the number two family history library in the US, the Board can focus on new initiatives for the WFA.

The voyage of the DW material to its new home has taken 20 years since Don 's death in 1993. Many people were involved, but a few stand out having made good decisions and given many hours work to preserve the material. Alan Whiteside housed it for quite a few years; Warren Whiteside was able to transfer some of it as was Elliott Whitesides. Elliott has housed the materials at his home in Tennessee for several years. Sandi Trapp was instrumental in choosing the ACPL as the final repository. President William G. Whiteside made the final trip from Toronto to Tennessee to move the many boxes to Fort Wayne.

All "Those of Whiteside " owe all of these folks a debt of gratitude for their diligence and hard work in preserving our heritage!

WFA MEMBERSHIP

It 's that time of year again! Remember to renew your WFA membership soon. It 's the best ten dollars you 'll spend all year. Either go to PayPal or send your \$10.00 check to Jim Whiteside, WFA Treasurer at 106 Anne Hutto Road, Anderson, SC 29625.

NEW WFA PROJECTS

Many ideas have been circulating for new WFA projects. At the Board of Directors meeting in Toronto earlier this month, plans were solidified for two of these.

MILITARY PROJECT

Every WFA member is encouraged to contribute their family military history. All wars, all battles, all countries, all known time for Whitesides. We have registered a new domain name HonorWhitesideVets.org as a start. Jim Whiteside is heading up this initiative. Gather your family information, contact Jim at jim.whiteside@charter.net and help start our new website.

BUILD FAMILY TREES

The Don Whiteside family tree charts are the beginning of this project. Those very valuable tree charts get us started with each family, but they are static. Building family tree charts will not only add existing data but may allow us to make Whiteside family connections that heretofore could not be made. For example, a common ancestor could be in two or three different families that has not been identified.

A facility in the WFA website is being created to build these family trees. Dan Boucher and Nancy Torphy with the help of historian Bill Whiteside (3300) are heading this up.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP MAKE EITHER OF THESE PROJECTS HAPPEN, PLEASE LET PRESIDENT BILL WHITESIDE KNOW. IT'S FUN TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BROADER WHITESIDE FAMILY.

WEBSITE LINKS PAGE

Have you checked the WFA website LINKS PAGE lately? This is a wonderful resource for finding almost anything you can imagine. Check it out!

Check out the WFA Family Facebook group. Lots of interesting conversations and many new family friends are waiting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**HELP NEEDED !**

Dan Boucher has begun the process of creating a new family tree for the 1000 family. If you have any **Gedcom** files with information for the 1000 family, would you share these with Dan? It would make his work so much easier! Contact Dan at danb1455@rogers.com.

NAME VARIATIONS

There has been lots of talk about the many variations of the spelling of the name Whiteside. Even the church of Ireland's records reveal quite a few differences in the family name spelling as seen in this list:

Whiteside	Whitesit
Whitset	Whitshed/Whiteside
Whitshell	Whitshit
Whitsitt	

Careful reading of this list will give you your chuckle for the day and perhaps a new claim to fame!

Thanks for Bill 4700 for this tidbit!

The WFA Board of Directors met on November 8 & 9, 2012 at the home of President William G. Whiteside in Toronto, CA. Elliott Whitesides joined the meeting by Skype. Barbara Whiteside in the UK was ill and could not participate. Dan Boucher, webmaster for the Whiteside Family Facebook page, participated in the meeting.

The Board discussed the completion of the project to find a permanent home for Don Whiteside's original manuscripts and the status of other family histories. Concern was shared about what direction the WFA should provide to active members about other Whiteside family data that is not needed and where other family members are not interested.

There was extended discussion about future activities for the WFA. Plans were begun for the Military and Family Trees projects. With these proposals the WFA is moving forward into its second generation.

Plans for next annual meeting and clan gathering in Uniontown, PA were discussed and approved.

The next meeting will be in Uniontown on June 6, 2013.

IF YOUR FAMILY HAS A REUNION PLANNED OR NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND IT TO bholson@earthlink.net.

