



WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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JUNE 2013 MEETINGS

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The WFA Board of Directors met at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Uniontown, PA on June 6, 2013. This was followed on June 8 by the 2013 Annual General Meeting and Clan Gathering at the same location.

The theme of the AGM was “**Origins and Connections**” which was a reminder of the work of the WFA. Though small with only a dozen members in attendance, it was a very interesting and energizing time. The business meeting included reports on all the many projects and activities of the WFA. Of particular interest was the report that in addition to the original documents received, Allen County Public Library has also accepted 60 binders containing Don Whiteside’s tree charts and publications to be placed in their Genealogy Center. A DVD digitized version of Don’s work has been placed in the Lancashire Public Records Office, Preston, UK.

The following directors were elected for a new two-year term: Julia Whiteside (replacing Elliott Whitesides), Barbara Olson (re-elected), David Whiteside (UK) (replacing Barbara Whiteside), and Bill G. Whiteside (re-elected).

Treasurer, Jim Whiteside, reported that the total assets of the WFA as of May 31, 2013 were \$7,509.76 with \$115 earmarked for the Norris Whiteside Memorial.

It was reported that 110 persons are participating in the FTDNA project with sample breakdown as follows: Y-DNA111—8; Y-DNA12-93; Y-DNA25-81; Y-DNA37-68; Y-DNA67-27; Autosomal 7; mtDNA14. The meaning of 111 study: families 2500 and 9000 have 100% chance of a common ancestor.

After the business meeting Jeffrey Stunja, Director of the Whitsett Historical Society gave a presentation about his small mining village that is nearby. He gave each attendee a copy of his book **The Miner** which recounts the village history.

The day continued after lunch with a guided tour of the historic town of Whitsett. A group dinner concluded this exciting and educational day of WFA activities. Thanks to all who attended!

What's Going on in the WFA?

The WFA is a busy and thriving organization with many projects. Below are the latest news and updates of several of these:

- **Historical Documents** - Scanning of Whitesides family history works (other than Don Whiteside); We have just received permission from Alcenia Appling to publish *White-side Whispering* on the website. Look for this in the fall. Also look for a research paper *Family 2800 Wm. Whiteside of Rock Island Co.* which provides lots of info about the early lineage of William Whiteside of Rock Island County, Illinois.
- **New Director** - Julia Whiteside MD has accepted the position of a director. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio and practices Ophthalmology. Julia has been a member since 2009.
- **Facebook** - 157 Whitesides are having fun talking to other Whitesides; many thanks to Cindy, David, and Dan for their ongoing contributions.
- **DNA** - At present there are 113 participants, up from 103 at the beginning of the year; 32 to 67 markers, and 14 to 111 markers. The 111 markers is helping with the re-search in the Brigantes Project in which we have 20 members. This project focuses on discovering the full deep ancestral family tree of those with R1b-P312+ mutation. Our Whiteside family is in this group.

Separate analysis is showing that these families are **Very Tightly Related**:

9000 base

1015/1000@67/67 markers

10000@67/67 markers

7500@37/37 markers

4800@37/37 markers

3400@37/37 markers

0957@37/37 markers

- **Membership** - The WFA has 30 new members so far this year, most representing separate Whiteside families. New members are from the UK, US, and Canada. Total active membership is 150.
- **Board of Directors Meeting** - The board will meet on October 18—20, 2013 at the home of Barbara & Carl Olson in Cary, NC.
- Check out the **WFA Facebook** page to meet lots of new “cousins”



“COUSIN” SANDI WHITESIDE TRAPP

Time has a way of flying by us while dimming in memory the unselfish acts of others. Those who worked so hard transcribing the abundant online Whiteside records should never be forgotten. Standing out among these is Sandi Whiteside Trapp. Her support of the concept of making the most records available to the most people at none to nominal cost was unshakeable. My struggles to produce the Whiteside

Family CD would never have been accomplished without the help of her and Rebecca Hansen in Denmark.

Sandi not only found time for this, but she saw that the WFA got off on the right foot. She first served as secretary and then took over as interim treasurer. What a well-focused and directed lady! She amazed many with her steadfast focus on what needed doing and when. Sandi is a hands-on person for sure!

As the early WFA struggled, Sandi connected with the Stone family and arranged for an annual gathering to take place in Indiana at the home of Barbara & Ernie Stone. We later had a second meeting there. During this time the WFA became a 501(c)3 organization and CPA Ernie Stone appreciated the significance of hosting a non-profit. It was at this time that all of Don Whiteside's records came into WFA possession. Once again Sandi jumped to the fore to help index and inventory all these records. At personal sacrifice, she and others stayed at Elliott Whitesides' home and did this work.

After the dust settled a bit on the indexing, it became evident that these records would need a home other than Elliott's house. Once again Sandi stepped to the forefront and became involved with the Allen County Public Library which has the second largest genealogical library in the country. The BOD decided to meet at Fort Wayne, IN to have a personal meeting with the library officials. Sandi gave an excellent report to the BOD. What followed is history. The Allen County Library accepted all of the indexed works of Dr. Don Whiteside making these available to the public in bound numbered volumes representing his over 30 years work. Sandi's work once again bore fruit for the WFA!

I can still hear the words of Norris Whiteside in praise of Sandi! Any who didn't really know her got the chance at Fort Wayne to see and hear firsthand just what she was all about.

Sandi is my cousin and will forever be in my heart. She has done her Whiteside family proud!

Warren Whiteside

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WFA WEBSITE

Members can read the extensive minutes of the last Director's Meeting held in June by going to the men "Activities & Contact Us" menu and clicking on Past Meeting Minutes.

We are trying a new approach to exchanging data with family members using a link to a web program called "The Next Generation". A number of Whiteside gedcoms have been uploaded and are available. Check a top article on the front page for more info.

We have an extensive article in Family Genealogies on the source of the WHITESIDE name written in 1940 by a professional genealogist for a member of the family #2800. Read this by going to the first article on the front page re **"Family 2800 Wm. Whiteside of Rock Island Co."**

Family 9000 is by far our largest. William Whiteside and Elizabeth Stockton had 13 children. In Family Genealogies we have numbered these from 9001 (Davis) to 9013 (Elizabeth) to help identify the different families when indexing.

Robert Whitside
WFA Webmaster

Tom Cruise's Irish Ancestry Unearthed

Hollywood star, Tom Cruise, flew to Ireland last spring to discover his family history with the help of records found on a leading Irish family history website, findmypast.ie. The star, whose real name is Thomas Cruise Mapother IV, was invited by the Irish tourism bureau. He was given a family tree dating back six generations to 1825.

The marriage of Patrick Russell Cruise & Teresa Johnson in Warrenstown House, Co. Meath in 1825 saw the unification of two ancient families, with origins in competing cultural and political traditions. These are Tom Cruise's great-great-great grandparents.

The secret to successfully tracing the family history was to find the person who provided the link between Ireland & America. U.S. census records were used to trace his immigrant ancestors and U.S. records for births, marriages and deaths helped to build a family profile over 2 generations. With this information the Irish records were searched to join the dots and trace the family before they left Ireland.

Patrick & Teresa, named above, emigrated to New Jersey in 1825 where the star's great-great grandmother, Mary Paulina Russell Cruise, was born in 1832. She went on to marry Dillion Henry Mapother of Louisville, KY in 1858. Mapother had links to Co. Roscommon and this is the origin of Cruise's little-known double-barreled surname today.

WFA MEMORIAL FUND

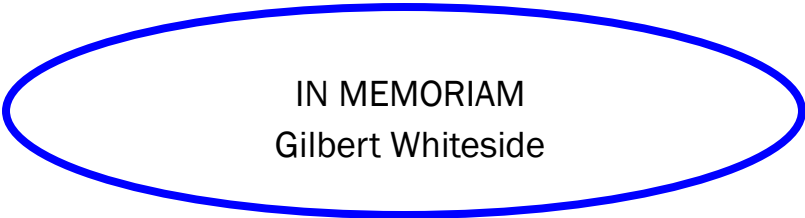
Just a reminder.....

In 2012 WFA Board of Directors created the **WFA Memorial Fund** to honor members who are deceased. Any person can contribute any amount of money to this fund payable to WFA. The proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors to further WFA projects. Please send all contributions to treasurer Jim Whiteside, 106 Anne Hutto Road, Anderson, SC 29625. Be sure to indicate the name of the person being remembered. Donors and families will be notified of all contributions.

SCOTTISH NAMES

The ScotlandsPeople website has made all the statutory birth, marriage, and death indexes for 2012 searchable. Some interesting trends in baby names have surfaced. For the 8th straight year SOPHIE is the most popular girls' name and JACK is the favorite for boys. Others in the top five for girls are Emily, Olivia, Ava, and Lucy. The other leading boys' names are Lewis, Riley, James, and Logan.

In 1900 the lists were ruled by JOHN and MARY. How times do change! The most popular names account for less than 50% of those registered. Almost 60% of the babies registered in 2012 had unique names.



IN MEMORIAM
Gilbert Whiteside

ANOTHER WHITESIDE VICTIM

Last respects were paid to Kenneth Whiteside at Kirkcaldy Crematorium in Fife on January 31, 2013. Mr. Whiteside, a Scot, was killed by Islamic militants in the Algerian gas field terrorist siege earlier in January. The father-of-two, he was a planning manager at the In Amenas desert complex. He was originally from Glenrothes, but had lived in South Africa for many years with his family. At the funeral he was remembered as a "humble, kind, and generous man."

WFA MEMBERSHIP

While you're thinking about the WFA, renew your membership now. \$10.00 today is good until December 2014! You can click on Membership on the website and follow the prompts for Paypal or send:

- USA: Send **US \$10.00** to James Whiteside, 106 Anne Hutto Rd., Anderson, SC 29625
- UK: Send **£6.50** to Christina Whiteside, 39 Osborne Rd., Stockton on Tees, TS18 4DJ, England
- Canada: Send CA \$10.00 to William G. Whiteside, 128 Ridley Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3L9

William Whiteside's Letter

Dated: Alloway, August 24, 1834

(I suggest you read it aloud since the spelling is far from good!)

Dere brother I take this opportunity to wrt you a few lines that I am well at present And hope that this will find you and youre Lady the same. I am working Alloway bilding a new Mill fur L Riley it is hard times. Cant git As much mony as will cepe me in tobacco I havn't got cone cent for (?) month Only what you sent to me with AW(?). I have Som nochin of going home this fal if I can Rase the mony. I want to git all the mony that is coming to me this fall fur I am going to leve this Cuntry as sone as possabill. I want to gow to Misagan and Ohio and Cantukky to see if I can find a place to soute me. Hits bene very dry this somer and very warm. The mills at Rochester is stopt tha was no water to grind. Flowar is six dollars in new York wheat is one dollar. I want you to se old Caot to git that mony from him Len Hollinshead is coming over so Ab sade and if he cums I want that money from Caot. Ab Lives in Alloway he has a smart woin fur a wife and hansom. I was to send Matilda sum mony but I cant git any to send her. I expect she is as mad as a _____ at me. Sone as I can make a rase of sum I will send her sum. We have the Catary (eatery?) alon the Cannl. Wn (or Mr?)—les sends his respects to all. Til Hugh that I wed like to se him in this Country. I wid rotte to him but I expect him over. I wont you to right as sone as possabel let me now how things is. Havnt much nose (news?) I wod like to here from Abraham how he is getting a long. You must give my respect all the fokes and to Misis Whiteside.

I rem your Brother

Wm Whiteside

HELP NEEDED!

Bob Whitside, our faithful and so capable webmaster, would really like to take a break from this challenging task. Bob created our website and has given it loving care for quite a few years. He would really like some help. If you are a "techie" who loves working and maintaining websites, please contact Bob at bob@whitside.org.

Check out the WFA website at
www.whitesideancestry.org

